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Before putting a factory on this site the "Fathers" must pay him the actual value of this land, plus all the speculative values he has added. Of course "quibus ergo" you say "quibus ergo" and therefore must tax the people in whose interests they wish the factory built, to pay for the privilege of putting a building on the lot the landlord never used and never intended to.

Had they must tax the citizens, the next question is, how to get the most feathers with the least amount of spunk? When this problem has to be solved, they find the easiest way out to tax the products of labor. The poor and industrious people, not having time to look deeply into this scientific piracy, think that taxation on goods must be borne by the manufacturer and dealer in such goods. The manufacturers and dealers in their turn know how to dodge their intended share.

We find ourselves paying nearly half of our support to the municipal, provincial and federal governments from taxation on the products of labor. This being the case, the workers should see how they stand in relation to it.

We will look at an example of \$100 taxation on a quantity of goods in the hands of the manufacturer. When called upon to pay this tax for the privilege of making up these goods, the manufacturer, to reimburse himself for this out-

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lay, and the interest on the money he has been called upon to invest (if money in his business is worth 5 per cent.), will hand over to the wholesaler an excess cost of \$105 on these goods. The wholesaler to make up this outlay on his part will hand this \$105 tax and interest on taxes, and \$5 interest on his outlay, or \$110 to the retailer. The retailer must reimburse himself, and adds this \$110 and interest, we will say another \$5, to the goods in the selling price at which the dealer buys them over the counter.

It would not be so bad were this the end of the trouble, but it is not. The raising of about half our revenue on the products of labor has made it easy for the landlords to monopolize and hold out of use vacant properties, and keep rents high on those which are built upon. Now, as the goods of all kinds have to come through a number of buildings, the factory, wholesale and retail stores, of course there is nothing for it but to also add the excessive rents on these several buildings to the cost of the goods which the manu-

factor, wholesaler, and retailer must do. Need we wonder when we tax the products of labor, and every stitch of goods we wear or consume represents taxes, in tender on taxes, and excessive rents that there should come periods where there are warehouses full of boots and clothing and the toiling masses shoeless and in rags. What is the remedy? One tax—a tax on the rental value of land. It will no shift. The land is out of doors, and does not require an army of detectives to locate it. What would be the effect? It would mean cheaper goods, reduced rents on higher wages. Secure some literate on the Single Tax and post yourself. You need conditions it will bring about and the Single Tax Association need your assistance to bring them about. Geo. Cartwright.

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"MAJORITY RULE"

Swift success has crowned the efforts of the Toronto Federation for majority rule, which was organized last fall to obtain the referendum and initiative in this city's government.

The successful organization of about thirty bodies, chiefly labor unions, was followed by some active committee work, which resulted in obtaining the support of Mayor Urquhart and seventeen aldermen to the principles that the Federation stood for. Before these principles could be given full effect, it was necessary that some legislation should be obtained; because there was no legal power to submit questions to a vote of the electors, except in the case of money bills, and in certain other specified cases. This power was asked for by the Toronto City Council, and was granted by the Legislature; but not only to the city of Toronto, but to "counties, townships, cities, towns and villages" generally; the sole restriction being that such votes of the people must be taken only at the time of the municipal elections.

The Mayor and aldermen are to be congratulated, both on the prompt decision of their election pledges and on the excellent piece of progressive legislation that they have been instrumental in obtaining. The Ontario Legislature deserves credit, also, for passing this valuable amendment to the Municipal Act.

The amendment does not of itself provide for the adoption of the people's veto by optional referendum and of the direct initiative by petition or selective referendum, but it removes all legal obstacles to this being done. A majority of the City Council is pledged to pass rules of procedure providing for the optional referendum and direct initiative. We doubtless soon take the necessary action.

