

The first essential change in government: Levy no taxes and collect the ground rent for public purposes.

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The Republican politicians propose to institute a Department of Education in Washington under a Secretary who will be a member of the President's cabinet. This is the first move to turn education over to the trusts.

When the Standard Oil Co., and the Chicago packers and the railroad magnates select the head and his chief lieutenants for the Department of Education it will be safer for the trusts.

Poor deluded labor once wanted a Department of Labor. It got it. Now it has a department busily employed at persecuting and deporting any laborer who dares to strive for freedom.

The new Department will lose no time in substituting the Versailles treaty for the Declaration of Independence and the word juggling of two-faced ventriloquists for the writings of Jefferson and the speeches of Lincoln.

A few years ago the world accepted Kaiserism as its school-mistress. It does so still even to the making of a brigand's peace.

According to packing house advertisements, fractions of a cent profit builds up enormous business in almost no time. As I read these ads I wonder which is the biggest, the lie or the profit?

The Pittsburgh Dispatch on May 13 said in ten lines that Raymond Robins spoke to the Hungry Club the day before. In other words the Dispatch is a twin spuriosity to the Pittsburgh Post; it is a newspaper minus news.

Remember the Dispatch has printed columns of Russian news (?) manufactured in New York under the auspices of A. J. Sack. It printed pages of rot in the form of letters known to readers as the "Willy" and "Nicky" stuff. It would probably give unlimited space to any yarn if the author could prove it untrue.

But with Raymond Robins it was different. He had been an eyewitness and spoke the truth. He had been closer to the leaders in Russia than any other American. He had been an American government official there for months and had done official business with Lenine and Trotzky for a long time.

Now when he came to Pittsburgh

and spoke to the largest audience that ever crowded the largest dining room in the city, for three solid hours, someone must have told the Dispatch "hush the truth" and it hushed.

The Pittsburgh news (?) papers, the Post and the Dispatch, gave all kinds of space to the Seattle lime-lighter, Ole Hanson. They had a strike in Seattle some months ago and Ole got in the way of the strikers. Not wishing him any harm the unions set him aside and told him to be good. Ole sat where they sat him and he was good. When the business was over the union labor men told him he could come out and play mayor again. That so tickled Ole that he just can't get over it. He has crossed the continent to tell about it. To this little big business blunderer the Dispatch and the Post can give space unlimited. But when a man comes back with the story of his experience of living through and being part of the greatest revolution in all history, with a trunk full of original documents concerning the most important phases of this revolution—well, then some one tells these news (?) papers "hush" and they hush.

"That all men have a natural right to the use of the soil, and that as the use of the soil is indispensable to life, the right of all men to the soil is as sacred as the right of life itself.

"That the public land of the United States belongs to the people, and should not be sold to individuals nor granted to corporations, but should be granted in limited quantities, free of cost, to landless settlers."

From the Platform of the Republican Party in 1852.

No doubt the above plank in the platform was forced on the convention by a small group of clear sighted men. The nearest it ever came to realization was Galusha A. Grow's inadequate homestead law. Probably no party ever fell from loftier heights to lower depths than did the Republican. From the clear call for human freedom in the platform of 1852 the Republican party descended the slippery political trail until it reached the bottom where its leading champions unblushingly have advocated the national swindle known as the protective tariff.

In all its stupid ass performances the Democratic party never fell so low. The nearest it has come to imitate

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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EAT RUDOLPH'S

Home Dressed MEAT

IT'S THE BEST YOU CAN BUY

FOR SALE—Solid oak kitchen cupboard and bedroom furniture. 3518 Beechwood Boulevard, near Lilac St.

LOST—Recently in Greenfield, la valliere. Return to 3924 Nantasket St.

Republican dishonesty, is its present half tragedy and half farce of shielding land monopoly by taking a penny from the child who buys an ice cream cone.

The big political party who would dare to copy the above plank into its platform now, would precipitate the hottest political issue this country has ever seen. If the Republican party would re-enact that plank, Penrose and Knox and Joe Cannon and Lodge, et al., would declare themselves Democrats the next morning. Their ilk would soon be as scarce in the Republican party as Tsars are in Russia. But I have no hopes. The party of Penrose has been so steeped in tariff corruption that honesty is too small a part of it to sustain independent life. And there is no more hope for the Democratic party. It goes abroad to wash the world and puts a tax on soap at home.

