

March 10th, 1939

Mr. O. K. Dorn
Henry George School of Social Science
30 East 29th Street, New York

Dear Mr. Dorn:

Thank you for your letter of March 9th, the purport of which I had already just discovered, having heard by telephone that Mr. Colahan was spending fifteen hours a day, over a case in court. I hope that after that is over, Mr. Colahan and the Trustees may find a common ground to give mutual satisfaction.

The news of the registration of the School is magnificent, and if only the war will hold off long enough for the School to become established, how wide an influence it is going to have in the most teeming city of the country. I was somewhat dismayed to see that Mr. Bolton Hall had left such an ample sum to Mr. Beckwith in California while bequeathing but \$1,000. to the School, though Mr. Beckwith stated that the School was also to have his residuary estate. I hope that this means another lift.

Writing not long ago in response to a request of the Town Hall for assistance in getting up a sinking fund or whatever, I stated that I was devoting most of my funds (except such as are mortgaged by annual pledges) to the Henry George School of Social Science, and called attention to the fact that, while the lectures in the Town Hall relating to social and economic topics included socialism, communism, nazi-ism, fascism, no place was given to a discussion of the fundamental economics of a free democracy. To my pleasure I receive a reply from Miss Leona Boytel, of their Historical Department, in which she says, amongst other things:

"... I must ... express my appreciation for the stimulation you have given my interest in the work of Henry George. Certainly, all public-spirited people today have but one aim - the fostering of any branch of knowledge or activity which aids progress and alleviates our present social insecurity. At my first opportunity I intend to drop in at the Henry George School of Social Science and investigate a subject which sounds very sane and necessary. You may be interested to know that Norman Thomas mentioned Mr. George and his works in highly complimentary terms at a lecture given in Town Hall last Monday evening.

"When I have a little better knowledge of the Single Tax, perhaps you would help me in bringing the subject to the attention of Mr. Denny. He is untiring in his efforts

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to bring before the audiences of Town Hall whatever is of national or civic importance and I am sure he will be grateful to you for having called his attention to a panacea for our social ills."

I hope you will bring this to Mr. Chodorov's attention, so that if Miss Boytel comes in, he may be able to make the bait so attractive to her that she finally gets the Director, Mr. Denny, interested. Thus are we told that great oaks from little acorns grow. As you know, the Town Hall is an established institution, backed by many open-minded but also well-to-do people, so there is always hope that a new market may be found in such a direction.

Awaiting word from Mr. Colahan and you,

Most truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Emily E. Skeel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

(Mrs. Roswell Skeel, Jr.
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