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McKnights Plea for Single Tax Party Vote

With the restoration of peace among the nations, will come problems demanding solution, the like of which poor, careless, unthinking humanity has never wrestled with before. To none of the different classes, factions, or parties of men constituting humanity, will these questions come with more vivid reality than to those who believe in the great truths laid down by Henry George. How are we going to meet these questions? To my mind, Single Taxers have been presenting a very absurd, if not altogether insane position. They have professed a belief in a principle that is the embodiment of justice, morality and scientific efficiency. That is far-reaching in its scope and that will to use an expression borrowed from the church, bring the Kingdom of God on Earth. Yet with all this we find "good single taxers" going about the daily business of life without a thought or care about the progress of their great reform, and in no way do they, by speech, by the written word, or by their votes, give any clue to their identity as Single Taxers. The little world of friends and acquaintances that immediately surround them may know of their belief in Single Tax, but look upon that with charitable forbearance—especially so when they KNOW they vote for some party whose candidates they KNOW ARE OPPOSED TO SINGLE TAX. Something over three years ago a few of us in Phila-

delphia, by looking in the mirror of our own past actions, and recognizing the absurdity of such a position, formed what is known as the Single Tax Party of Pennsylvania. In our construction of a platform we had strong desire to eliminate everything of the vote-catching quality, but to have in it only the vote getting and vote holding qualities which grip with their intensity the hearts and minds and consciences of men. We succeeded in evolving the following short sharp, but decisive declaration—which I quote:

"We demand that the rental value of land shall be collected by the government, and all improvements, industry and enterprise shall be exempt from taxation. Being convinced that only in this way can involuntary poverty and fear of poverty be abolished; the just division of the products of labor be had; equal opportunity be achieved; and industrial justice consummated we call upon all men, regardless of their former political affiliation to join this movement for the emancipation of mankind."

Dearly beloved voters who believe in the Single Tax. This is the platform. A cross mark placed in the block square labelled "Single Tax," or what is much better, a cross mark placed in the square after each indi-

vidual candidate will record you as voting for the principles laid down in that platform. What are you going to do?

I feel sure you will agree with me. That the platform is short and sharp, it is only on its decisive features where I imagine any doubt exists.

While that magic word "Single Tax" appears on the ballot, you must decide whether you are for Single Tax or whether you are against it. To vote any other ticket places you in the position of giving aid and comfort to the enemy" forces of privilege. Whether you directly feel so or not, you are deliberately deserting in the face of the enemy. Such a course in the war courts of men is punishable by death.

Let me ask my Republican Democratic or any other party Single Taxer: "Are you not deserving of death?"

Of course, I do not mean physical death, but the death, the blight, that must fall on your conscience, the remorseful death that must be yours when the still small voice tells you that you have helped to kill incentive in others to further progressive movement for the great cause of human liberty—so ably pictured by Henry George and Father McGlynn.

Perhaps the hopes of victory for the little band of patriots fighting in

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California will be realized. Should this happen, will the remembrance of your Anti-Single Tax vote in Pennsylvania be any comfort to you, Or should the forces of Privilege be successful, and the money, the time, the sweat and privation, aye, the very blood of these patriots be for the time being wasted, will you find any pride of heart in the thought that you have aligned yourself with their Pennsylvania enemies?

For many years I, along with many other Democratic Single Taxers, felt it the highest measure of political wisdom for us to train with that party and convert it to the real democracy of the Single Tax. We failed even to dent the armor of selfishness and political camouflage with which the leaders of that party have encased it. Election after election passed and each time, even when hope of victory left the polling booth with the despondency of wasted effort hovering over me.

Since 1915, however, with no possible hope of victory to lend its cheering aid, and with the knowledge that only a few thousands among the more than a million voters of my native

"GOD MADE THE LAND FOR THE PEOPLE"

March along for Freedom, boys, the time will not be long,
When all the world will hear our tread and join us in our song,
Sing it as we used to sing it, hearty, clear and strong—
"God made the land for the people."

