

The Philosophy of Freedom

An Open Forum for Single Taxers

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Editor Independent: Our late election in Ohio proves a condition of industrial slavery. The powers that be have for a generation taught the workingman that it is a prime object of government to furnish employment, and they who are creating the nation's wealth have never debated the question, "Why is it necessary that anybody needs to be furnished with employment?" There was nothing in the democratic platform that every American citizen could not freely endorse, and the campaign made by the opposition was that of a masterly evasion. But the ever ready argument or threat used during the last month, of mills and shops closing in the event of democratic success has not lost its power of persuasion. The producers of this country fear the loss of their job more than did the chattel slaves of the south, and a small coterie of trust magnates are in position to tie up the affairs of business on twenty-four hours' notice. Cleveland having been elected by a party that denounced protection as a fraud, there was a continuous panic during his term, and he seemed unable, if he were so disposed, to point a solution for unemployed labor. Shall we therefore consider that the party now in power has a monopoly of all the virtues and that production must cease with a change of public policy? Yet that is the claim in substance of those who have control. It looks like partisan rancor run to seed; the superstition of ages manifested in politics, to be reminded that we dare not challenge the existing order of things. It is itself a confession that state-craft has reached a very low ebb. "Let well enough alone" is the phrasing of a Captain Kidd, the shipwreck of such as George F. Baer, who claims an ownership of the earth by divine appointment.

And here is the crux of the whole matter: Whoever owns the land virtually owns the people who are on it. There is no escaping the fact that all labor is in its last analysis always land labor, and the first condition of equal rights is that there be equal terms of access. In the exclusive private ownership of the elements provided by nature, there is seen a wide distinction between those who have and those who need, and with the rise of population and improvement in the arts, the disparity increases because of enhanced land values. Even now nine-tenths of the whole people are landless, exist by sufferance and labor only by permission of those having the privilege and power of exclusion.

No political party is held directly responsible for this system. There never was a time when land values have not existed, but being due to the growth and industry of society as a whole, a large number in every party have arrived at the conclusion that this value belongs to the government. While as an issue, the single tax can-

not be intelligently broached during the heat of a campaign, a full and fair discussion will reveal it as a natural law by which the labor question and the problem of an equitable distribution may be solved.

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THE SINGLE TAX IN A NUTSHELL.

1. Land, the material universe, and environment of the animal man is, in the natural order of things, the common property of all men.

2. With the advent of civilization, arises the necessity for secure possession of land for the holder's exclusive use.

3. Since any parcel is as much the property of one man as of another, the holder should, to prevent injustice, pay his fellows a sum proportionate to the desirability of his holding.

4. The question now arises as to the method of distributing these payments or using them for the common benefit. This question is answered by the needs of government, which arise simultaneously with dawning civilization and the necessity for the exclusive possession of land.

5. Admitting that such payments should be used to defray governmental expenses, we have next to ascertain the amount the holder should pay, and whether he should defray all expenses or share the burden with the landless laborer.

6. The land having a value, attaching peculiarly to land, and not due to the improvements in or upon it, this value should be contributed to the common fund, since, as the people own the land jointly, any value attaching peculiarly to it is theirs. If after the payment of a sum equal in value to this annual "rent," there yet remain expenses to be defrayed, the landless man may be asked to give his fellows a portion of the results of his labor.

7. This payment by the landholder to his fellows for exclusive possession of the common property, i. e. the natural tax, now diverted into private pockets at the expense of labor and legitimate capital, to the emolument of huge "trusts" and unearned individual fortunes.

In short, this simple proposition, so simple that a child may see it and yet of the essence of justice, is the much-debated, often maligned "single tax."

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SPECIAL MARKET LETTER

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We quote choice corn-fed steers \$4.85 to \$5.00, fair to good short-fed \$4.25 to \$4.75. Western beef steers \$3 to \$4. Choice heavy feeders \$3.50 to \$3.70, medium \$3 to \$3.40. Common grades down to \$2.40. Yearling steers, choice, \$3.25 to \$3.75; others \$2.90 to \$3.25. Good fat cows and heifers \$2.40 to \$3. Stock heifers \$1.90 to \$2.50. Canners \$1 to \$2. Milkers and springers \$20 to \$25. Steer calves \$3 to \$4. Veal \$3.50 to \$4.50. Grass bulls \$1.50 to \$2.50.

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Lambs	\$4.50-4.75	\$3.90-4.00
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Wethers	3.25-3.50	3.10-3.20
Ewes	2.30-3.00	1.75-2.30

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PROF. J. H. AUSTIN
856 McVicker's Theatre Building, CHICAGO, ILL.

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ANDREW F. ROSENBERGER.
Calumet, Mich.

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