

# Who's Who in Georgism

Otto J. Cullman



Mr. Cullman was born in Gerach, Germany, on August 19, 1867. His father, Phillip, was a manufacturer of semi-precious stones. In protest against the militarism of his native land, young Otto came to America at 16—just before the fateful year

when he would have had to enter the military service. He made Chicago his home, worked as a grocery clerk for a number of years, and then sold spring water.

In 1893 Mr. Cullman founded the Cullman Wheel Company manufacturing bicycles in a small way. The company is today a leading manufacturer of sprockets and machine tool drives.

He joined the old Chicago Single Tax Club and took some part in the old Single Tax Party. In 1913, out of the success of his business, he financed a good part of the campaign that got local "Single Tax" adopted in Pueblo, Colorado, (only to be repealed the next year). In 1920 he launched the Merchants and Manufacturers Federal Tax League under the direction of Emil O. Jorgensen. The League gained the support of manufacturers throughout the country in support of the Ralston-Nolan Bill, and later the Keller Bill, introduced in Congress in the early 20's providing for a federal tax on land values.

Mr. Cullman married Augusta Achenback in 1903. They have a daughter, Mrs. Betty Eileen Hornbrook.

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