CHORUS:

The Land! The Land! 'Twas God that made the land,
The Land! The Land! the land on which we stand,
Why should we be beggars with the ballot in our hand,
"God made the land for the people."

The day has oft been weary, boys, unrestful been the night,
Since we for good old Single Tax did first begin to fight,
But now let's sing with fervor, boys, as dawns the morning light—
"God made the land for the people."

CHORUS:

We have been weak and foolish, boys, mistaken were our ways,
We followed where we should have led, and wasted many days,
But now we in the open stand—as our band sweetly plays—
"God made the land for the people."

CHORUS:

So let us keep our Party, boys, in state of purity,
High on the plane of principle it stands for you and me,
Then soon we will with world redeemed—sing out in ecstasy—
"God made the land for the people."

CHORUS:

Hurrah! Hurrah! for Opportunity,
Hurrah! Hurrah! For LAND AND LIBERTY,
For righteousness and peace shall rule from center to the sea,
WHERE LAND IS FREE TO THE PEOPLE. Oliver McKnight.

state would stand up with me and vote for this thing that lies so close to my heart, yet I can leave the booth with the buoyant step of a victor, with the pride of consciousness and smile of satisfaction over a sacred duty well performed, and in thankfulness of spirit I look aloft, glad and happy that it was given to me the blessed privilege of recording on the official ballot of my native state, my belief in the greatest most fundamental and far reaching reform on earth.

Yours for Single Tax, Oliver McKnight.

COMMENTS
BY NOREN

This issue of the Probe is the Pennsylvania Single Tax Party number. Two years ago I attacked them for organizing a third party but now I will confess that I rejoice that I have a party to vote for. I am a Democrat but the Democratic party in Pennsylvania has to a large extent been an appendage to the Penrose corruption known as the Republican party. Between those two parties you could vote

it blind and not miss putting a prop under monopoly.

A few years ago we ousted the old Guffey gang, the appendage. And now enters a new element and ousts the ousters. And the new and the old proceed to call each other liars and hypocrites and both prove their charges true.

The Republican party of Pennsylvania has not contended for a principle since the slavery issue was settled. And the Democratic party of Pennsylvania has never contended for a principle since the civil war, during that war, nor before that war. Each has justified its existence by contending for the fleshpots of politics. To vote a straight party ticket, either Democratic or Republican, would be a sin. But one can generally pick a clean man on either. They put clean men here and there on their tickets for the same purpose that our soldiers wear charcoal gas masks; to absorb the deadly stink that otherwise would kill.

In a few instances the direct primary has overcome the evil choice of the machines, but as a rule the machine-endorsed man is nominated.

The Prohibition party is the strangest as well as the strongest. It wins no offices, contends for no principles, but compels both the Republican and the Democratic party (except the latter's candidate for governor) to stand for prohibition though both of them hate it.

The Socialist party is a handy protest medium for those who have pro-

gressed no farther than to make a protest. It realizes acutely that suffering is caused by power of monopoly of some folks to withhold the good things of life from the rest. This they would cure by extending monopoly to include us all. They are trying it on Russia and I hope their cure doesn't kill.

For these and other reasons I am going to the poll in November and vote the Singletax ticket and that is the sole and only reason why I go to the poll at all this election. I ask all my friends to do likewise.

I doubt if there is one mill owner or one banker or one large land owner or one owner of large business interests anywhere in this whole country



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who will not be richer after the war than before. Now will someone please tell me what these men mean when they shout that it is our duty to sacrifice? The one possible exception is the beer and liquor trades and if they were hurt it was by prohibition laws and orders, not by war.

The modern church's method of combatting evil is to damn it and adopt it.

As a true Democrat I hope the Democratic party will this election meet the most crushing defeat in its history. To vote against it will be pure joy; pure exquisite joy.

