

The Public Welfare League of North Dana.

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North Dana, Mass., July 26th, 1915

Alex. Mackendrick, Esq.

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Boston, Mass.

from the State of Wash.

My Dear Mr. Mackendrick:- A little more than a year ago I came to make my home in this State, and I wish to do what I can to assist the S.T. cause during the three or four years that I expect to spend in Massachusetts. Permit me to ask you a few questions. (1) Do you think that the proposed constitutional amendment if accepted at the polls in the coming election can be made of very much benefit to the cause of tax reform? *Ask them* (2) Are you aware that the Grange in Massachusetts is absolutely under the control of the reactionaries and is one of the most effective weapons in the warfare of special privilege? *Not surprised. We do not see a trace much of them* If so do you know of any effort being made in this State to reform the Grange and break up the clique that control it? *We know of none such. We think there might be one* Are you in touch with the Single Tax League of the Progressive State Granges with headquarters in Washington and N.Y.? *No* (3) How do you find Rep. Fred W. Cross of this district? *Ask him* (4) From the enclosed letter to the Springfield Republican you will note my position regarding the national parties. Do you not think that the Single Taxers might ~~be~~ be able to capture the machinery of the new party in some of these eastern States and make good use of it in their business? *Most Mass. S. Taxers are of the G. & R. rather than any party, due to S.T. - particularly the constitutional evolution* I am looking for a union of the progressives of all parties--in fact an altogether new alignment in the very near future.

I was a national organizer of the Grange and State Grange Lecturer of the State of Washington and know considerable about the inside of Grange affairs. Please note the action of the Wash. State Grange on the matter of S.T. as published

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published in The Public of July 16th pages 685 and 691. This is merely a reiteration of the position taken six or seven years ago.

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At present I am the minister of a Universalist Parish at this place and engaged in doing a little writing and studying. However if I can be of any service to your league in speaking at meetings in this part of the State I shall be glad to ~~give~~ do what I can without cost to the League.

Sincerely Yours

Ernest M. M. Smith

P.S. When replying please return the enclosed clipping as it is my only copy.

E. S.

*acknowledged
by post card
28 July*