

good will among men. Take the rent of land for community purposes, and stop the legalized robbery of the community by the land speculators.

Observe the natural law which is the same as the word of God, and let each take his place at the banquet table the Creator has provided for all.—JOHN T. GIDDINGS.

Copies of this pamphlet may be obtained from the author, John T. Giddings, 50 Cole Street, East Providence, R. I., at five cents a copy, 25 copies for one dollar, or 100 copies for \$3.

A Fable with A Moral

THE family consisted of Father, Mother, and six boys, the oldest, 16 years, the youngest 10 years.

Parents decided to take a two-weeks vacation, therefore mother stocked the pantry with choice food that the boys favored. She was a good cook and an indulgent mother.

After the parents' departure, the two older boys took inventory of the wonderful culinary display and decided to lock the pantry and take charge of distribution. They reasoned that plain food would answer for the needs of the younger brothers, reserving the choice delicacies for themselves. They therefore apportioned sufficient to the others to avoid reprisals in the direction of a revolution, as the youngsters were strong enough to overpower the two racketeers; but they complacently submitted and the two monopolists ate so much rich food that they suffered in consequence.

Is it not true that these greedy lads emulated the reprehensible universal plan of their predecessors, who, in a big way, have robbed mother nature's pantry of the generous supply she provided for all her children, big and little?

Magnify the racket of those two hypothetical boys sufficiently and we can behold and determine the underlying cause of our present economic troubles. Greed and lack of conscience of the big boys on the one hand, and apathy and ignorance, and lack of courage on the part of the masses (the small boys). Let us cease permitting our thought to be falsely directed to excuses and palliatives and give some intelligent thinking to simple fundamentals that a child can comprehend.

Visualize Mother Nature's pantry, full to overflowing and her children lacking in food, and possibly we can determine a solution other than a resort to Soviet or Socialistic doctrines and remedies. Why not make a gesture in that direction, at least, as an intellectual pastime and prove to ourselves that we are not so dumb that we lack the knowledge as to the source of our material supply. It would be equally consistent to permit the monopoly by a few of the sunshine and fresh air as of the earth provided by the Creator, without the aid or suggestion on our part, and ostensibly for all mankind.—F. J. EDDY.

A TAX upon ground rents would not raise the rent of houses. It would fall altogether upon the owner of the ground-rent, who acts always as a monopolist and exacts the greatest rent which can be got for the use of the ground.—ADAM SMITH, "Wealth of Nations," 1776.

Work of The Manhattan Single Tax Club

THE club activities in July and August have been volunteer speaking engagements reported, the usual volume of correspondence and mailing of literature, assistance to Mr. Stanley in his outdoor meetings and the delivery of 95 broadcasts.

The club has been favored with many visits from Single Taxers including Bolton Smith, formerly of Memphis and now of this city; Dr. J. H. Dillard of Charlottesville, and Abe Waldauer of Memphis.

The Club assisted by John Lawrence Monroe to entertain Mr. Waldauer as the guest of honor at the National Arts Club as reported elsewhere.

Mr. Ingersoll's Radio Broadcasts have been numerous and interesting. The current schedule is below, from which it will be seen that the stations continue much the same. An important addition is WMCA which is one of the largest independent stations. WOV is also a large station.

RADIO SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

Monday. WLTH, Brooklyn, N. Y., 2:45 p. m. (1400 k.c.)

Tuesday. WILM, Wilmington, 2:30 p. m. WDAS, Philadelphia, 8:00 p. m., (4:00 p. m. Current Events).

Wednesday. WBNX, N. Y. City, 12:45 p. m., (1350 k.c.); WOV, N. Y. City, 4:15 p. m., (1130 k.c.).

Thursday. WLTH, Brooklyn, 9:45 a. m., (1400 k.c.); WWRL, Woodside, 10:45 p. m., (1500 k.c.).

Friday. WOV, N. Y. City, 11:30 a. m., (1130 k.c.); WMSG, N. Y. City, 3:15 p. m., (1350 k.c.).

Saturday. WHOM, N. Y. City, 11:45 a. m., (1450 k.c.), WMCA, N. Y. City, 4:00 p. m., (570 k.c.); WCDA, N. Y. City, 8:00 p. m., (1400 k.c.).

The totals for each station are as follows:

WILM, 9; WDAS, 9; WHOM, 10; WGCP, 8; WWRL, 18; WMCA, 8; WBNX, 8; WLTH, 9; WCDA, 9; WAAM, 1; WMSG, 6.

The grand total of broadcasts is 95, and the total to date this year is 293.

The new subjects are:

We Do Our Part. Can Radio Fans Understand Economics? Back to the Land. Socialization, but NOT Socialism! Can Wages Be Fixed by Law? How to Make Property Rights SACRED. The World Under New Ownership. Government Takes Over Business. If I Were Dictator. U. S. Running on Half Its Capital. Why Not TRY Democracy? Your Bad Bargain in Government.

Mr. Ingersoll is coming closer to the big current events in his talks, utilizing them to drive home the implications and philosophy of land value taxation. He is also studying closely the elements of attractiveness, entertainment and simplicity. His talk "Can Radio Fans Understand Economics?" is typical of this.

We have mimeographed now six talks and will continue to issue them every week or two. Copies or full sets are available free to club members; to others at five cents each.

We would like to arrange with some one in each city having a radio station to deliver these talks and will be glad to assist in securing the time, technique of delivery, etc.

Mr. Ingersoll is now trying out regular current events of varied subjects with several points in mind: (a) income; (b) possibly greater propaganda value; (c) acceptance by larger stations.

The following paragraphs taken from a number of his talks will give

you an idea of the way in which he gives a clear but not boring talk on the Single Tax.

