

time to catch a glimpse of the prophecy it contains, the vision of a world from which injustice, involuntary poverty and the fear of want will for the first time be banished. Your impression from the first reading will be of a diction so pure, a moral tone so lofty and a purpose so exalted as to make this volume stand among the literary treasures of the race.

You can read it a second time, more slowly, as a scientific treatise on economics. In this reading you can exercise all the analytical powers of the student. From this angle you will find in it reasoning so acute, analysis so searching and logic so convincing as to satisfy completely your every mental process.

As a friend I have tried to help you in divers ways and all the recompense I ask is that sometime you will read this book at least twice. In thus granting the request of a friend you will obtain for yourself a moral tonic which will keep you sweet under the most trying circumstances and an intellectual stimulus which will broaden your mental horizon through life.

The Mayoralty Campaign in Pittsburgh

THE recent election in Pittsburgh resulted in a victory for the Republican candidate with the Non-Partisan party in second place. The latter party is composed of the remnants of the large La Follette vote of a year ago.

The democratic candidate, Prof. Carman C. Johnson, waged the campaign against great odds. He alone among the candidates made his campaign along constructive lines, with the land value tax and proportional representation as the two chief planks in his municipal platform. None of the candidates opposed the graded tax plan.

In one of his speeches, Prof. Johnson spoke as follows:

"By the graded tax law now fully in force in this city, compelling land rather than improvements to carry the big end of the tax burden, we have a start toward full solution. But let us go further. Let us still lighten the burden upon the small property owner. Indeed we might go as far as New York city and exempt all new houses, or even all houses, up to a certain value, from taxation at all for a few years or forever.

Land should carry still more of the tax burden, especially large tracts of land held out of use or required for large estates in the city, or required for unusually profitable business sites. Yes, indeed; take society's own socially produced tax or rent resources right out of the ground here in this city of \$500,000,000 worth of land values, and the small home owner will pay his share of taxes on his small lot and at the same time the large home owner will pay his share of taxes on his larger lot or acreage, and the occupant of a very profitable business corner will pay his share of taxes on his very valuable land site. This is not my invention at all, but I believe in it; and it would get plenty of money for Pittsburgh's governmental needs."

Why They Want Everybody to Economize

"AS I understand it," said the man who was being urged to practise thrift, "your idea is that instead of buying a lot of things that I need I should put my money in the bank."

"That's it. If all you consumers will just cut down on your spending, and start savings accounts, the banks will soon have twice as much money on deposit."

"And what will the banks do with all these deposits?"

"Oh that's easy. They will lend them out to manufacturers, who need more capital to produce more things for the people to buy."

The Ohio State Conference

AS we go to press news reaches us that preparations have been completed for the Ohio State Conference of Single Taxers at Columbus, on December 8.

The object is to form a State organization of the Commonwealth Land Party, though many Single Taxers not members of the party are expected to attend. The putting of a state ticket in the field next year will come under consideration; also a petition for a constitutional amendment.

The excellent vote polled by the Commonwealth Land party at the last election is the stimulating factor. While our readers are aware of the vote cast for Virgil D. Allen for governor (11,776) they may not know of the excellent showing made by other candidates: Jaspar Shuman for Secretary of State, 10,604; W. O. Blase, for Lieut.-Governor, 11,906; Mary S. Fraser, for Attorney General, 12,340.

Two Commonwealth Land party men running without party designation as Judges of the Supreme Court polled a vote as follows: Frank R. Fields, 231,465; and William A. Teutch, 116,599.

These results with the victory in Youngstown have aroused in Ohio Single Taxers the feeling that the time may be ripe for party action throughout the state.

FRENCH syndicalists succeeded in getting a small increase in wages at one point on the coast for the fisher folk, who can hardly afford to eat fish, and the simple people cannot be blamed much if they have faith in the syndicalist orators, who tell them that the way to have plenty is to produce less.

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