

A New Edition of "Basic Facts"

A SECOND edition of Basic Facts of Economics by Louis F. Post is now ready. The publishers are William Ballantyne & Sons, 1409 F. Street, Washington, D. C.

The work reviewed in a previous issue of LAND AND FREEDOM is the last book to which Mr. Post set his hand and pen, and contains the ripened convictions of this economic thinker. The work is characterized by the logical precision which was the outstanding quality of Mr. Post's treatment of our problem. It is doubtful if any other work of our great teacher is quite so convincing.

Bid God Speed to Mrs. Signe Bjorner

ON March 8th an informal reception was held at Miss Schetter's studio, 3 University Place, in honor of Mrs. Signe Bjorner, who spent a few days in New York before sailing for Copenhagen. Many who were invited were prevented from coming by illness or absence from the city, but a number of the old guard, as well as some of the newer recruits, attended, in all nearly forty people.

Mrs. Bjorner is an inspiring human being and all present wished to hear her views on our cause.

She told us first a little about the movement in Denmark, showing how wise were her countrymen in choosing free trade away back in 1880, thus taking advantage of the cheap foreign grain and turning their own farms into dairies.

In order to deliver their produce quickly in England it was necessary to build a new harbor on the most adjacent spot, a sandy waste tract, hitherto valueless. When the harbor project was decided upon, this land of course rose immensely in price and the owners reaped fortunes. The farmers were quick to see that their cooperation methods of marketing their goods should have extended to co-operative gain in land value for the common good.

The Single Taxers of Denmark drove home the lesson and were given another object lesson of weight in Copenhagen which contains one-fifth the population of Denmark.

A few years ago a new town hall was to be erected on the site of an old market, which had been surrounded with very poor buildings, saloons and cheap hotels. These surrounding properties rose six millions in value, just one million more than the cost of the fine new town hall. Again the lesson was driven home.

Mrs. Bjorner said that the actual gains for our cause in Denmark were not great, but that there was a widespread understanding of the subject among the farmers.

Those who went to the Copenhagen conference can attest to the fine leadership as well. Mrs. Bjorner had been told that there was little interest felt by the Danes in

the United States in the land value agitation in Denmark. She was intent on visiting groups of her countrymen settled in many parts of the west. The result had been most gratifying. Wherever she went meetings were held and people came long distances to hear her lecture on our question. She spoke enthusiastically of the beautiful valley of California, where there are large colonies of Danes. The "Sunkist Raisins" are all raised by Danes. She said she could have had engagements to lecture till the autumn, but was obliged to be back in Copenhagen March 26th.

Those who had met Mrs. Bjorner on former occasions as well as those who saw her for the first time were alike impressed by her noble personality. She has vision, courage, perseverance and sweet reasonableness, a rare combination.

Pennsylvania Campaign Enlisting Strong Support

TAKING advantage of the unusual interest in tax problems that is now manifest in a number of Pennsylvania cities and boroughs, and citing the Pittsburgh plan as the best example of the application of scientific principles in taxation, the Henry George Foundation has been pushing vigorously its Pennsylvania campaign and the results are very encouraging.

On February 22d, a representative group of business and professional men and public officials met at Harrisburg to consider the best means of effective cooperation for the extension of special land value taxation and the introduction of more equitable and scientific methods of assessing real estate. As a result of this conference the Fair Taxation and Assessment League of Pennsylvania was formed and officers and directors elected, representing all sections of the state. John M. Moore, Lancaster business man and life-long Single Taxer, was elected President of the new League, Louis Frank of Wilkes-Barre, First Vice-President, George E. Evans, Pittsburgh, Second Vice-President, A. H. Swope, Johnstown, Treasurer, Wm. N. McNair, Pittsburgh, Secretary, and P. R. Williams, Pittsburgh, Executive Secretary. City Commissioner, John J. Blair, of Lancaster, was named Chairman of the Executive Committee.

A second conference is being held at Harrisburg on March 27th and at this meeting comprehensive plans will be made to carry the campaign of education to every corner of the state. A legislative programme will also be outlined. The first step will probably be the preparation of a bill that will make possible the adoption of the Pittsburgh graded tax system in the 39 cities of the third class. The Mayors of Erie, Reading and Bradford have already declared in favor of such bill, and the cities of Lancaster, Wilkes-Barre and Johnstown will be among those represented at the conference by friendly city officials.

