

ax." It must in fact fall far short of it. But perhaps it may be a part of our actual way to the goal. What issues will lead to the necessary fundamental thinking no one can tell.

Reading, Pa.

W. G. STEWART.

HOW HALDEMAN-JULIUS IS REGARDED

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

Undoubtedly, too much heed has recently been given in LAND AND FREEDOM, and probably also in the minds of many Single Taxers, to the utterances of a Mr. Haldeman-Julius, of Gerard, Kan. However, this Kansas citizen is entitled to no small measure of credit for his recent utterances derisive of Henry George and the Single Tax and Single Taxers generally. Perhaps he did not so intend it but he has rendered the Single Tax cause a very distinctive and helpful service.

I do not recall just how Mr. Haldeman-Julius is regarded in New York, but throughout the west he is considered to be without a guiding star. He has always lacked a definite, attainable objective. Anyone who did have such objective would be certain sooner or later to enjoy his disapproval. This is so well known that his endorsement of either men or measures is neither expected nor desired.

It has been my privilege to advocate the Single Tax or essential land reform, in my own way, for a great many years, chiefly throughout the west. With this has come also the privilege of contacting most of the earnest thinkers and students of economics in this part of the world and I know that I have correctly indicated the prevailing thought relative to Mr. Haldeman-Julius.

He has contributed something to the mental activities of thousands by his publication during many years of rather sensational and unbalanced papers along with much good literature reprinted at starvation prices. It is rather a pity that these activities could not have been motivated by some well defined and fundamental purpose.

But why consider seriously, as a commentator on economics or as a critic of Henry George and the Single Tax economic philosophy, one who holds that under the Single Tax "J. P. Morgan and John D. Rockefeller, . . . , were not to be taxed," or that the Single Tax might perhaps and only "be made to fit into an exclusively agricultural economy?" The author of these scarcely brilliant guesses either lacks the essential element of integrity of purpose or does not understand the Single Tax at all. If from the pit of ignorance or whatever it may be, he wishes to snarl a few senseless snarls at the Single Tax and its growing army of advocates, why worry about it?

Tacoma, Wash.

ROBERT S. DOUBLEDAY.

THE END OF AN ERA

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

Needless to say LAND AND FREEDOM is always a welcome arrival and it is a constant source of pleasure to note the very high standard you so consistently maintain. Your "Comment and Reflection" is a feature which excites my admiration while your "Book Reviews" are always a joy to read—that of Prof. Tugwell's book was a gem.

In view of the gigantic experiments now being indulged in by President Roosevelt and the bewildering news we get through per cable and special articles, combined with the kaleidoscopic changes that are taking place, LAND AND FREEDOM is doubly welcome with its sound and sane comment which periodically enables us to get things into a proper focus.

What lessons the world is getting in the relentless working of Economic Law. What examples of misery resulting from the outrage of Economic Law. What a terrifying prospect the future holds with the world apparently bankrupt of reason and seemingly bent upon staging the Samson act on a universal scale. This is the end surely of an era, but what next? Is this world-wide defiance of the law going to result in the collapse of our present civilization or will the world realize in time the utter futility of ploughing the sands as it has been industriously doing for so long? Perhaps, before the expiration date of my subscription, we shall have an unmistakable answer.

Homebush, N. S. Wales.

S. V. LARKIN.

CALLS FOR A COMMITTEE OF STRATEGY

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

Two or three letters from different sources in your last issue are all relating to expediency or political action, which I think should be always carefully considered, because we don't know how soon we will reach the political stage:

(1) H. B. Loomis raises a question that we ordinarily consider heretical, but it keeps coming to the surface. He thinks we are going to approach Single Tax through the income tax; shall we entertain this proposition then by insisting on a distinction between earned and unearned incomes; i. e., that we tax only unearned incomes; thus making this more or less popular question grist to our mill.

(2) Can we not avail ourselves of the clamor for reducing taxation of real estate and annex the million who are agitating for this, in the meantime educating them in the two components of real estate, and the need for abolishing the tax on improvements and concentrating all on taxing the land.

(3) Can we not make capital of the socialists' denial of the profit system by agreeing with them and in due course win them over to our position that it is profit on land holding that must be abolished to the end that all other profits can be made secure; in other words unearned increment profits only, are immoral.

Regarding all the above can we not organize a committee of strategy to consider these heretical problems and get them working for us instead of against us.

East Orange, N. J.

CHAS. H. INGERSOLL.

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

We are sorry to learn of the death of Thomas H. Colegate of Georgia at the age of 70. For a number of years Single Tax letters have appeared from his pen in papers of his state and elsewhere. He also gave radio talks on our principles which were well received. He was born in England and fifty years ago came to this country, settling in Kansas. He leaves a widow, one son, Henry George Colegate, and two daughters. He was devoted to the cause which he served so long and faithfully.

WILLIAM H. MUNRO, of Schenectady, N. Y., a Single Taxer of long standing, sending in his subscription writes: "I often think of old times, and those who have passed on. There are so many of them. To the survivors, including yourself, the best of good wishes."

E. M. KIMBALL, of Portland, Ore., writes: "March-April number of LAND AND FREEDOM just received. You are doing a great job of it."

We regret to learn of the death of Katharine E. Bradley in an automobile accident on the Olean Highway, two miles from East Aurora. Mrs. Bradley has been a follower of Henry George for over fifty years and has attended a number of congresses of the Henry George Foundation. She was active in many movements but her first love was given to the great cause of industrial emancipation as expounded in "Progress and Poverty." She was a delver in old books treating of history and genealogy. She traced her ancestry through a number of lines of revolutionary forebears and back to Roger Williams. When past sixty she studied sociology under John Collier, Commissioner of Indian Affairs. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Florence Bradley of Olean, Mrs. Lunberg of Washington, D. C. and two grandsons.

O. E. TOEFFERT, of Cincinnati, has a letter on land value speculation in *Christian Science Monitor* which calls attention to the effects of public improvements in the enrichment of land owners.

We have frequently had occasion to refer to the excellent work being done in Australia by E. J. Craigie, M. P. We have now to wel-