

History's Verdict on the Land Question

The land question is much in the news these days. The Spanish war broke out. Investigators studied Spain's economic situation to find out why; their answer was, the land question. Peasant outbreaks in Puerto Rico, in the Philippines, in Cuba brought similar inquiries—and the same answer. And so with Mexico, with Japan, with every country where the question assumes a spectacular role. But what, precisely, is the land question and why?

Dr. George Raymond Geiger, author of "The Philosophy of Henry George," answered these questions in his book, "The Theory of the Land Question." Not merely in the dimensions of prosperity and depression, of peace and war, but of the rise and fall of civilizations he traces the course of the land question in history. He gives a comprehensive definition of land and explains the meaning and the peculiarities of land value.

Drawing upon the notable work of Professor Harry Gunnison Brown, he engages in controversy with contemporary economists on moot points in

value-theory and makes an original contribution to economic thought upon the theory of value, presenting a possible synthesis of the subjective and objective factors in value. This enables him to overcome modern criticism of distinguishing between land and capital and to demonstrate fundamental distinctions which the objective scientist cannot ignore. Having shown the meaning, significance, uniqueness and historical background of the land question, he demonstrates in the final section on "The Socialization of Land Rent Through Taxation" how basic, how fundamental, how far-reaching in its effects is this

instrument for social and economic change.

The book is required reading for anyone alert enough to want to know what the land question is and what it means. And for him who wants to know the answer to the land question—as does every student of the social sciences who enrolls in the Henry George School of Social Science—it is a godsend. It can be obtained, in the Macmillan \$2 edition bound in cloth, 235 pages, from the office of The Freeman at the special price of \$1. Send for your copy while our supply lasts.

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