

Important Announcement

UNDER Publisher's Notes in another column we print the announcement of the change in the ownership of the REVIEW, and on the back page will be found an advertisement of the Single Tax Publishing Company which takes over the publication.

This step is the outcome of the deliberations of a group of the REVIEW's friends as to the best method of increasing its circulation and widening its field of usefulness. It has seemed desirable to them that the editor of the REVIEW should be relieved of the financial responsibility and be free to devote all his time and energy to its editorial conduct.

It has seemed to us that this plan would bring about a fuller co-operation, and enlist a greater interest in and more active support of the REVIEW, and other publications which the Single Tax movement so urgently needs, and to place the publishing activities of the movement on a business basis.

The President of the Company is Charles H. Ingersoll. He needs no introduction to the Single Tax world. In this country and abroad his name is a household word. The Directors are all well and favorably known to Single Taxers throughout the nation.

The Treasurer is Mr. Oscar H. Geiger, a well known merchant of this city, who has been active in Single Tax work for many years, a most effective speaker at outdoor meetings, and who of late has been doing a unique work in conducting classes of young men in the study of economics and civics.

The following named will constitute an Advisory Editorial Board. Some are business men of wide experience, one is himself a publisher whose name is known in a million homes. All are men in whom the Single Taxers have confidence and they will not be allowed to remain as mere figureheads, but will be constantly solicited for their advice as occasion arises.

I will continue the editorship of the REVIEW under contract with the Company, and will have associated with me on a Publishing Committee which will likewise direct supervision over the various Company publications: Frank Chodorov, George R. Macey and Miss Charlotte Schetter. Mr. Chodorov is a college man with a wide business experience; George R. Macey was one of the first publishers of Henry George's works, and is a well known veteran in the movement; Miss Schetter is an artist and a woman of literary tastes, and is favorably known for her activities in the cause in this city.

The policy of the paper will be as heretofore, save that it will treat more fully and in greater detail public questions as they arise. It will be a faithful chronicler of events in connection with the movement, to which end it will systemize its correspondence in all parts of the world. It will feature such measures of tax reform or tax abolition as convey their economic lesson.

But it will insist upon the full gospel. It will emphasize

the Single Tax as the Great Restoration—as Henry George taught it.

With the awakening thought of the people on economic lines the REVIEW has a great mission. Its circulation and influence should be extended and increased.

A circulation of twenty thousand, to be secured by the establishment of REVIEW clubs throughout the country under arrangements now being made, seems well within the range of probability. To that end readers are urged to send in their subscriptions, the price of which will remain at One Dollar a year. With its appearance as a monthly the price must be raised to Two Dollars, and readers who send in their subscriptions now will be continued at the old rate until their subscriptions expire.

I urge for the REVIEW under its change of ownership the continued support of its friends everywhere, and pledge in so far as may lie in my power to improve its editorial standard and maintain its dignity and impressiveness.

JOSEPH DANA MILLER.

The Single Tax a Social Ideal

(Mr J. R. Herrman reasons with Mr. Smith on the Single Tax and gets him to the point where he admits that the Single Tax is a social ideal—with the hint that it is an unattainable one. From this point the argument proceeds.)

THE Single Tax is a social ideal: we have at last found common ground. But we have yet to learn whether the word ideal is in conflict with the word scientific. Surely, if science does anything it unveils truth. And what is an ideal but the naked truth? An ideal cannot even be partially clothed with error, or it would not be an ideal. Perhaps brother Smith's conception of the ideal is the spring-time of mating, a dream or vision—in other words, a not yet realized fact. He fails to see that all human progress, all invention, and all concept of justice, were first born in the soul of the dreamer. The Bible is full of it. A social ideal was what John saw on the isle of Patmos, "a city of God on earth with its walls of jasper and its gates of pearl." Poets and seers have phrased the highest exaltation of man in their lofty visions of social ideals. It is the goal of the human race. And will Mr. Smith contend that a perfect state of society is unscientific?

We maintain that there is no conflict between science and truth.

Mr. Smith asks for the third time how much taxes Meier and Frank will pay, or, rather, how much they would contribute to government; since Single Tax is not a tax. We will answer it by asking another. Can Mr. Smith, or the firm above referred to, tell from one hour to another how much taxes they will pay under our present plan of plunder? Does anyone, even government, State or city, officials, who are collecting taxes and enforcing laws, know anything about the individual's liability under the multitude of methods of confiscation we now invoke under the name of taxation? One department knows little about another and no one can possibly calculate taxes on profits and profits