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Passing Of Single Tax

The late Otto K. Dorn, a Cleveland shoe manufacturer, was perhaps that city's best known single taxer. His death recalls how little is heard nowadays of this doctrine of Henry George, who believed that multiple taxation should be replaced by one tax on land values.

It was not land alone that George wanted to tax; farmers have much more land than the sites of city office buildings, yet the latter are worth far more. George thought that his tax on land value would prevent desirable locations from remaining idle, and would stimulate business and employment.

The 19th century political economist's doctrine has inspired the action of cities which, when condemning land for improvements like parks, condemn more than they need. Thus they can later cash in on the extra value the adjoining land creates.

George's most distinguished follower was Tom L. Johnson, a vigorous and progressive mayor of Cleveland in the first decade of this century. His belief in single tax spread to followers like Otto K. Dorn. Such groups elsewhere are probably traceable to one prominent local single taxer.

Henry George still has followers. Nowadays, however, our civilization is more complicated than in his time. Great organizations of capital and labor, and new developments like the plane, radio, television and atomic power, create problems not soluble by any one formula.

Last Of The Orioles

Baseball is commonly reckoned a shortlived occupation.