It puts crushing burdens on its own poor and plays benefactor to foreign governments. It has lost its hearing and gone stone blind.

THE PRICE OF LIBERTY

There is a CURZON England
By GEORGE, it bodeth ill;
But those who don the robes of war
Must pay the MILNER'S bill.

They boasted in the war's GREY dawn
That they would set men free;
But now the ASQUITH bitterness
Their own lost liberty.

—Frank W. Garrison
in Good Morning

Weekly Price List

Read this list carefully, prices revised each issue.

PAY NO MORE

Store opens at 8, closes at 6

Except Saturdays.

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| Nail Brushes, fine quality | 10c |
| Clothes Brushes | 50c and \$1.00 |
| Hand Mirrors | 50c |
| Shoe Brushes | 48c |
| Nail Files | 19c |
| Perfumes | 35c |
| Ingram's Rouge | 50c |
| Picnic Plates, 1 doz. in pkg. | 5c |
| Paper Drinking Cups, per pkg. | 5c |

PLAY CLOTHES

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| Rompers, blue, edges trimmed with white, 2 to 6 years, pair | \$1.00 |
| Rompers, beach style, gray and white stripes, trimmed in gray, ages 2 to 6 years, pair | \$1.25 |
| Rompers, beach style, white waist, dark blue pants, neat trimmings, ages 2 to 6 years | \$1.50 |
| Creepers, seersucker cloth, needs no ironing, pink and blue, trimmed in white; ages 6 months to 2 years, pair | \$1.25 |

Mosquito Netting, 15c yd.

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| "Close Fit" cap shape Hair nets, black, dark brown, light brown, medium brown and blond, 15c; two Nets for | 25c |
| "Close Fit" Hair Nets in grey, each | 25c |
| Fringe Hair Nets, sometimes called straight; made in France, of genuine hair; full size, 38x40, 10c; three Nets for | 25c |
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| Barrettes | 5 and 10c |
| Electric Curlers | 2 for 10c |
| Curling Tongs | 10c |
| Boye Hair Curlers | 4 for 5c |
| Silk Thread, all colors, 50 yards only, 8; two spools for | 15c |
| Black and White, 100 yards only | 15c |
| Bias Seam Binding, lawn and cambric, black and white, all sizes, 12 yards | 20c |
| Ric Rac, all sizes | 10c to 19c |



Snap Fasteners

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| Hooks and Eyes | 8c and 10c |
| Lingerie Tape, white, pink, blue | 10c |
| Kleinert's Dress Shields | 35c |
| Middy Lacers | 5c and 10c |
| Thimbles (silver), all sizes | 5c |
| All sizes of rubber and pearl buttons. | |
| Ladies' Dressing Combs | 25c to \$1.50 |
| Fine Combs | 10c and 29c |
| Needles for all makes of machines, a package of two needles for | 5c |
| Sewing Machine Belts, long enough for all makes of machines | 30c |

COUPON

Straight Pins, brass, can not rust. Perfect heads, needle points.

M. C. large, 300 pins to paper, box of 12 papers

You save 30c

S. C. medium, 160 pins to paper, box of 12 papers

You save 15c

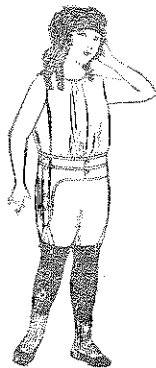
King Fly Swatter (see cut in ad), two swatters for

Clark's O. N. T. Machine Thread, any number 8 to 100 or assorted, black and white, 1 doz. spool

Hair Ribbon, 5½ inches, all silk, in white, blue, red and pink; our regular 65c ribbon. Yard

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Black Veiling, fine mess with and without figure; high grade, yard

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Boys' Blouses, goods that will wash; each

Laces and Embroideries, 5c yard up.

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Boys' Knee Pants, 60c to

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King Fly Swatter

Princess Fly Swatter with cloth-covered edges

Box Writing Papers, Tablets, Inks, Envelopes, Pens and Pencils Glue and Mucilage.

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Infant's Knit Bands, without sleeves, wool plated, mercerized finish, the kind you have always bought, all sizes.

