

Alderson, of Denver, famous throughout the West as a mining engineer, will write on the taxation of mining property under the Single Tax. Hon. W. S. U'Ren will write the history of the movement in Oregon. W. B. Northrop, whose contributions to the *REVIEW* have brought his writings to the favorable attention of Single Taxers, who is a well-equipped magazine writer and student of social problems, will deal with the subject of Child Labor in the United States. He will also treat of the question of Land Monopoly in the United Kingdom. For this latter work Mr. Northrop has special qualifications, having spent a great part of his life in England, where he published a book on Poverty which dealt at length with the question of land monopoly in Great Britain and Ireland. Alexander Mackendrick and William Lloyd Garrison are at work on the Questions and Answers.

This comprises but a small number of the subjects to be treated. If any of our readers desire to submit for publication in the Year Book articles on the topics indicated in the prospectus they are invited to do so. Manuscripts must be typewritten in duplicate. Assertion and argument should be minimized as far as possible, and stress laid upon facts and figures that reinforce stated principles of economic condition and development. This work is to be, not a collection of essays, but a reference volume. Hence the need, too, of brevity and conciseness.

#### DEATH OF JAMES BELLANGEE.

(See frontispiece).

Most of the readers of the *REVIEW* know of the work of James Bellangee, one of the founders of Fairhope Colony. His death, which occurred in August of this year, was the result of burns sustained while engaged in setting fire to refuse in front of his home at Fairhope. He had been overcome either by smoke or weariness, and had fallen near the fire which set his clothing ablaze. When found he was unconscious and passed away a few hours later.

Mr. Bellangee was born in 1844. He taught school for a number of years, and

occupied the chair of mathematics in the Nebraska Normal School. He was active in the Greenback movement and early espoused the Single Tax cause. He did a great deal of newspaper work during his long and active career, and wrote much for his own gratification. Some of this survives, and we hope to print portions of it in the pages of the *REVIEW*.

Mr. Bellangee was widely known to Single Taxers whom he met on his travels in the interest of Fairhope, which colony experiment, despite some differences of opinion with his associates, he loyally served.

#### THE MOBILE REGISTER FOR THE HOUSTON SYSTEM.

Commenting upon the suggestion made by the *Houston Post* to the city of Birmingham, Ala., that to avoid its present difficulties resulting from inadequate revenue it double the assessments which are now much lower than that of Houston, the *Mobile Register* reminds its contemporary that the advice is easy but that it would raise an outcry that would be heard from one end of the State to the other, "for the reason that taxes are unequal and the doubling would come near to putting some fairly assessed people out of business."

And it reminds its Houston contemporary of the experience of that city:

"Houston had the good sense to adopt a scientific system of assessment before attempting to get a 70 per cent. valuation assessment, and the result is that Houston collects more taxes than Birmingham does, although Houston is not so large or so rich a city as Birmingham. What is more, the Houston people appear to be satisfied to pay on the higher valuation, since they know that it is a fair thing to everybody. Human nature is in all of us, and if we learn some are getting a little the better showing, we all want it; if some dodge their proper assessment, others do the same, until the result is as shown in Mobile, where we are told there is a difference of as much as \$200. a front foot in the assessment of two properties of the same size and actual value, fronting in the same block and in the same street."