Knox and Penrose, to whom we pay a salary to represent the trusts in the Senate, voted against woman suffrage. Schopenhauer says the Asiatic races know how to treat their women and he holds it up as an example for the Western world to follow. Knox and Penrose are small disciples of Schopenhauer, setting us good Asiatic examples. How self-respecting women can endure their society and stay in the same house with them is more than I can understand. I should think a self-respecting woman would find it unendurable to live with a man or even to work for him who deliberately denied her a voice in her own country's affairs. I wonder what the trusts fear in the women, that they compel their servants on the Senate floor to treat even their own wives and mothers on a level with the heathens of Asia?

WOMEN INSULTED.

At the entrance to Schenley park stands a monument erected to Mary E. Schenley that is an insult to women. Lying on its back is a form of a naked something. Save for two features it is that of a man. The thing has ears like a mule. While the unnatural thing has a human head of about twice the size or more, of a normal man, the ears are about 10 or 12 inches long and pointed like a mule's. Instead of feet it has cloven hoofs like a cow. Over this beastly thing stands the figure of a refined maiden. The maiden is naked to the hips and while playing a musical instrument is represented as displaying her beautiful form for the gratification of the sensual instincts of the beast below her. That this was the intention of the artist (?) is plain from the fact that the beast has a sensual and lustful grin on its face. The whole thing is horribly revolting and should be removed. It is a base libel on woman to represent her as being delighted to gratify the unhuman cravings of a thing that should be tied in a stable. It is a libel on man too, for any body of men to so far lose their self-respect as to accept and expose to public view, this lewd

and ugly lie in metal. I wonder what the Schenley children will do if they ever see this brazen insult to their mother.

A man in St. Louis sends me a dollar for The Probe and tells me I am crazy. Dollars are the proper cure. He is half right.

If Rockefeller gave ALL his wealth to the government he would still have

more than the poor, for they are in debt.

If we make large burglaries legal, the income tax will apply and provide a NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch of Oct. 20 prints in a big headline: "Minnesota Farmer Scorns Labor Unions," but the quarter page article that follows has not one word on labor unions. The slur is all in the headline.

"SINGLE TAX" IS ON THE BALLOT!

"Single Tax" is on the ballot!
The joyful news proclaim!
Ne'er more will careless voters
Find glory in the shame
Of voting for old parties,
Whose leaders ever stand,
To block the Peoples' progress
Toward the Promised Land.

"Single Tax" is on the ballot!
On next Election Day.
Look for it with precision,
Then vote as you would pray,
You can tell it from the others
That will your vision greet,
For it casts a radiant glory
All o'er the ballot sheet.

"Single Tax" is on the ballot!
It means for you and me
In God's unbounded gifts to men
Free opportunity,
It means to take by law
Ever with Justice hand in hand,
What always has belonged to all—
The rent of all the land.

"Single Tax" is on the ballot!
This is its meaning true,
The doing unto others,
As you'd have them do to you,"
When men and governments shall take
That only which they earn,
Then Indolence and Greed will go
And never to return.

"Single Tax" is on the ballot!
Vote for it, make to cease
The land-hunger of the nations
The face of gentle Peace,
Will restore to all God's children
The source of all wealth—Land
Given MAN to work upon—
Not hold with impious hand.

"Single Tax" is on the ballot!
Vote for it, give a chance
For the GOOD in human nature
To make a swift advance
To the goal of Human Happiness,
Where, at Aspiration's call,
Men enlist for useful service
In the common good of ALL.

"Single Tax" is on the ballot!
VOTE FOR IT EVERYMAN!
BRING POLITICS INTO THE REALM
OF GOD AND NATURE'S PLAN.
THEN POVERTY—WITH ALL ITS BROOD
OF CRIME AND MISERY
WILL VANISH FROM A LAND WHEREIN
ALL MEN ARE TRULY FREE. Oliver McKnight.