



# OUTLINES OF POST'S LECTURES.

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## PREFATORY NOTE.

These "Outlines," while giving neither the substance nor the arrangement of any of the lectures named in the title, contain the leading points of all. But to make the points consecutive they have been woven into one of the lectures—that on the Single Tax. This, however, is not arbitrary, for the philosophy of the single tax involves the elementary principles of absolute free trade, of the labor question, of poverty with progress, of the land question, and of political economy; and while exposing the fallacies of socialism it explains the problem of hard times.

The "Outlines" do not take the place of the lectures. They are published merely to prepare the mind of the reader in advance to more fully appreciate the lectures during delivery, and to assist afterward in recalling and deliberately considering and criticizing what is advanced from the platform. To this end the principal charts of all the lectures are reproduced.

The text in large type is a connected explanation. It may be read and fully understood without reference to the notes. But the notes elaborate and illustrate points which, from the conciseness of their statement in the text, may seem obscure to readers who are unaccustomed to economic theory.

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## I. THE SINGLE TAX DEFINED.

The practical form in which Henry George puts the idea of appropriating economic rent to common use is "*To abolish all taxation save that upon land values.*"<sup>1</sup>

1. "Progress and Poverty," book viii, ch. ii.