Same as above, in all pure Australian Wool, all sizes

Fold Over Shirts, sleeves, Merino, mercerized finish, sizes one to six (up to 4 years); this Shirt is 60% wool, an unusually large percentage at this price, per garment

Same as above in all pure Australian Wool (up to 3 years)



Knit Shirts, button front, sleeves, Merino, mercerized finish, 60% wool; sizes, infants to 6 years

Bird's Eye, Diaper Cloth, yard

Extra fine Lingerie cloth, or Nainsook, yard

Dimity, yard

P. K., extra value, yard

Flannelette, pink, white, yard

Grey, extra fine grade, yard

Longcloth, yard

Chambray Gingham, yard

Sateen, absolutely fast black, yd.

Mersey cloth, black, for lining, yard

Cambric lining, white, yard

Mohawk Sheets, 81x90

Meritas brand, white Oil Cloth

1¼ yard wide, highest grade, yard

Turkish Towels, each

Fine Face Cloths

NOREN'S

Greenfield Ave., and Winterburn St.

United States District Attorney Humes addressed the Hungry Club recently on Bolshevism. He made the amusing accusation against Trotzky that the secret treaties he published were not the genuine secret treaties but forgeries. Mr. Humes said that Trotzky pledged himself to expose the secret treaties but when he got into power was unable to find them. So to satisfy the people he exposed forged ones. It so happens that the accusers of Trotzky are the makers of the secret treaties. These makers of secret treaties not only denied to the world that any such treaties existed, but Balfour stated emphatically to the members of the English parliament that there were no such treaties. Would Balfour who brazenly lied to his own associates in the English government, hesitate to lie about Trotzky, after the latter had exposed him to the world? Yet Mr. Humes accepts as true the statement of self-convicted liars against the word of a man of whom none who know him accuses of falsity.

Who dares to hope? Half of all human effort goes to strengthen the power that robs us. We have created a bank that functions to enslave us. And we run a race with one another as to who shall own the most stock in the bank. The bank's assets consist wholly of land value, maintained by toil on toil. Legalized piracy is too respectable a name for this thing, this land bank. Piracy implies risk to the pirate, but the piracy of collecting ground rent from toilers involves no risk.

In marts of trade we deal in two things: Goods and ground rent. Goods are produced by human toil and are good, as the name tells us. Ground rent may be called that surplus value our Socialist friends talk about, but the true nature of which they fail to see.

The capitalized value of ground rent about equals the total value of all goods in existence. If the legal power for private collection of ground rent suddenly ceased, all rich men would find themselves comparatively poor at once. It would appear as though one half of all wealth had been swallowed up by an earthquake. Yet there would be as much goods in the world as ever. So long as we permit private collection of ground rent, progress in well being is impossible save to owners of ground. To become rich, one need not build or produce goods. All the toilers of the earth do that and stay poor.

One must become an owner of advantageous locations and levy ground rent on those who toil.

All men recognize this, not to question its justice, but to get into the game. So they work and slave and save to buy ground to escape ground rent and to in turn levy it on others.

But only in rare exceptions can they overtake the system. For every dollar they invest in land they strengthen

the power that robs them and makes them poor. This legal privilege of appropriation makes a safer investment than does goods. To make an estate's funds absolutely secure it must be invested in power to levy ground rent. To invest it in productive enterprises is a hazard that no trustee would countenance.

Even when these trust funds are invested in stocks and bonds, it is always in concerns owning land of great value.

All so-called good securities are only legal power to rob the workers. If this were not so the poor who work would not be poor. The worker's future is mortgaged and it is these mortgages that make up the wealth of the rich.

We labor under a crushing burden of debt to land owners. But this is a debt that can never be paid. The more we pay the larger gets the debt. If some wizard could show us how to produce enough goods to pay a year's ground rent in a month we would not thereby cancel our debt to the land owners. Instead we would have multiplied our debts to them by twelve. All the institutions of which we are proud are supported by unrequited toil. The vast structures of universities, schools and libraries that depend upon endowments will crumble if we stop this stealing from the workers. The children of the rich are educated by money appropriated from the fathers of the children who grow up in ignorance.

No man can perpetuate an income by investing in goods. It can only be perpetuated by investing it in land rentals.