It is interesting to note that the Province of British Columbia has given similar powers to municipalities. All J. Stuart Yates writes as follows: "Our city (Victoria) is governed under the provisions of what is called the Municipal Clauses Act, and we last year got an amendment to clause 50 of that act enabling us to pass by-law in relation to 'Obtaining the opinion of the electors of the municipality, at the time of holding the annual municipal elections, should the Council so desire, on any question affecting the general public welfare or any proposed innovation or alteration of any by-law or for obtaining the assent of the electors upon the voters' list for the year to any proposal by law (other than a by-law for raising money upon the credit of the municipality) and for legislating the mode of so obtaining the opinion or assent or vote of such municipal electors.'"

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Labor today is robbed; it is oppressed; it is deprived of its fair share of the blessings of civilization; it is compelled to bear the whole burden, not only of supporting itself, but of supporting the idle aristocracy and government besides.

Does the capitalist press call attention to this terrible injustice? Does the religious press do so? Not by any means. The most important facts are either suppressed or kept in the background. The most specious arguments are used for the maintenance of the present regime. The colleges and universities are bent on lives to get a living, and consequently they must set the tones of their teaching according to the taste of plutocracy. Besides this, the old political parties can both support the power of the plutocracy and the power of the laborer.

Labor, therefore, has a duty to perform for itself. They who would be free, themselves must strike the blow. The plutocratic press must be opposed by numerous subscriptions of the laboring classes for their support, and, consequently, labor is largely to blame for the discouragement these papers receive.

The Toiler was started for the purpose of advocating the rights of labor, and it has striven consistently to follow that course. It has kept before the public certain important subjects, on which the plutocratic press maintains an ominous silence. It has not failed to point out the sins of omission and commission of both political parties. The numerous readers of this organ have been kept informed on certain important facts which otherwise they could not have learned.

The contest is coming on apace. There are mighty victories to be won. Men must be saved from the thrall of their present unjust conditions. Those who have the power are striving with all their might to extend that power. The Merchants of the money, the extent of the all-grasping hands of the Rockefeller, the utilization of the judiciary, the increasing power of extortion of the franchise-grabbers—all these are withering their power and stretching out their tentacles like mighty octopuses, to extort from the industrious man the last drop that can be "rendered" from the products of his industry.

This battle can be won only by the education of the public. Plutocracy serves up every morning a mass of matter to keep the mind occupied on subjects of no great importance, while it maintains the most prudent silence

respecting the wrongs to which industry is subjected. It is the duty of every industrious man of every class to rise against this through his influence in favor of progress and freedom. To engage in this movement should arouse the highest ambition. If we support the papers which are the mere echoes of plutocracy, we are helping to forge more strong the chains which now keep industry in servitude, we are helping to keep unjust privilege in power. The duty, therefore, is plain: Support side papers which fight for the rights. Tell your neighbors about it; call the attention of the members of your union to the important facts it communicates and the principles it advocates. If you do this, you will be hastening the day when industry will enter into its own when it will no longer cower down before the oppression of unjust conditions, but will march with songs of triumph into possession of the promised land.

THE GAMEY-EPIISODE For some months the Gamey episode has occupied the front page of the newspapers and a great amount of time of the Legislature. The one thing about it of which we can be certain is that in this country we have the champion liar. We may also be very sure that some of the men who seek the honorable position of representatives of the people have no more honor than the men whom they condemn to jail.

We need not refer more words of the Gamey kind to arouse the public to that point at which they will make an effort to improve our method of legislation, so as to get rid of the temptations of the money men into methods of corruption. It is utterly vain to preach to men to be straight, and then place them in holes that are crooked.

claps on the back as quite commendable and highly respectable. (The first is covered with moral obliquity; the second is done by those who occupy the highest seats in the sanctuary.)

The gentlemen who thus waited on the Government were as follows: Messrs. F. H. Clergue, of St. Paul Ste. Marie, and Demond of Montreal, James Ross, of Montreal, president of the Dominion Coal Company and the Dominion Iron and Steel Company; Hon. Geo. A. Cox, Toronto, and some others. This reminds us of a nursery rhyme:

"Hark, hark, the dogs do bark, The beggars have come to town, Some with rags and some with bags, And some with silken gown. Here-we have a sight of millionaires asking the Government to help them to improve their fortunes. Their wives have the silken gown, and they want the tax to fall on those who are clothed in rags."

