

THE RENT OF THE LAND BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE

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### WHO WILL JOIN THE GREAT ADVENTURE ?

FROM LUKE NORTH'S "SONGS OF THE GREAT ADVENTURE."

Who then will join a movement to release America's land to its inhabitants upon equal terms?

Destroy Privilege at its Base

Halt the hunger, prostitution, child labor and "crime" so ridiculously Unnecessary in an undeveloped land of immeasurable richness!—

Stop the Cosmic Hideous Joke of a million idle men on a billion Unused Acres!!

Who will join a movement to release Man from needless, deadening poverty and free him to himself—to his better, truer, kinder wholesome Self that hungers for expression and experience, and is deterred first and mainly by the terrible economic pressure which brings but misery and grief even to the few who reap its harvest?

Who will join—Who will give themselves unreservedly

Who will find their own keenest good—

Who will serve, and dare, with no hope of reward or preferment, for no honors, titles, emoluments, epaulettes, or iron crosses—the greatest cause the world has ever known?

Who will join the Great Adventure!—to free, not a class, not a race nor a color of men, but all men!—

And make of America the world's Asylum where every one may find a Home without a Landlord and reap all he sows?

Who will join with those who Care and Feel and will Resolve to Free the Earth

Quickly! tomorrow, today, very soon!— in This Generation!—Now—

By force of numbers!

By the power of Human Sympathy quickened to life from its long sleep in the deeps of Man?

For the manumission of All, regardless of class, creed, doctrine, tenet, ism—

Heeding only the First Human Need, free access to the Land!

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## THE HOLY ORDER OF TRAPPERS

So gradually have we been drawn into the net of dollar traps since the time of Benjamin Franklin when to be in debt was considered a disgrace, that the vast encompassing malady of debt creeping on to our economic system arouses no alarm; till now the monstrous proportions of debt compared to the future labor which must liquidate looks like an inverted pyramid loaded on to the bent backs of toil.

Our present land system is the base of this overwhelming mass of credit. It divides the population into two classes: those who borrow and those who lend. First Privilege gets all the richest pickings of lands, mineral, agricultural, municipal and other, on and by which people must live; this sets the traps. The later generations begin to pay tribute for the use of the earth. Thus two classes are started: One works and the other traps. All the benefits of work and enterprise and population go to the trappers.

The harder the producer works and the greater his output, the higher is the rent which he must pay. Thus is seen a topsy turvy world in which men get poorer the harder they work, and the trappers get richer the longer they remain idle.

And now the Anti-single taxers start the alarm that "the single tax in operation would destroy the borrowing power!" They say without the solid land at steadily increasing prices you could not borrow money! Any thing which took the price out of land and gashed the community made rent into the public treasury would destroy the traps which now get the main part of labor's wages. They refuse to contemplate the state of economic health when production would be vastly multiplied and sold at less than half the present prices; they view with alarm a condition where borrowing was not the first accompaniment of all municipal or other building. They abhor a state of things when men only borrow from choice not from necessity.

Anti-single taxers belong to the holy order of trappers. They see ruin in an economic system which relieves the would-be home owner from his mortgages. Hands off from our traps they say. They want a Rational Tax reform which will realize to the full their "ideals without disturbing the elaborate system of credits upon which the social structure now rests."

## HOME SINGLE TAX MEETINGS

The Los Angeles County Great Adventure League with W. F. Burgener, president, is arranging a series of Home meetings for the next few months. The first one will be held in Glendale at the Robinson Home with Mrs. Harriett D. Prenter as leading speaker. In order that all will participate, a set of questionnaires on slips will

be distributed and answered by the one who draws the question—or by anyone who can.

## SINGLE TAX AND THE FARMERS

Editor of Standard:

One of my friends owns a small farm. His running expenses, plus his taxes, eat up all his profits. His tax rate is high. Across the road is a stretch of land owned by the Southern Pacific. The two holdings are alike in soil and location; yet the S. P. pays taxes on its land at a rate that wouldn't pay interest on the angle-worms alone. My friend makes his land produce food, and is fined for it; the S. P. makes its land produce ground-squirrels, at almost no tax-cost at all.

How many farmers vote against every Single Tax measure? They are told that Single Tax would lay a heavy burden on their land. The *present system* lays an intolerable burden on farm-lands, and almost none on land held by big combinations of capital for speculation. The Single Tax would increase the tax-rate on lands held for speculation, for it would assess lands of equal value at the same rate. The speculators would pay *more*; it stands to reason the farmers would pay *less*. The Community needs so much.

Single Tax would decrease the farmer's tax-burden; for it would assess on the *real* value of land, the value created by population. That value is high in cities—centers of population; it is low in the country, where population is low. There are no farmers on Market Street.

Some farmers vote against Single Tax, being misinformed; but it's not the farmers who campaign and raise the funds against it. Who does? The corporations that hold land out of use; the large real-estate profiteers who keep land idle to reap an unearned profit on its increase in value; the banks who serve these profiteers. These are the people who urge the farmer and home-owner to vote against Single Tax. Are they interested in the good of the farmer and home-owner? Or are they guarding their own profits? When they spend money to defeat Single Tax, do they spend it out of philanthropy?

Step-by-step measures, and those who support them, will come to nothing. Step-by-steppers say that a gradual approach toward Single Tax will get more votes, meet less opposition, than the real thing. Of course it will, but who wants it? What good will it do? Speculators don't fear half-measures. The votes cast for a half-measure and against full Single-Tax are votes cast for speculation. Don't make a compromise with the enemy—any terms he will accept are terms that won't hurt him.

MAUDE N. BRODEUR, San Francisco.

## OWNERS OF THE EARTH GET ALL SOCIAL BENEFITS

Editor of Henry George Standard:

I entirely agree with you in the Standard, that for any one who sees the whole thing, any the less than the Single Tax, is not worth striving for.

In as far as Tax reform and Tax Exemption work, they work mainly and eventually for the benefit of the land owners who are generally too stupid to see that.

Every improvement in the condition of the earth, whether social, educational, mechanical, political, even moral or religious, goes, under our present system of the private appropriation of rent, mainly and eventually to the benefit of the owners of the earth—as set forth in The New Thrift P. 97.

Yours cordially,

BOLTON HALL, New York City.

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Business Manager

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