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Death of Warren Worth Bailey

WARREN WORTH BAILEY, veteran Single Taxer, friend of Henry George and for many years editor of the *Johnstown* (Pa.) *Democrat*, died Nov. 9, aged 73.

Mr. Bailey was one of the leading democrats of Pennsylvania and was elected to the House of Representatives in 1912 and re-elected in 1914. He was defeated for the same office in 1916, 1924 and 1926. Before that he was editor and proprietor of the *Vincennes* (Indiana) *News* and later editorial writer on the *Chicago News* and the *Chicago Evening Mail*. In 1893 he went to Johnstown and acquired the *Johnstown Democrat* which he and his brother Homer Bailey conducted for many years with signal ability. Homer Bailey, author of "How to Get Rich Without Working" and other Single Tax tracts and pamphlets, died several years ago.

Warren Worth Bailey was one of the few surviving members of the group of the early days of the Henry George movement. In a letter to the Editor of *LAND AND FREEDOM* published in Jan.-Feb. issue of this year, Mr. Bailey wrote: "I was saddened by the news of James H. Barry's death. One by one the old guard is passing. * * * It is one of my glad possessions that it was permitted me to know so many of them—Henry George himself, Dr. McGlynn, Judge Maguire, Thomas G. Shearman, William Lloyd Garrison, John J. White, William T. Croasdale and all that gallant company."

Of that "gallant company" he himself was an honored member. His stalwart advocacy of Henry George's principles was in evidence to the last when he hailed with enthusiasm the organization of the Henry George Foundation and became a member of the Advisory Commission.

Mr. Bailey was born in Hendricks County, Indiana. He is survived by his widow and two children.

TO Socialists and indeed to most of the political economists competition has broken down. It has broken down because it is not free and not a single teacher outside the Henry George group asks why it is not free.

Militant Single Taxer

(From the *New York Tribune*)

AS an editor and as a member of Congress, Warren Worth Bailey was a militant Single Taxer. When he was twenty-three years old he became the editor of a daily newspaper published at Vincennes, Ind., to espouse the cause of the Single Tax. He was a delegate to the first National Single Tax Conference, held in New York in 1890. The Single Taxers in the middle West organized the Chicago Single Tax Club and Mr. Bailey was elected president. When he moved to Johnstown, Pa., he retained his interest in the subject by organizing the Cambria County Single Tax Club.

Mr. Bailey was an aggressive Democrat. He was elected to Congress in 1912 and was re-elected in 1914. In 1924 he contested the election of his Republican opponent, Anderson H. Walters, publisher of *The Johnstown Tribune*, but the contest was thrown out after months of investigation.

In Congress Mr. Bailey, who was a close friend of William Jennings Bryan, expressed himself as a foe of the Anti-Saloon League and the Ku-Klux-Klan. Before the United States entered the World War Mr. Bailey hotly disputed the arguments of his opponents that America should go in for a programme of intensive preparedness. "The poison of preparedness has brought a sort of madness upon many minds," he declared in an address at Clark University.

In February, 1917, when the question whether America should enter the war was causing bitter debate in Congress a speech delivered by Mr. Bailey was ordered expunged by a vote of the House. In the speech Mr. Bailey said: "I thank God for William Jennings Bryan in this hour of grave peril to republican institutions. I thank God for those men and women who refuse to bow at the feet of Mars, at the call of the warmongers and the traffickers in munitions." The speech contained references to Representative A. P. Gardner, who said he had been insulted.

Bailey of Johnstown

(From the *Brooklyn Eagle*)

BACK in 1892, when Grover Cleveland was running for President the last time, W. W. Bailey was a co-worker with Eugene Field on the *Chicago Daily News*, owned by Victor F. Lawson and Melville E. Stone. But not for long. Bailey yearned for a newspaper somewhere that he could make the exponent of his strongly-held personal views on public questions. Before 1893 was ended he was proprietor of the *Johnstown* (Pa.) *Democrat*, which he owned till his death at the age of 73, on Friday. That he made "Bailey of Johnstown" pretty well known in the State and Nation, no one will dispute.

