

**OBJECT OF SINGLE TAX**

The object of Single Tax is that the state should own the entire land of the country on the ground that it is the legitimate property of the whole community, that it ought never to have been alienated to private owners whose rights are usurped and must be brought to an end, either by compulsory methods or simple confiscation by the Single Tax process. Mr. George goes so far as to advocate the latter method, on the ground that private property in land is as immoral as slavery, and he extends his anathema not only to agricultural land but to building land in towns, and argues that even a free-hold on which the owner has built a house is as much a robber of the public domain as the largest estate of a Highland laird. He condemns not only the great estates of the aristocracy of the old world, but the small properties of the American homesteader and all of the French peasantry—even the poor widow with her two small lots. In his eyes the possession of any portion of the earth's surface by private owner is theft, and the stolen goods ought to be restored to the public that has been defrauded.

Under the present system and present land laws, land is property, and I hold that private property in land is consistent with and necessary to man in a state of civilization. Under our present system of exchange which is the product of civilization and the outgrowth of the division of labor, we have several classes of property. Land owners by individuals may be considered first, as it is upon land and land values, home values that all other industries rest. Cattle and other animals that are bought and sold on account of their usefulness for food or otherwise, may be classed as another kind of property. Stocks, bonds and obligations to pay may be classed as another kind. The products of the soil coupled with labor, form another class. Goods, wares and merchandise, manufactured articles of all kinds, whether manufactured by machinery or by hand constitute another class. Books containing the mental efforts and energy of individuals may be classed as another kind of property. All the property coming under the various classifications are essential to man in a state of society. One is exchangeable for another by and through the process of our system of exchange. If an individual desires a manufactured article of any description, he may sell the product of his labor, or may exchange an article of value that he has for money which is the blood of commerce, and with that money purchase any other

article he may desire that is obtainable. The various articles which may be considered the product of man are the result of the requirements of society. Consequently they are in demand. Therefore are exchangeable for other commodities that are in demand, according to the tastes and desires of the various individuals of society which are extremely numerous. When an article is no more desired by society, the manufacture of it ceases, and it is placed a more important article is manufactured. Thus the process of the growth and demand of the hundreds of thousands of various manufactured articles desired, and even necessary for man in a state of society. If a man owns cattle and is desirous of owning some other kind of property, he may sell his stock for money, and take the money and purchase other kinds of property which he desires. If he has land and wants to convert that land into money and with that money travel abroad, he can do so. Or if he has goods, wares and merchandise of any description that is desired by society, he can convert his goods, wares and merchandise into money, and with that money purchase land, automobiles, jewelry, or ships if he so desires. He will have no difficulty in finding those who have the articles he desires and who are willing and anxious to part with them for a certain stipulated value. If an individual has money, he will have no difficulty whatever in finding others who own land, to part with that land for a certain amount of his money. Hence it should be obvious to the reader that all kinds of property which are desired by society and which can be exchanged, one for another, should be treated alike in the eyes of the law. Any discrimination against one kind of property would have a tendency to injure that particular class. It would be perfectly natural for an individual to desire and hold that class of property that was favored by law. Mr. George reasoned this out. Therefore he schemed to discriminate against land, and by the process of this discrimination force land back into the hands of the government. It is a question for the people to determine whether or not society would be better off under a system of land tenure where the government would be the owner and the occupants the tenants; or whether it would be best for society to continue under the present system, allowing the individuals to have private property in land,—or to put it very plain, own the land for themselves and not for another. As long as we treat land as property, there should be no discrimination against it.

**GRESHAM**

Henry W. Little, a druggist of Portland, while waiting for a car to come to Gresham last Monday, dropped dead on the street. Mr. Little was expected to take a position with the Gresham Drug Co. during the absence of Mr. Patenaude in the East. Mr. Little leaves a wife and young daughter who are prosed with grief over his sudden death.

Albert Doane has finished his job of cement block making for James Pounder at Corbett and will now look after the same line of business at home.