Attorney McNair and Secretary Williams have continued to address clubs and organizations in various parts of the state. Mr. McNair has spoken recently in Philadelphia, West Chester, Harrisburg, Gettysburg and Pittsburgh. Mr. Williams has addressed audiences in Warren, Wilkinsburg, New Castle, Pottsville, Mahanoy City and Harrisburg, is scheduled for several engagements in New York State in April, and plans to spend the first week of May in Delaware where Frank T. Stirlith is taking the leadership by a renewal of the legislative campaign in that state.

George E. Evans, President of the Henry George Foundation, was the speaker on March 7th before the forum of the Individualist School of Economics in Boston and had the pleasure of meeting the leading Single Taxers of that city. He also addressed the Credit Men's Association of Johnstown at a largely attended dinner on February 27th.

By a joint arrangement with the Henry George Lecture Association, Hon. George H. Duncan, of New Hampshire, will make a two-weeks tour of Pennsylvania cities beginning May 1st. His appearance is expected to strengthen materially the movement for a further legislative advance in Pennsylvania.

The Warren *Evening Times*, is another Pennsylvania newspaper that has come out editorially in favor of the Pittsburgh graded tax plan, commenting on the address of Secretary Williams to the Rotary Club of Warren on March 5th. The *Harrisburg Telegraph* featured most prominently the conference resulting in the formation of the Fair Taxation League and has given repeated editorial endorsement to the special taxation of land values as a means of breaking up land monopoly in Harrisburg and lightening the tax burden on the owners of improved property. With the development of new journalistic support of such strength, and the unwavering loyalty of the *Johnstown Democrat*, edited by Warren Worth Bailey, the Pennsylvania campaigners will be enabled to reach quite a large constituency.

Death Takes Henry George Foundation Leaders

IN the death of United States Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris, of Michigan on March 23d, the Single Tax movement has lost a sincere friend in high official circles and the Henry George Foundation a valued member of its board of trustees, to which place he was elected last September. This is the first death that has occurred among the trustees of the Henry George Foundation since its incorporation in August, 1926. Senator Ferris was 75 years of age and had had a long and useful career, crowning his achievements by serving first as Governor of Michigan and then as United States Senator.

One of the original founders of the Henry George Foundation passed away early in March, when Capt. Charles W. Brown, President of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, answered the call at the age of 70. Capt. Brown, before he became a captain of industry, was a captain of vessels sailing the seas. He knew Henry George in the early days and was a great admirer of George and his philosophy. While he was not able to take an active part in Single Tax work and declined official honors, he was a generous supporter of the movement and was in full accord with the economic teachings of Henry George. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and had an unusually large circle of friends and associates.

Death of John Doyle

JOHN M. DOYLE, a very faithful member of our Denver Single Tax group, died September 30, 1927. Mr. Doyle was well known to many Single Taxers who are actively engaged in propaganda work. He was a generous contributor. He subscribed for every publication that advocated our cause in England, the United States and Australia; He was an indefatigable letter writer and would send letters to editors and the persons that he considered influential, hoping that some seed might fall on fruitful soil. He was a pioneer in the movement here and later in Milwaukee, of which city he had been an earlier resident, afterwards returning here a second time about sixteen years ago. He was engaged in the furniture business, 1849 Welton Street, until about six months before his death. Mr. Doyle was a printer in Milwaukee and Denver for a number of years and retained his membership in the Typographical Union up to the time of his death. His funeral was conducted under the auspices of that organization.

His furniture store was always well supplied with Single Tax books and newspapers and those wishing to avail themselves of information on the subject were free to help themselves. He saw to it that the students at our state university and other colleges were supplied with literature, and was active in seeing that books dealing with our side of the economic problem were placed in the public library here. For several years past Mr. Doyle contributed freely toward defraying expenses of every Single Tax lecturer that came to Colorado. We shall miss him. He was a warm admirer of LAND AND FREEDOM. He enjoyed the personal acquaintance of John Z. White whom he held in high regard and with whom he frequently corresponded.

Mr. Doyle was buried in the printers' plot at Riverside cemetery not far from where a brother of John Z. White who died here in 1886, is buried. A large number of Mr. Doyle's friends assembled to pay the last tribute of respect at his funeral. Denver Typographical Union No. 49 was especially well represented.

Mr. Doyle was 69 years old, and even in recent months when oppressed with a distressing kidney disease his