Daylight rent robbery is the most respected institution on earth. It is defended by every man and woman, save a handful of Single-taxers, who know the difference between producing wealth, and taking it, as ground rent. All the so-called reform programs ignore the thing that makes their reforms seem necessary. Profit sharing and the like will not reduce ground rent. So long as we do not abolish its private appropriation no conceivable program for betterment is worth the paper it is laid out on.

Until we stop this ground rent burglary, nothing else matters.

"Protective tariff" means restricted commerce. Its very name is a lie.

"When the early gold-diggers of California left behind them the disease called civilization, they began to think naturally and rationally, their common-sense came to the surface and they outlawed ground rent. As a result the wages of all kinds of labor went soaring. And it all happened without the Single-Tax.

" * * * each appropriated claim was subject to an occupancy and use rule and if this rule was not observed, the claim was open to the first applicant. Rent could not arise, although

private property in land still persisted and was recognized."—James Bann in the Probe.

Ground rent was not outlawed. Rent did arise. It became so powerful a factor that it upset the gold diggers' "common sense" and the "occupancy and use rule" with it. Probably all new settlements have applied the occupancy and use rule at first. And all have discarded it. Why? Because the social values, the existence of which Mr. Bann denies, came into being. The rough justice of the occupancy and use rule could not withstand the economic power of those who appropriated the social values.

Without the single tax the occupancy and use rule can not be maintained as shown by the fact that it has not survived in any modern state.

"The fallacy of the belief that there is in existence an enormous fund upon which society may draw without putting a burden on any one, is sufficiently shown in its unconscious reduction to absurdity by an English Single-Taxer, who asserted that the Single-Tax meant 'no taxes at all and a pension for everybody.' This is the Single-Tax gone insane."

Well, let us see: One man working in isolation makes a thousand dollars worth of goods. He pays no ground rent.

One hundred thousand men working in Pittsburgh make a city of a half a million souls. The advantages of working together and with the social and business advantages a city affords, enables each man to produce two thousand dollars worth of goods. Of this sum he keeps seventeen hundred and turns in three hundred to the city treasury as ground rent.

From the hundred thousand workers, the city thus receives thirty million dollars annually. It needs only ten million dollars to run the city so it returns the other twenty millions in dividends to the citizens. Then we see: That this social value that Mr. Bann says does not exist, increased each worker's producing power seven hundred dollars annually. It furnished ten million dollars to run the city and twenty millions for dividends.

What does it matter what we call it, whether land value, man value, social value, capitalized legal power, unearned increment, or what not? We call it unearned because it is not earned by those who now receive it.

Site value is a good name for identification, and Single-Tax is the true solution as to its just disposal.

It would be a nice pickle if it were found that the United States were in secret treaty with England for some years past. There are some rather recent events that tend to support the belief.

I have one consolation for having voted for Woodrow Wilson. It made all my other sins seem as nothing.

THE PEACE TREATY EXPLAINED

AS A WILSONITE SINGLETAXER
SAYS IT IN "PUBLIC"

(The Espionage Act Forbids Expression of His Private Opinion)

Radical extremists are condemning the League covenant and the Peace treaty because they fail to conform with the Fourteen Points. They blame President Wilson for the failure. That shows how unjust and unwise these doctrinaires are. Don't they know that all the other governments that fought to make the world safe for democracy are being run by imperialists and Tories and Wilson had to take from them such concessions to democratic principles as he could get?

True statesmanship does not consist in standing up for a true principle. It consists in making idealistic declarations to please radicals and others progressively inclined, and then violating these declarations in putting practical policies into effect. That pleases the reactionaries. That is why President Wilson is a true statesman. It explains the splendid results of his brilliant efforts in the peace council.

Postscript—(no pun intended)

Since writing the above word comes that President Wilson declares the peace treaty and league covenant to be in exact conformity with the fourteen points. Of course we take back everything that indicates a belief that there is anything about either to the slightest extent contrary to this last word in democracy.

P. P. S.

Later word is to the effect that President Wilson denies having made the declaration quoted. We therefore withdraw our postscript withdrawal.

PRINCIPAL BROWN, JR.

A Socialist by the name of Arthur Brooks Baker writes in the Milwaukee Leader on the extortionate profits of "capitalists." He mentions books as an instance. "Here on the last page the publisher has an advertisement about the book. He says it's a nice book, and that the thought it contains is simple, beautiful, childlike and pure. But he forgot something. What he forgot is that the book also contains a simple, childlike, beautiful and pure graft. He forgot to say that this book, which is retailed to mother at 50 cents, costs about 7 or 8 cents in the manufactory.

