

Mr. Weeks deserves much credit for his earnest endeavor to do something—so many seeming to have “lain down.” We may be able to better know how to do later on, as the campaign approaches. Never were there brighter prospects for re-alignments; never less interest shown, under the Jack o’ lantern prosperity in politics. The financial crisis is due this year, and it will surely culminate this year or early in the next. They have come every ten years since 1833. Many of us remember 1873, ’83, ’93, and 1903 is here. The prime cause is land speculation—fostering stock and bond and credit crazes.

These ten year visitations are as regular as birthdays—and the hard times last seven years. At the end of seven years normal conditions have returned, the people have accumulated some money, then lands begin to rise, and the skinning operations begin again. It takes about three years to go through this skinning process, then seven years for the hide to grow back again—completing the decade—and the beginning of the skinning again—and so on.

The country is now naked—from the most complete skinning known in our history. Hard times are already on, and the crash of the crisis is expected at any time. Wall Street is too shaky to withstand much longer. There has been more extravagance, more wars, more administrative cussedness in this government—and in others—than for many decades past.

Now the point I am after is, the consolation we may get out of a panic. *It is the time for a change of administration, and the revival of interest in reforms.*

Let Bro. Weeks, and all reformers, keep now everlastingly at it—for a closer organization of the democratic Democrats—for aggressive action at the first blast of our Roderick’s bugle horn.

We need, by no means, to be despondent over the outlook. Never did so big a thing as the Single Tax grow so fast. The recent news from the English Parliament—coming within 13 votes of carrying—why it alone is enough to recompense us all for all the hard licks and kicks we have received.

So far as my neighborhood is concerned I am not at all uneasy—when a show down is called for. And, I am sure that the growth of single tax sentiment is much more wide spread than some people know of.

J. L. CALDWELL.

Denver, Colo.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

Single Taxers in Colorado seem very much unconcerned regarding future political organization and action along the lines suggested by Mr. Weeks. Copies of his article and requests for letters for publication have been mailed direct to eighteen of the prominent Single Taxers of Colorado,

with the result that replies have come from but two.

Personally, I am in full accord with the propositions so ably presented by Mr. Weeks in the January issue of the *REVIEW*. It submits the alternative of a future political freedom, for a past political slavery—of a contest in which the heart can go with the ballot—for one from which our principles continually plead for divorce.

As respects Single Taxers, what argument can be advanced to induce us to remain with the Democratic party, unless we write the platform? Of what avail would be its success otherwise, with its puny reforms and a Republican Congress.

As respects the “making” of Single Taxers can indirect education, hedged about with the confused issues of the present democracy, be equal, in any respect, to direct education, such as the contemplated action would insure?

Do we not rather annul what would otherwise be of permanent benefit, by casting our lot with a party that gains victories or suffers defeat upon indefinite issues? It was so in this State last fall, although Mr. Herman* does us wrong to imply that “We left the track of simple and pure propaganda for the cesspool of place hunting politics.” We were not after office at any time during the movement and our only offense against principles was the support we gave the Democratic party, which, after fathering the amendment in the regular assembly, secretly and openly opposed it throughout the campaign.

It is not the object of this movement to obtain office. Our principles put into practice by Republican, Democratic or Socialist office holders would be entirely acceptable, but as long as we subordinate our principles in the service of any unprincipled party, we will have an empty sack to hold. It is only by education that we can force the issue of Land Value Taxation upon some dominant party and this is to be quickest accomplished when we demonstrate our strength and define our issue.

E. O. BAILEY.

Denver, Colo.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

In replying to your question concerning an independent Single Tax political organization, I will say; that the plan suggested, namely, that an organization be formed to go to the national Democratic convention and ask for admission, would be unprecedented so far as I know, and I do not see how admission could possibly be obtained and if admission could not be had then the only effect the movement you speak of could possibly have would be that

NOTE.—See letter of Mr. J. R. Herman that follows.