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For Georgists Only

I am stymied by the inability of the Georgists to see that there isn't any "Community," that it is literally impossible for a non-existent Community to own, to rent, to collect and spend money. I shall never understand why such intelligence as yours doesn't perceive that Henry George's *The Community* is Hegel's *The State* and the Catholics' *The Church Militant* and Lycugus's *Sparta*, a myth that under any name is still a myth. Why you can't understand that a myth can never function as a reality perceptible to human senses, except through the agency of real, solid, actual living creatures; why you don't just know that only a person, some Mr. Jones, can ever claim possession and ownership of anything, including land, and can ever rent land to anyone else, to some Mr. Smith, and that nothing but a Mr. Jones can collect a "community value" in cash from that Mr. Smith and spend that cash for a "community service"; and that whenever and however the necessary organization of the Joneses act as *The Community*, in relation to the Mr., Mrs. and little Smithses, what you have is socialism in operation. . .
—Rose Wilder Lane, Danbury, Conn.

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