

## Single Taxers---But?

WE have them always with us, the people who say they are Single Taxers, but—

They have some good reason for not working, or voting when the occasion arises, for the Single Tax.

There is the man who will attend a gathering of those who, each in his own way, are doing something to advance the cause in which they believe, and announce that he accepts the teachings of Henry George. But—because the REVIEW once happened to speak disrespectfully of an Eminent Political Personage, he doesn't wish to aid in extending its circulation and influence.

Then there is the Stock Exchange "financier," who thinks he is a Single Taxer, but—believes in pussyfooting around the tax question, so as to dodge the important fact that the Single Tax would wipe out a very large percentage of the values represented by Wall street's bonds and stocks.

And the man who says that the Single Tax principle is all right, and some day—far off—it might be a good thing to adopt it, but—it would disturb vested interests and create a panic if put into effect now.

Not forgetting our old friend, the office-seeking politician. He is strong for the Single Tax, when he wants the support of Single Taxers in a political campaign, but—when he is elected nothing more is heard of him.

The list of "buts" is long. You all know them. Why they ever admit a sympathetic interest in the Single Tax is a mystery. If they really believe that taking the full rental value of land for public purposes is just; that it is practicable, and that it would abolish involuntary poverty and give labor and capital the entire value of their product, why this hesitation to work for its immediate adoption? Or is it that they are for the Single Tax, but, as is so often said concerning prohibition, "agin its enforcement?"

## The Futile Forty-eighters

THE handful of amiable doctrinaires calling itself "The Committee of Forty-eight," which thinks it is doing something to enlighten the American public on important economic issues, has decided to educate the voters upon the tax question. As the Committee is professedly a liberal or progressive organization it might be presumed to have some collective knowledge on the subject. Now will some little boy, or some little girl, tell what these forward-looking statesmen have decided to be the best form of taxation to investigate? Why, of course, our old friend, the sales tax, beloved of Jules Bache, Otto H. Kahn and the whole exploiting Wall street crew.

This is the "reform" in taxation that the four dozen futilities say "is proposed by many well informed thinkers." Right they are! It is favored by all the well informed tax-dodgers who want to put the burden of oppressive taxation on the backs of the consumers, by taxing once more the goods they buy. The nature of this precious scheme can readily be understood when it is seen that it proposes to

tax all the goods sold by merchants, but to exempt from taxation the stocks, bonds and other securities sold by the merchants of Wall street. To this plan for exempting wealth and privilege, and taxing consumption, the Forty-eighters lend the support of treating it seriously and promoting its discussion in the press!

The members of The Committee of Forty-eight know perfectly well that the only just system of taxation that will abolish special privilege, break up land and other monopolies, encourage industry and trade, and give to every worker the full value of his labor, is the Single Tax. Why do they not come out and say so? Why this skulking and dodging over the question?

They profess to be "leaders." Leaders of whom? Leaders where? No man or woman who wastes time in even considering such a transparent fraud and swindle as the sales tax, is worthy to be called a leader. What is their little game? Is it to be good Lord, good devil, so that they will not antagonize the powers of privilege? A fine bunch of brave leaders against entrenched monopoly they would be. "Educating the voters" on the tax question, indeed! They themselves are sorely in need of education, or of backbone that will enable them to proclaim the truth as they see it.

## Preaching International Peace and Justice

THE people who believe that world peace is to be secured through the entrance of the United States into the League of Nations have brought over as an advocate of that association Lord Robert Cecil, a British peer whose chief claim to eminence is the fact that he was the most bitter assailant of Lloyd George's futile attempt to levy a small tax on land values. It was this same Robert Cecil who, in and out of Parliament, has strenuously defended the iniquitous system under which the millions of English people have been robbed of their heritage for the benefit of a handful of great landlords. Descended from ancestors who managed in some way to get hold of great estates, he has been the leader of the privileged interests in fighting the one great reform that will establish industrial peace and justice.

And this is the man who has the audacity to lecture Americans upon their duty to become entangled in the crooked diplomacy of Europe. A man who has no justice in his heart, going abroad to tell how he and his fellows are going to dictate justice and harmony to the distressed and warring nations. The amazing egotism of one who is unable to establish peace and justice at home, asking Americans to join him in his precious scheme for "Anglo-Saxon" dominance of the world, is only possible to a British Tory.

THE world never will be wholly civilized. Some outlying portions have no natural resources worth seizing.

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