

Standing timber on state owned land is paid for at its full stumpage value and minerals—iron, etc.,—yield a royalty equal to the full HERITAGE element in the value of the ore.

Of course this was not always the case. Much mineral and timber land was sold outright and vast fortunes were made out of the heritage values that should have been collected by the state, but that is no longer the case. The HERITAGE value belongs to the people now.

In addition to this Minnesota has passed statutes taxing royalties collected by private and corporate owners of ore lands. The legislature of 1921 also passed an act taxing the HERITAGE element in ore mined by private and corporate owners. These taxes are all strictly according to Single Tax principles and are collected at the time the ore is taken out. This act has been sustained by the U. S. Supreme Court in a unanimous opinion.

In addition to these special taxes these ore lands are taxed each year on their value as *ore lands*. From this it follows that the state treasury and the local communities obtain many millions a year out of these natural values. It also follows that ore lands are developed and used instead of being held idle, as is the case with much coal land.

Perhaps if your readers could study our situation here,—could learn what we are really doing—it might save a lot of theorizing.

St. Paul, Minn.

C. J. BUELL.

FOR INDEPENDENT PARTY ACTION

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

Permit me to say that A. H. Jenkins letter "Selling the Single Tax" appealed to me immensely. Don't knock others. Give no thought or time to those who oppose the Single Tax. Don't tell the world who are against us. Tell them of those who are for us. I noticed that Edward T. Weeks of Louisiana in 1904, advocated coming out boldly for a Single Tax Party. My husband and I, as well as hundreds of others too numerous to mention, in Colfax, Alexandria, and New Orleans, were active in the cause, and believed as Mr. Weeks did, in independent party action. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. We certainly would have been further along on the road to freedom and justice than we are now. Beside, look at the example set by our great leader Henry George. He ran for Mayor of New York City, principally to call the attention of the people to our cause. We have the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We have nothing to be ashamed of, and can advertise our intentions from the housetops. In the future we are determined to bear the name of "catterwauling Ghost dancers" no longer.

Our country is honeycombed with Single Taxers, thousands who have never expressed themselves. The great body of Christian Scientists, Socialists and The Salvation Army believe in the restitution of the land to the people. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose by independent party action.

Inwood, L. I.

JOSIE THORPE PRICE.

PROPAGANDA LITERATURE.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

The article by A. H. Jenkins on "Selling the Single Tax" interested me. Doubtless our methods of propaganda are sometimes crude and ineffective, and our pamphlets unattractive. I suggest that Mr. Jenkins, or some one in the Single Tax faith, who understands the art of "selling" an idea, prepare a pamphlet along advanced lines.

Some years ago the Fels Fund published a pamphlet giving the names and addresses of a large number of prominent citizens who are either out-and-out Single Taxers or friendly to our movement. It was impressive. I placed a number of copies where they would do good. Another such list would be helpful.

The Cleveland Single Tax Club depends for literature mainly upon "Squirrel Island" by A. Freeland, and Henry George's "Single Tax: What It Is and Why We Urge It." These pamphlets are neatly printed free of cost to the club. We have seen nothing better for general circulation; but are open to suggestions from experts in the publicity line. Cleveland, Ohio.

HOWARD M. HOLMES.

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

THE preparation of campaign material for the Congressional and Presidential fight of 1924 is announced from Republican headquarters. Quite a number of distinguished collaborators are named among those at work on this material among which is to be a pamphlet on taxation. A waiting world is on tip toe in anticipation of the wealth of enlightenment that is coming.

MR. ALVA SWEZEY has just been appointed by the Governor to the State Tax Commission of Kansas. Mr. Swezey is a Single Taxer. He and Mr. E. E. Soderstrom, of Wichita, Kansas, and the present Governor Davis were fellow students at the University of Kansas in the 80's and it was from young Swezey that Mr. Soderstrom caught the Single Tax infection. Later Mr. Swezey went to Harvard, from which institution he graduated.

THE death of William P. McLaughlin, veteran newspaper man, occurred last August. He was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and came to America at the age of seventeen. He set type for Henry George on the *Standard*. He conducted a sporting column in the *World* and the pen name adopted, "Wurra Wurra," became nationally known.

SAMUEL GOMPERS has just celebrated his birthday. We wish him many more birthdays, for surely it must be interesting to see how many years an old man can suppress beliefs he avowed in youth and which his friends say he still holds regarding the teachings of Henry George.

WE acknowledge the receipt from England of an excellent pamphlet on "The Industry of Agriculture," by Dr. S. V. Pearson, one of the publications of the Commonwealth League.

THE *Builder*, of Adelaide, So. Australia, for July contains an article by E. J. Craigie, secretary of the Land Values Rating Committee of Adelaide, on Land Values Assessment.

WE note from the *Fairhope Courier* that a recent visitor to Fairhope was C. J. Buell, of St. Paul. He lectured before the Fairhope Forum in August on "The Single Tax in Minnesota."

THE *New York Call*, formerly the Socialists organ of this city, has passed into the control of union labor and radical groups, and will be helped by contributions from the Garland Fund. Whether this is a loss or gain to the progressive movement remains to be seen.

THE numerous Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Ohio that invite Single Tax speakers pay their expenses, so we are informed by the Cleveland Club.

HON. JOHN O. ROGERS, City Tax Attorney of Knoxville, Tenn., has announced his candidacy for County Assessor. The election will take place in next August, but Mr. Rogers is already circulating a little pamphlet in which he takes his stand for exemptions of improvements and higher taxes on land values.

THE Ohio Retail Dealers Association has engaged a university professor to make a "tax survey." Howard M. Holmes, of Cleveland, wrote a letter to the Committee calling attention to the fact that taxes on the processes of production tend to reduce purchasing power and asking that they view the problem as a whole and not trust wholly to a college man's thinking, but do more thinking for themselves.

THE 84th anniversary of the birth of Henry George was celebrated at the home of Wm. Duvall at Auburn, Mass. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Underhill, J. H. Cooney, Oliver R. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Keller, George Hall, Nathan Rice, R. S. Scott, W. D. Kendall, E. B. Maynard, all of Worcester, Kenneth Maynard of Ster-