

church societies, very sincere and God-fearing; but these women interfere with their neighbors, with other people's business, gossip and waste time, and accomplish nothing. If I and my wife (for instance) have strife, why should "Mr. Jones'" family be disturbed? Single Tax clubs preach and pray very little for Single Tax. They are bothered about clothes line fights. They worry because a nigger steals a chicken from the barn yard of a Southern Yankee, and the Yankee shoots the nigger in the heel while he is going over the fence. And again, a barbarian assaults a Southern lady, and they put him where he will do no more harm. And up here, if a Single Taxer insulted another Single Taxer's wife or daughter there would be lead in use. Then a Jew cheats a Russian, and the Russian gets his big brother and they club the Jew so hard he dies; and the Single Taxers worry.

I came from a land which was cursed by British Landlordism; and following the example of Single Taxers who helped Cleveland, the Irish join the British army, and thus help to crush themselves.

Let us leave human society to take care of all obnoxious animals which are being run to death. Let us leave game keeper Cleveland alone; let us avoid stage manager Hearst, and keep away from his graduated income tax show, and if Willie Bryan will not be counselled by us let him alone. He is a good boy and he will be all right when he grows older. All we want is the Single Tax.*

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Editor *Single Tax Review* :

I am in receipt of Mr. Weeks' article under caption of "Independent Political Action, Our Duty," together with circular requesting replies, especially to the questions.

"1st.—When Single Taxers are free to organize politically, can they vote with parties which favor the (private) ownership of land, without themselves incurring moral guilt?"

"2nd.—Should our political work be governed by moral principles, or by mere seeming expediency?"

These questions are particularly addressed to Mr. Weeks' critics, and I am not of that number except as the word "critic" may be applied to one who finds reasons for agreement. For I am fully convinced that I should commit moral wrong were I to do either of two things, viz., first, vote for an honest candidate on a platform favoring the present system of taxation of industry and land monopoly as against an honest candidate on a Single Tax platform, or sec-

ond, withhold my name and influence from any proper effort to get the Single Tax contention before the people in the tangible form of an appeal for votes.

In other words, I should answer the first question with an emphatic no.

As to the second question, I can conceive of no excuse in morals, self-respect or decency for shaping any political action by a consideration of expediency unless the expedient itself is fully believed to be the proven moral right. Anything less than that which is entirely right is by so much less than statesmanship and tainted with moral wrong. In politics we are not striving so much for ourselves and our own time as for the generations that are to come after us, and surely no motive of present gain to ourselves or our personal friends, or of temporary alleviations of condition, should for a moment deter us from putting our whole strength into the effort to create for our children and our children's children the transcendent heritage of equal opportunity.

I will add that, as a matter of expediency, I think the time has fully arrived for active labor for the accomplishment of the object of our faith. We have about done all that can be done along academic lines. Our contention has been a school of thought until all political parties are full of men holding our ideas in a sort of unrecognized way. If the matter is put plainly in the form of a platform candidate, and an opportunity to vote, I believe Single Taxers will recognize their place and come to us. In the second or third campaign I believe a President and Congress can be elected if we are only brave according to our faith.

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Editor *Single Tax Review* :

In the four campaigns of the Single Tax Party, carried on in the City of Chicago during the past two years, a vast amount of effective propaganda work was done and great publicity given to the Single Tax. Formerly the members of the Club were doing practically nothing for the Single Tax, but during these campaigns thousands were asked to sign the Single Tax nominating petitions and if they said that they were against it or did not know what it was they were given an argument or a copy of the Chicago Single Taxer, which is our campaign paper. More than 20,000 men have signed our petitions during a single campaign and, altogether, more than 500,000 copies of the Chicago Single Taxer were distributed and the "conspiracy of silence" which was said to exist among the great newspapers was broken. For the first time in twenty years, the weekly meetings of the Chicago Single Tax Club were deemed of sufficient public importance to merit from five to six inches of space in our daily

* The name of the writer of this unique communication is withheld, because the writer is an office holder, and to publish his name might cost him his position. [THE EDITOR.]