Mr. Bailey was a Single Taxer, and had never swerved from the Henry George doctrine of "Progress and

Poverty." He hated and was hated by the Ku-Klux Klan. He was in his late years an unflinching foe of Prohibition. Yet he had been one of the warmest friends of William Jennings Bryan, and his Congressional eulogy on Bryan is reprinted in some of his newspaper obituaries. Twice "Bailey of Johnstown" was elected to Congress in a Republican district; in 1912 and 1914. He ran in vain in 1916. Then in 1924 he had his famous election contest with Alderson H. Walters, publisher of the *Johnstown Tribune*, in which Bailey was beaten, after months of investigation by the House Committee. Once more he ran in 1926, but was unsuccessful. Always he was a powerful influence in the control of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania.

Bailey may be regarded as about the last type of the "editor and proprietor" who makes views that most people consider eccentric or extremist the keynote of his editorials. Perhaps not the last, for Oswald Garrison Villard, champion of the rights of colored men, still edits the *Nation*; and it is as unshrinking as Horace Greeley ever was for abolition and total abstinence in the older days of the *New York Tribune*. Those who disagree with such a man have to admire his courage and his stamina; also his measure of unselfishness, for as a business policy his method is never helpful and often harmful to his interests. "Bailey of Johnstown" might perhaps have been a millionaire newspaper owner but for this striking consideration.

A Landowner Who Relies on the Baby Crop

IN one of the Reporter's Nosegays that on Sundays adorn this page there was related the other day an observation oddly suggestive of a controversy that once loomed large in our public affairs and still has its intensive students.

A wealthy Philadelphian, owner of 1300 acres of land in Bryn Mawr and Radnor, was asked what he raised on the property. His reply was:

"Nothing—just some grass. But the biggest crop of all will give me my harvest on that land. I am counting on the baby crop of Philadelphia to cause the city to expand and use the ground for homes. Babies are Philadelphia's most important product, and often overlooked in suburban farming."

One wonders whether the speaker was aware that in his whimsical explanation he was expressing one of the fundamental principles underlying a formidable economic theory. That reference to the "baby crop" as the force producing the "unearned increment" that accrues to the landholder might almost have been lifted from Henry George's "Progress and Poverty."

Was it sly or unconscious humor that led the eminent Main Line proprietor to utter this familiar maxim of the advocates of the Single Tax?

—*Philadelphia Record*

Tribute to John Dewey

A BUST of Prof. John Dewey was presented Nov. 9 to the Teachers College of Columbia University. Among the subscribers to this tribute were Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Prof. E. R. A. Seligman, Rabbi Stephen Wise, and David Starr Jordan. The funds included also contributions of a penny each from thousands of school children.

In his presentation speech, Prof. William H. Kilpatrick, of the Teachers College said:

"Prof. Dewey must be included among the great thinkers of all time. He has, in the minds of many, changed almost our whole conception of what philosophy is, delivering us from the old puzzles that have formed the stock in trade of the traditional philosophy.

"His philosophy has common sense acceptability and a social bearing which distinguishes it in degree from all other philosophers. Professor Dewey has influenced American education more profoundly than any other person throughout its whole history. No pupil in an American school, but what lives a different school life because of his teachings."

Fraud and Robbery

AS a result of too much business in government the American people were hoodwinked into levying tariff taxes upon themselves and to turn the proceeds over to certain manufacturers as a trust fund to be used in paying high wages to their employees. The manufacturers accepted but have appropriated the money for their own use. To such an extent has this legalized embezzlement been carried on that in every city and town containing a protected factory there is a charity organization or a community chest to alleviate poverty among the defrauded workers. In New Bedford, Massachusetts, some protected manufacturers went so far as to order a ten per cent, reduction of wages and only after a strike of many weeks finally consented to make the reduction only five per cent. Workingmen who have swallowed protectionist bunk should long ago have learned something from such experiences. "Experience", said Ben Franklin, "keeps a dear school but fools will learn in no other." He might have added "and protectionists won't even learn in that."

NATIONS aren't likely to beat their swords into plowshares while beating their rivals into oil fields.

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