"THE LOVE OF JANET LEES." "There's nothing grand in cruelty, John Bull, when you're at home," said He'd rather see the birdies free Than in a cage confined.

"He'd rather see the comies fleet Play round the burrows bare, Than hear their piteous voices great In trap an' cruel snare."

"He'd rather see the bronies bare Scout o'er the glazing breeze, Than see the moorings crumblers tear Their piteous voices helpless pray."

"He'd rather see the parvies fit Across the stubble sward, Than see them roosting on the spit 'An' eat their flesh and bones."

"He'd rather stand aside the pool— And watch the fishes scum, Than drag them frae the waters cool 'Wi' bait o' writhing worm."

"For John, altho' he's strange an' hale, Is nae the moor for meat, An' yet in a Dumfriesshire vale There's nae man can him defeat."

"Ah! sersie me, 'tis a world o' pain, When harkid find sport an' fun, In standing o'er their victims slain, Hoot, mon, pit up the gun."

"Lady Florence Dixie. PUBLIC OWNERSHIP. To the Editor of The Toiler: It was with very great pleasure that I read in one of your evening papers that you had decided to make themselves felt at the ballot box. One of their planks should be public ownership of all monopolies of production, distribution and exchange.

June 26th, 1903. Paul Lincoln. CHEAP HOUSES. Editor The Toiler: The Cleveland Press, commenting on cheap dwellings in that city for the working people, suggests the building of flats in the industrial districts.

The phenomenon of several families congested into a dwelling intended for a single family, which was so commonly observed during the early and middle '90's, is again being repeated. One of the same. During every period of comparative prosperity, the price of land soars upward until rent absorbs an increasingly greater proportion of production. The present period, so-called "good times" is marked by high prices due to exactions of the trusts, which have been fostered by the Dingley Tariff Act.

The result is that any increase of wages for the workers is absorbed by the trusts. Among the workers the only gainers are those who have more regular employment. The man who had steady work during the "hard times," if the family to work is worse off to-day than during the panic. Congestion of families into two or three rooms is the result.

The principal cities of Great Britain have for several years been grappling with the same problem that now confronts Cleveland and other American cities. They have, in all probability, found the solution by the determination to place the burden of local taxation on land values, thus destroying the incentive to hold land idle that is sorely needed for dwelling sites. The result is that the Government, whereby the land-taxes reduced the Government's debt from 140 to 13, on this issue, showed what progress is being made in that country along this line of reform. The great panic is not far off. The signs for the willingness of the trusts to grant the Irish Land Purchase Act and also for Chamberlain's far-fetched "protection" policy.

The land will continue to raise and congestion in the suburbs by the landowner, who acts such a large proportion of production that capital, unless fortified by monopoly, will cease to be profitable. Capital will be driven to invest its money in land, but the price of land will rise, and, consequently, the price of living expenses and rents are higher. Strikes will be widespread—then '93 over again. The signs are unmistakable. The signs of it will be even more conspicuous, and rents will tumble to a point at which unprivileged capital can again operate. Landlord greed would destroy the goose that lays the golden eggs.

Albert Edward Freeland. Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., June 24, 1903. TAXES ON LABOR. The taxation question would be highly amusing if it were not so serious a matter.

We hear much of the great benefits to be derived by the working classes by the establishment of a new manufacturing plant in a community, and but little heed how industries are killed by taxation on products of labor. The Municipal Council will wax eloquent in their efforts to build up the industries of the town, and will make a special appropriation of the people's cash to pay some landowner to stand between them (His gifts to His people), for the privilege of putting a factory on the piece of ground he says he owns. Of course he has been standing around holding a vacant lot for years, or for ten years ago, in the hope that he might some day farm some tenants who might want to live on it. Ever since that time he has been standing around holding that vacant lot for years for fear it would get up on its hind legs and run away, while the working people centre toward it to work at other lines of manufacturing, have given him an opportunity

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