

Moines, nor was I concerned in it. To draw the inference from this letter that I exerted my influence for the convict's parole is entirely unwarranted, and I ask that you print this communication in correction. Yours very truly, VICTOR ROSEWATER, Managing Editor.

The Independent willingly publishes the above correspondence, but the Des Moines Capital has the following. How about that?

"I use the term 'fortune' advisedly. Tom Dennison is worth \$500,000 if he's worth a cent. He pays taxes on realty assessed at \$250,000, and he has thousands of fine diamonds. He kept a woman who died out in Denver a year ago who wore more jewelry than any society woman in Omaha and perhaps more than most of the '400' in New York. I have seen her with \$5,000 worth of stones on one hand. On

her neck were broaches and necklaces, sunbursts, etc., until you couldn't rest. I happen to know that the editor of one of the biggest dailies in Nebraska—undoubtedly the best known daily—owes him \$50,000 borrowed money. He has been able to buy what he couldn't command through his ability to manipulate the Third ward of Omaha. His support was equivalent to the election of any candidate. Mayor Moores, Chiefs White and Donahue, the board of police and fire commissioners—in fact, most of the city officials there and those of the county—are little better than his puppets. He can make and unmake them. It is little wonder that it took a year and required the action of the supreme court of Nebraska to compel the state, county and city officials to perform their sworn duty and close up Dennison's 'Diamond Pool Room'."

Mr. Stern's Summary.

States His Position and Challenges All Corners.

(Note: Mr. Stern offers \$5 to the single taxer who sets forth the fallacy, if any, in his position; which, in brief is that "Just human government must secure unto all citizens access upon a basis of equality to LAND, MONEY and TRANSPORTATION." An equal amount is offered to the socialist who will perform the same task.)

Communications must be kept within two columns of The Independent. Writers should keep in mind Mr. Stern's "trinity of fundamental economic factors" and attempt to show that he has included too much or too little in the category of things which government should, and individuals can not, regulate in such manner as to insure to all "access upon a basis of equality."

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Editor Independent: With beautiful terseness Christ, the teacher of divine truths, summed up the question of impartial government: "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust."

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Whatever the laws of nature will do for men or for men, conditions being complied with, they will do for any and for all mankind. This natural-divine principle of justice ultimates in securing unto all humans access to electrical energy. If by employing certain means any human being secures access to a certain quantity of electrical energy, nature will grant all other humans, who may comply with the same conditions, access to a similar amount of electrical energy.

Carefully distinguish between access upon a basis of equality and equality of division. You will then not only have grasped the equitable operation of the natural-divine principle of justice; but you can likewise apply it rationally to the practical domain of human government. No legislative or other human fiat can equalize the amount of wealth possessed by human beings, or the degrees of wisdom imparted to them through birth and subsequent culture and influences. The term "equal" employed in our declaration of independence, can not be construed as referring to equal division. There can be equality without equal division. Just human government must secure unto all citizens access upon a basis of equality to land, money and transportation; as on account of their nature and the provisions of our constitution, individuals can not create and regulate this trinity of fundamental economic factors.

In reality all hitherto warring economic reformers are brothers, seeking the application of justice to human affairs. The real-ultimate sought by single tax reformers is that all humans are entitled to access to mother earth upon a basis of equality, thus abolishing speculation in land. Transportation reformers demand that all should be enabled to secure access to means of transportation upon a basis of equality; no preferential rates or favored treatment. Money reformers in reality desire that the producers and owners of staple commodities should secure access to money upon basis of equality with those holding valid instruments calling for a fixed number of dollars; thus securing stability in the general price level and opening the door for the unlimited production of staple commodities, them other forms of created wealth of every character. Socialists foolishly clamor that our government must control commodity production, with all its complicated factors. They set forth no practical method for compensating present holders of property or for conducting industrial and agricultural industries under government control. They contend that the formation of plundering trusts is a purely natural process, ignoring the unquestioned fact that these iniquitous combines have invariably had their inception in and maintain their reign of plunder by means of unjust human legislation. We have never enjoyed the advantages of impartial land, monetary or transportation systems, economic factors which are universally admitted to be properly subject to equitable government control. Through just regulation of these economic factors, all mankind would speedily be enabled to secure access to all means of production upon a basis of equality, which would facilitate the equitable division of wealth produced amongst the mental and physical workers whose exertions have called it into economic being. Access upon a basis of equality to means of production is the true end hitherto sought by socialists in an utterly impracticable manner.

If the developments herein briefly outlined are impartially considered, the interesting fact is disclosed that

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heretofore the various camps of warring reformers have not been acquainted with the real ultimatum sought by their own movements. I contend that the few words "access upon a basis of equality," sum up the end sought by all economic reformers, and disclose the true economic function of human government. When this grand truth is received there will come generous rivalry as to who can devise the most moderate and constitutional legislation, which will rapidly accomplish the desired end by means of evolutionary provisions. Riveting attention upon the consideration of specific proposed laws, it will speedily be ascertained which plans secure general commendation. Voting for candidates pledged to enact specific legislation will practically inaugurate direct legislation, without necessitating constitutional amendment.

"It will afford me pleasure to compensate socialists and likewise single taxers who will essay the task of overthrowing the fundamentals herein set forth." The preceding quotation is from my original communication. "The fallacy of my position must be set forth, * * * and the award is

entirely in the hands of Charles Q. De France," who has kindly volunteered to serve.

It would be the quintessence of objectionable conceit for me to claim that my specific plans for applying the natural ultimatum of justice to human affairs should alone receive consideration. I will briefly outline a few plans and whilst soliciting relevant criticism from any source, I absolve contestants for the prizes offered from considering specific plans submitted, thereby enabling them to utilize two columns to effectually overthrow my fundamental position, unless that be founded upon invincible truth.

The first step to take in inaugurating direct government of, by and for the people should be the drafting up of a law that the supreme court must cease passing upon the constitutionality of acts of congress, unless they be questioned by the voters of a sovereign state of our Union. Within its appellate jurisdiction the function of the court would thus become the elucidation of laws passed by congress and signed by our president, or passed over his veto. Should legislation be enacted at any time which would tend