

dence of taxation can scarcely be ignored these days by any serious financial institution, and therefore we look forward with interest to the next report by the same important bank.

More Real Estate Verse Libre

VERSE libre is becoming greatly popular with the men who have lots for sale and use the advertising columns of the papers to announce the fact to prospective purchasers. The difference between the verse of these real estate men and that indulged in by the group of poets who are commanding public attention is the great lucidity of the former. They exhibit an exaltation and a spontaneity that the author of the Spoon River Anthology may sometimes lack. They possess a like faculty of particularization. The following dwells with a loving touch on "sewers, sidewalks, trees," and it tells how the builders will clamor for these sites in the Spring.

You can then "reap a big profit"—that is you can "hold up" the builders as Dick Turpin held up travellers on the highway, but not like that perfect gentleman and brave man. You can do the same thing; but under the law and more like a sneak thief than a gentleman of the road. You don't need a pistol but only "a little money." What if the builders "clamor"—(note the term). Dick's victims also clamored. But they were as helpless as the builders. 25,000 more homes are needed in the city of Cleveland. Buy sites; hold them against the demands of these people who need homes, of the builders who would build them and the men who would work for them.

In what follows is written all the social tragedy of our time; the misery, the heartaches, the poverty of a great city. Does the advice of the advertiser seem cold and callous? It is merely stupid and ignorant. Willing as he is to speculate in the bitter necessity of a people who to the extent that they are deprived of the use of land are the bond slaves of a few more fortunate than they, he probably does not suspect all that is involved in the economic lesson it contains.

But here is the choice morsel from the *Cleveland Press* of Jan. 14, bearing the authorship of S. H. Kleinman of the Kleinman Realty Company, located in the National City Building of Cleveland, where twenty-four thousand families want homes:

"Idle funds like idle people
Get nowhere.
Waiting for something
To turn up
Is poor business.
Your opportunity
Presents itself NOW
By taking advantage of
The need for 25,000 more homes
In Cleveland.
Where are they going to build them?
They must have land.

Right in the city
Only 4 miles from Square
We offer
At very low prices
Homesites
Ready for immediate building.
On easy terms
\$900 will buy
A valuable piece
For one or two-families.
Surrounded by
A district built up.
Price includes city water,
Sewers, sidewalks,
Trees, etc.
When Spring breaks
Builders will clamor
For these sites.
Those who own them
Will reap a big
Profit—quickly.
Only a little
Money is required.
Act at once."

The Freeman

FOLLOWING on the death of the *Public* it is a welcome bit of news that Mr. Francis Neilson and Mr. Albert J. Nock are to be the editors of a weekly paper to be launched by Mr. B. W. Huebsch of this city, March 15th.

The names of the editors of the new periodical give reason for confidence in the belief that the *Freeman* will be in reality a "Journal of democracy." In these days of sloppy socialistic journalism there is a real need of a weekly paper that shall voice the doctrine of true individualism. The names of Francis Neilson and Albert J. Nock are a sufficient guaranty that public questions will be discussed in the light of that philosophy. Both are Single Taxers. Mr. Nock is a versatile magazine writer, with an adaptable pen. Mr. Neilson is too well known to need an introduction to REVIEW readers, or to Single Taxers anywhere in the world. Orator, playwright, author, member of Parliament, his achievements have been notable. His latest work, "The Old Freedom," has been reviewed in these columns.

The *Freeman* will do what many of us looked to the *Public* to do. As stated in an announcement just received, "It will carefully follow developments in the industrial and commercial life of the United States, and will invariably discuss them from the viewpoint of fundamental economics."

Edited in this spirit, the success of the *Freeman* is assured.

AMONGST the many quack remedies for poverty, the most venerable and the most delusive is thrift.—J. M. DAVIDSON.

It is a question of what a man ought to have for his work, not what his necessities will compel him to take for it.

FRANCIS MINTON, M.A.