

House of Representatives U. S.

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My dear Mr. Pleydell:

In clearing up my papers preparatory to adjournment of Congress, I find your letter of July 25.

This is your third letter on the Fels Fund matter. It does not allow me to assert what is and what is not properly part of the movement which in your letter of July 17 you said I "represented" and in which in the same letter you likewise said I am generally regarded as "at least one of the leaders." This latest letter from you undertakes to tell me what I represent. I do not care to discuss the point with you.

But referring to the wider interpretation of what that philosophy embraces, you may be reminded that the initiative and referendum are in the same category as the Australian ballot system, which became a part of our movement as early as we had one; and the principle of municipal ownership was formally made a part of our platform at the World's Fair Single Tax Conference in China ago in 1893 by an overwhelming vote against the opposition of a small group of earnest men, mostly from Philadelphia, and led by ~~one~~ *our* highminded and accomplished, mutual friend Arthur Stephenson, long since dead.

I do not think further correspondence on this subject can profit either of us, so that for me this closes the matter.

Yours very truly,

Henry George