

WE learn of the sudden death of Richard G. Riley, of Fall River, Mass., on September 23. Others who have recently passed away are Chas. S. Davis, of Washington, D. C., and Edward Hannitz, of Brooklyn, all of whom were Single Tax adherents and subscribers to this paper.

WALDO J. WERNICKE, of Los Angeles, writes: "Your steady and challenging editorial comments are to be noted for their continued excellence."

De Nieuwe Aarde (The New Earth) is the name of the new Single Tax paper of Holland. It is edited by Mr. L. A. B. Ulehake, at Gen. Vetterstra 32, Amsterdam. The first issue contains a Dutch translation of the Land Song and parts of W. R. Lester's pamphlet on Unemployment.

OUR old friend, Frank Chodorov, of Springfield, Mass., proprietor of a corporation manufacturing underwear has addressed a collection letter to his customers, in which he takes occasion to teach some straight economics.

"How speculation in land values affects prices of commodities and wages of labor can be readily reasoned out. The frozen 'assets' that have caused a number of banks to close up is another evidence of the effects of land speculation on industry.

When land values 'hit the bottom,' capital is released for industry, idle lands which were held for speculation are opened up for labor to go to work on, jobs become more plentiful, and business starts up again."

In the Springfield *Union* Mr. Chodorov has a letter on the Causes of Business Depression in which he borrows liberally from Henry George.

THE *Fiery Cross* is the organ of the Scottish societies in America published in Boston. In its January issue is an article entitled "Robert Burns, the Poet of Liberalism." The writer says: "In 'The Twa Dogs' Burns paints a picture of the luxurious, wasteful life of the land-owning gentry, and the hard grinding life of the cotter, which has so affected Scotland and her people, that in no country in the world has the philosophy of that great liberal, Henry George, received such a warm and universal welcome."

THE death of R. L. Outhwaite on Nov. 6 deprives the Commonwealth Land Party of England of its foremost figure. He had worked for many years for the taxation of land values and was elected member for Hanley on that issue. Later he embraced the doctrine of the Commonwealth Land party, the immediate collection in full of the economic rent and the abolition of all taxation. He was the first Honorary Secretary of the party and fought as earnestly for the new doctrine as he had for the land value tax policy. He was always a fighter and a tower of strength for any cause he espoused. He was instrumental in inducing that great statesman, Henry Campbell Bannerman, to adopt a liberal policy in England's treatment of the Boers, which remains a bright spot in her history. He had no faith in politicians and distrusted the Liberal and Labor parties as much as the Conservatives. He faced obloquy and abuse in his brave defiance of the Jingo in the Commons and refused to be carried away by the wave of war hysteria. He was a brave soul, a wonderful debater, a lover of liberty. From 1923 he had spent most of his time in retirement, but contributing every now and then articles to the *Commonweal* of London. These articles were as strong and uncompromising as had been his utterances in the Commons in the time of war delirium. He never sounded a retreat. The country which breeds such men is sound at the core.

CHESTER C. PLATT whose contribution on the Ingram Institute appears on another page, writes: "I believe the work done by Luke

North in 1916 and 1918 was an excellent fertilizer of California soil for the work of the Institute."

UNDER the heading "Squatter Invasion Balked," the Los Angeles *Times* gives an account of the attempt to secure entry on the Maribou Ranch near Santa Monica, California. The claim advanced is that portions of the ranch on which they wish to enter is part of the public domain, has never been surveyed, and therefore is open to them as claimants. A great array of mounted men and guards heavily armed oppose the men seeking entry. Among the sixty who advanced on the ranch are six majors in the World War and eight who were lieutenants. "My country tis of thee," and they believed they fought for it!

THE New York *Times* in a recent editorial says: "It will surprise nobody to learn that the new Eighth Avenue subway has already added millions to the value of land along its route and will add more when it is in actual operation. That has been the history of rapid transit construction throughout the city. Nor will there be any quarrel with the Committee's conclusion that the logical source of new revenue to finance the subway system is the specially benefitted land, the value of which is increased by such transit facilities." The progress of the *Times* is slow but it is very real.

THE election for a place in the Hall of Fame resulted in the election of four distinguished Americans, they having received a majority of the votes. Not over 20 of the 105 names submitted received a higher vote than that cast for Henry George. The next election is in 1935, when it seems likely that Henry George may be chosen for a place in this modern Pantheon.

WILLIAM MATTHEWS, of Spokane, Washington, writes: "Your editorials are very much to the point and masterful."

ARTHUR HENDERSON, British Foreign Minister, speaking at Bristol, where he opened the by-election campaign that is now taking place, assured his hearers that the coming Budget would contain provisions for the taxation of land values.

ALFRED N. CHANDLER, of Newark, N. J., has secured the publication in a number of papers in that state of abridged portions of the Causes of Business Depressions by Henry George.

THE columnist of the Hollywood *News*, California, Mr. Henry James, having referred to Mr. L. J. Quinby as "just another Single Taxer," received from Mr. Quinby a challenge to debate the question through the columns of that paper.

THE *Buffalo County Journal*, of Alma, Wisconsin, is running serially selections from Protection or Free Trade. Theodore Buehler, Jr., is editor and publisher of that paper.

A COLUMN article from the pen of Mr. W. R. Lester appears in the Mid Sussex (England) *Times* and is an admirable statement of what will follow the taxation of land values.

JULIUS ROSENWALD offers \$75,000 for a cure for unemployment. Mr. Rosenwald bears the reputation of being a good business man but there seems some mistake there. No good business man will pay \$75,000 for something he already possesses. If Mr. Rosenwald will look in his files for the year 1911 or 1912 he will find there a letter from Joseph Fels giving him the information he seeks. He need pay nothing for this tip. If he can not find the letter he will be told on request in substance what it said.