Who Will Defend Capitalism?

And Capitalism includes that horrible thing the "profit motive" that has been made the special shame-spot of the Socialistic depreciation of Capitalism; that human beings should have such a degrading impulse as to make a profit! This has actually come to be the point of denunciation and of defence—or admission, by Capitalism—as an evil thing!

Let us see for a moment: It is necessary for people to live, it is desirable for them to live well, it is thought a good idea for them save, and to have facilities to work with, and to own property: and all this must be upset and reversed in order that theorists and sentimentalists, brain trusts,—that is Socialists—may replace our social order, with a new model! Because none of these things could be done without exercising the profit motive.

Can Radio Fans Understand Economics?

The Socialists say that men and machines make wealth and the machines being owned mostly by capitalists get away with most of the produce and leave the men to starve; so their very plausible and simple remedy is to take over the machines, and all capital, and run them by the government, for the profit of all.

But the democratic school of economists, statesmen, and philosophers, (of whom there are none among the Socialists), I have named, make a much stronger appeal to me than Karl Marx, the author of Socialism: and this is their statement of Fact and Theory:—Production—which we will call "making things"—is done by two main factors, land and labor—machines and capital are a subdivision of labor.

Buying Our Own Property.

Now, this foolish system, as I have said, could only be practiced by that wonderful animal called man and only by us through a degeneracy of our educational system and of our democracy as reflected in our government. In other words, not one of us, individually, using our native horse sense, in place of false ideas of economics that a poisoned educational system hands us we could not buy and pay for something we already owned: but its easy for us to do it collectively by tolerating an insane taxation system that accomplishes this thing that the simplest mind among us, wouldn't stand for.

Can Wages Be Fixed by Law?

This Iron Law of Wages is not so fearsome. It's simple (and it is at the same time essentially the law of rent): let's see how simple it can be put. Man must always use land, to which his labor is applied in making things for himself and other human beings. This makes land important and valuable. The value is expressed in land rent (economic rent) so when labor works, it must go to land and pay this rent, out of its produce or wages. So wages are what labor produces less the land rent.

So, the total land rent in the U. S. A., roundly thirteen and one-half billion dollars, reduces the total wages of labor and wages of capital (or interest) by that much; which is quite enough loss to business and the laboring masses to account for our slump with the millions of unemployed, and our pauperism.

Socialization But NOT Socialism!

Democracy and Individualism have taken over our existing public services and a control over the partial ones, as I have scheduled them. So these are in no sense tainted with Socialism—they are not even Socialistic. I want to dwell on this point because there's a lot of confusion in the average mind about it. We think everything governmental is Socialistic and so, we say, as long as we now have so much Socialism, why a little—or even a lot—more, won't hurt us, and this is a very big and very vital mistake.

We have socialized our highways, schools and mails, for example, voluntarily and naturally, without any help from Karl Marx, the author of Socialism, because we found it better and cheaper to operate these services publicly than privately. In fact, we were forced by

our modern conditions of living, especially in great cities, to socialize them.

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Eighty-Sixth Street, (Outdoor), July 14. This was to be an organization meeting and Mr. Stanley collected about 50 names and addresses of people ready to form a club. Mr. Ingersoll's talk was first explaining Single Tax and then briefly considering organization which, however, was not effected due to both their inexperience in such work on the sidewalks; but the event is very significant. There were 200 in this audience and as good an audience as can be averaged anywhere.

Burlington, N. J., Kiwanis Club, Aug. 8. At the Metropolitan Coffee Shop; 12:15; 60 present. Very fine crowd; all the leading men in town, including Mayor Holmes, J. R. Cheeseman, proprietor of *Enterprise*; Secretary Dunn and Mr. Ballinger of Ford Motor Co. Mr. Ingersoll was there early and made a number of acquaintances and got the statistics for the town which he used effectively in his talk which was entirely original and informal. Effective in getting complete interest and very fine quiz of three quarters of an hour after talk:

Arden, Delaware, Henry George Anniversary Meeting, Sept. 3, 3:30 p. m. Harry Hetzel, chairman, introduced him with a 15 minute talk. Mr. Ingersoll talked a half hour. Then Henry George 3d, gave a half hour on the moral side which was very fine. And then young Ross recited Chapter XIV of "Progress and Poverty" on Liberty and then two hours of scrapping in which Mr. Ingersoll answered a good many questions. About 100 present; many old timers.

On Sept. 27, he had an evening engagement in Wellesley to speak before the Kiwanis Club. Arranged by Mr. Wentworth.

A luncheon engagement in Providence before Rhode Island Life Underwriters. Arranged by Dr. F. Mason Padelford.

An evening meeting of the Fall River Real Estate Owners at 8:00 p. m. This was arranged by Mr. Thomas Ashton.

Attendance Prizes go to the Henry George School

THE first prize of \$10.00 for attendance at the Henry George Congress, (distance travelled) offered by Clayton J. Ewing, was won by the Massachusetts's delegation numbering seven who on their way home consulted together and resolved unanimously to give it to the Henry George School of Social Science at New York.

The Memphis delegation won second prize of \$5.00 and held a caucus to decide what to do with it. They also decided to give it to the Henry George School. This is an indication of the direction in which the followers of Henry George are looking for the fulfillment of their hopes.

"AN Ancient Remedy for Modern Depressions" is the title of a series of papers by Henry J. Foley running in *The Gaelic American* published in this city. They are admirably written and we shall give further description and extracts from these articles in Nov.-Dec. issue of LAND AND FREEDOM.

THOSE who make private property of the gift of God pretend in vain to be innocent. For in thus retaining the subsistence of the poor they are the murderers of those who die every day for want of it.

POPE GREGORY THE GREAT.