"So when your mother asks for a picture book with which to help the school teacher build up that brain of yours, she pays for six books and gets one of them."

We have a number of Socialist publishers in this country. I notice they charge about the same price for their books as the "Capitalists" charge for theirs. If the profits are so enormous

as Mr. Baker claims, won't he kindly introduce us to some of these millionaire socialist publishers? The socialist publishers pay no higher wages than other publishers. If the socialist publishers cannot amass wealth under the identical conditions their "capitalist" competitors amass it, what is the matter? If a book selling for 50 cents can be sold for 8 cents why don't our Socialists go ahead and make it and sell it for 8 cents. There is no law against them cutting the price.

Editor W. W. Ferrier of The Pacific quotes approvingly from a London publication the following:

"If the government wishes to cope with the situation by other than repressive measures they must do two things. They must pass a 40 hours bill and make permanent provision for adequate unemployment benefit. These measures would largely meet the occasions of the immediate discontent, and might allay trouble for a time. The causes of it, of course, lie deeper still—in the organization of industry."

Unemployment benefit! To allay discontent! When our fellow beings, at large, propose such measures as remedies for evils flowing from taking wealth from those who produce it by those who work not, I wonder if we are not all living in a mad-house. Land monopoly—and there are no other contributory causes—robs the producer and gives the result of his toil to land owners.

To meet the distress, caused by the process of robbing toilers by and for idlers, mushpot statesmen actually propose to increase the number of those drawing pay in idleness.

In other words their remedy for relieving the poverty of robbed toilers is to increase the robbery.

Sensing the absurdity of their "remedy" these mushpot statesmen admit the relief is only temporary and in fear of revealing the robber they draw a convenient red herring across the trail in this fashion: "The cause of it, of course, lies deeper still—in the organization of industry."

This latter statement is purposely dishonest. The words "organization of industry" opens a vista so large that one can scarcely comprehend it. You are supposed to accept as a fact, that in this unfathomable vastness lies the cause for unemployment and poverty. Such statements conceal either ignorance or an attempt to deceive. If one, viewing the perfectly organized steel mills at Homestead, should say: "See this organization, it is the cause of idleness and poverty," the statement would be perfectly silly.

These hired befoggers are hunting work for others with searchlights. They perform this black hand service to hide the fact that the earth has been stolen from the workers to be bought back at so much per month

forever.

Manifestly if all vacant land was open to everybody without purchase price unemployment would be impossible.

"Necessity ever the tyrant's plea."
—Milton.

It looks to me as though the government of the United States has passed the point where it can be changed by popular mandate.

I believe it has so far crystallized into certain forms, by departments and bureaus in administrative functions as to not be seriously effected by elections.

The permanent establishment is so large and the groove in which it functions is so deep and so fortified by precedent and custom that even a complete reversal at the polls causes but a temporary irritation.

If Congress, Senate and the Presidency were all captured by the radicals, the entrenched bureaucratic reactionaries would in all probability be strong enough to discredit the new regime before it could effect any real change.

Style is a mixture of love for the beautiful and exhibition of power to command wealth. Under our artificial standard of life the beautiful serves often as a shield for what is base. As, for instance, ostentatious private display, in forms too costly for the common people to enjoy or possess. Beauty is violated by grotesque, cheap and tawdry personal adornment, imitating in form and appearance the genuine and costly, that goes to satisfy the vanity of the rich.

We laugh at the grotesque manifestations of style as they appear in the fads of clothes, jewelry and furs. This mania for deceiving shows itself unexpectedly at times. I once heard a lady speak of her imitation cut glass as "nearly cut glass."

In reality, if life is anything but a poor joke, this false standard is a serious thing. Can anything seem true or noble to people who constantly appear in a false light as to their own well-being? Must not the minds be corrupted which become satisfied to live a lie? Can we expect a correct attitude on public questions from people whose minds habitually and willfully strive to deceive?

These manifestations of a false standard of life which none of us escape, and are so glaringly shown in what we know as style, have their roots in incomes unearned by the spenders. Its stages of degradation ranges from the miserly soul who sublets a cubby hole to a victim just below him, up to the king who ravages a nation to satisfy the vanity his depraved state craves.