Mrs. Ethel Miller left last week Wednesday night for Bandon, Coos county. She went by launch from Portland.

C. F. Cross of Boring was a business caller in Gresham Wednesday. He has started a restaurant and store near the depot at Boring.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McLain Tuesday afternoon. Light refreshments were served.

The Methodist Men's concert will be postponed on account of Elks' week, to Monday, July 15. It will be a great treat. Keep the date in mind.

Mrs. Crow entertained Mr. and Mrs. Cain and Miss May Gelbich of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Bates, Caroline Nelson and George Nelson of Gates, on Thursday, July 4th. Mrs. Cain is the daughter of Mrs. Crow and Miss May Gelbich is her niece. The party returned to Portland Thursday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Kenney entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson and Miss Blaisley of Portland on the 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stone, formerly of Gresham, came out from Portland yesterday for the celebration.

Mrs. H. S. Smith of Milwaukie, Ore., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. M. Weber.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gould entertained quite a family party yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ball were here, also Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pullen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Look and family of Montavilla.

Charlie Kane and family visited his mother Mrs. Clara Kane yesterday, and together they took in the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. W. Brown opened their new house in Zenith addition Thursday, July 4th, by entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Brook, their daughter Elsie, and son Alfred Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wells and daughter, Doris, of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneider, and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hamilton of Gresham. The party returned to their homes Thursday evening after a most enjoyable day.

Mrs. C. S. Smith has returned from Creswell, Ore., where she has been for the past two weeks visiting with her sister, Mrs. J. F. Dunlop. Mrs. Dunlop and little daughter, Idella, returned with her, and will remain with Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Goodrich for two or three weeks.

Harry Wood, who has opened a barber shop in the Junker building at Sandy, was home for the Fourth. He has bought a motor cycle of Fred Lantz with which he will travel back and forth.

H. Nelson spent the day Sunday with his family here. He is now located in Portland.

The regular meeting of Gresham Grange will be held Saturday night, July 13, at the Grange hall. All members are urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thompson of Metzger, Oregon, and Miss Hazel Hastings of Seattle, spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McLain parents of Mrs. Thompson.

The topics at the Methodist church Sunday will be, "Helps to a Broader Vision," and "The Great White Throne." You and all friends are invited to attend.

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At the meeting of the Queen Esther Circle to be held next Saturday evening at the home of Miss Gertrude Nelson. Mrs. Geo. F. Hopkins will talk on Queen Esther work throughout the conference, as reported to the district convention recently held in Salem.

There will be a meeting of the Fourth of July committees tonight in the town hall to hear reports and close up all business pertaining to the celebration.

A record breaking hill of potatoes was dug one day this week by Mrs. D. M. Cathey, when she went to her garden for the purpose of digging a mess for dinner and found, after counting them, that the hill contained 88 potatoes.

Dr. W. C. Belt has a brother, H. R. Belt, manager of the Merchants Bank at Regina, Sask., the scene of the recent tornado. He has not heard concerning their welfare since the storm.

**O. W. R. & N. TIME TABLE**

**EASTBOUND**

Leave Portland 7:50 a. m.—Arrive Fairview 8:25 a. m.; Troutdale, 8:30 a. m.

Lv. Portland 4:00 p. m.—Ar. Fairview 4:34 p. m.; Troutdale, 4:39. Lv. Portland 8:00 p. m.—Ar. Troutdale 8:45 p. m.

**WESTBOUND**

Lv. Troutdale 9:28 a. m.; leave Fairview 9:33 a. m.—Ar. Portland 10:15 a. m.

Lv. Troutdale 4:55 p. m.; leave Fairview 5:00 p. m.—Ar. Portland 5:45 p. m.

M. A. ROSS POST No. 41, G. A. R., and W. R. C. No. 8, meet third Saturday each month at Grange hall Gresham. Dinner to all who attend. Wm. Butler, commander. Mrs. May Emery, president. Mrs. Henry Kane, secretary.

Learn to look in the ads. for bargains.