

meration; it seems to me it could be done without much expense. The majority of voters may be actually in favor of the Single Tax, but it would take a long time before we find it out as things are now. But let them know that we contemplate forming a political party, if a sufficient number favors it, and they will come out; let us try to ascertain how far we have got on the road to our destination; let us find out if possible how much has been done; then we can better tell what to do next.

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FAIRHOPE DOING THE BEST IT CAN.

Editor Single Tax Review;

I have visited Fairhope and while they are doing the best they can, and I should like to live there, still Mr. Norton's criticisms are in good point. Prof. Bellangee told me all was not clear ahead, though he was doing what he could to come out for the best.

Yours fraternally,
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UPHOLDS FREE SPEECH.

Editor Single Tax Review :

Some time since in conversation with Mr. F. M. Monroe of Chicago (than whom no Single Taxer is doing more effective work for the reform), he said: "There are two things that life is too short to discuss, i. e., the Fairhope colony and the race question." In the light of the controversy raging in your columns I am more than ever inclined to agree with him. I do not believe the issues raised by the experiment at Fairhope to be worth the cold feeling and disaffection that their discussion has caused among ardent Single Taxers. All admit that the Single Tax can only be applied in a limited degree at Fairhope, and under the circumstances it is to be expected that mistakes of administration would occur. I am inclined to agree with certain of your correspondents like Mr. J. J. Pastoriza that it served no good purpose to exploit these errors; but I regret exceedingly that gentlemen like Mr. D. Kiefer, who are truly striving for the Henry George ideal, should have withdrawn their support from the REVIEW because of a discussion of the mistakes and difficulties surrounding the application of our ideas to Fairhope.

Too often in the past journals devoted to the Single Tax have lent more space to controversies of this character than their importance warranted, and too often high feelings and personal quarrels have in the end obscured the idea for which all were equally striving. Many of our brightest organs have been wrecked on this bar. I am not one who wishes to throttle the editor of our REVIEW in what he sees to be his duty, but I would rather not see the precious

space (the Lord knows we have little enough in which to exploit the beauties of our philosophy) in our leading journal used up in such a bootless quarrel over trifles. It were better to let those, who believe the Fairhope idea the best way of working out the ideal, alone in their effort, and spread the truth in our own way. Let us not forget that everyone is really trying to go in the same direction.

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AGITATE, AGITATE.

Editor Single Tax Review:

I was sorry to read your note of despondency in the latest issue though I have no doubt that you realize what it is that makes the task of the social reformer so difficult, his path so hard. It is true there isn't the disposition to organize and orate nor the enthusiasm that marked the stirring days when George and McGlynn and others held forth, but I believe the seed sown by these pioneers has not fallen for naught. Let us hope. In spite of the seeming indifference toward organized effort it seems to me that undoubtedly we are getting a great deal of impetus from unexpected sources, and that really the cause is much stronger than ever before.

The agitation going on over so many cases of graft, exposing as it does the potential possibilities within the industrial world, arising from the forces of labor applied to land, and the products of land, points unmistakably to the single solution—the only practicable remedy for maladministration in the distribution of wealth.

No object lesson could be plainer, and never in my recollection has there been so much interest manifested in getting at the bottom of things.

There is this to know and to do: Before we can hope for anything like the Single Tax we must clear the way and working for "first things first" we must fight everywhere for the Initiative and Referendum, Proportional Representation and all those factors that go to make fair play possible. Let us continue to "agitate, agitate, agitate, ammer, ammer, ammer," and above all else support those who are putting forth in printed form the plain truth, and the general news of the movement.

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A NEW LECTURE BUREAU.

The formation of a Lecture Bureau under the management of Dr. J. L. Stern, General Secretary, 224 E. 62nd St., New York, is now nearing completion. It is proposed to cover both the local and general fields with lecturers well equipped to present Single Tax truths. Over twenty lecturers, comprising our best public speakers in New