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THE SINGLE TAX AS A REMEDY FOR SOCIAL INJUSTICE

Why Industry is Depressed Land Monopoly the Great Burden on the Producer An Address by H. P. ...

One of the best presentations of the Single Tax... made in a speech by Mr. H. P. Ring at Houston, Texas...

The land question is simply a question as to how the uses of the bounty of nature shall be regulated and controlled...

MARXISM'S IMPROVEMENTS

in the arts and sciences the discoveries, inventions and labor saving machines which, within the past hundred years, have so immeasurably increased the productive powers of the human race...

Why should he not be four times as independent? Why should it not be four times as easy for him to take care of himself and support his family in comfort and decency?

But is this in fact the case? On the contrary, it is not just so hand for the poor man to make a living for himself as it ever was...

Now, where does this wealth, which we now produce so much more easily and in much vastly greater quantities than ever before, go?

WHO OWES IT?

Why is it that in this age of wealth-producing, labor-saving machinery, poverty as abject and hideous as ever before is seen in the history of our midst?

We read in the newspapers of a great boom in the vicinity of the great mines. We are excitedly told that the lands containing the coal beds and mineral deposits in northern Alabama have grown in value from a few million dollars to a billion dollars in the past six years...

DEMANDS OF FIFTY MILLIONS

for the mere right of access to these free gifts of nature, or in lieu of it the payment of three millions a year as tribute money, that being the interest of fifty millions at six per cent. There the coal beds and the mineral deposits untouched by man, fresh from the hands of the Creator, intended by him, if He is the just and benevolent being whom we have been taught to believe, to be used for the use and enjoyment of all His children...

DEMANDS A HARD BARGAIN

with labor. For this reason, and this alone, they can't take any more on equal value ground. Suppose labor demands and asks to equal... 'All right, 'I don't care for the outcome, but I'll give you the capital, 'All right, 'I don't care for the outcome, but I'll give you the labor starts out to go to work for himself, and what does he find? Here he is in a country empty of men and full of timber trees...

there would be ample room in the city for the comfortable housing of every human being in it. He finds abundant natural elements all over the country, and he has no outlet for his employment to support in abundance tens of millions of happy families...

WANTS A HARD BARGAIN

and orders him all the promises. He finds that all these unused natural opportunities are owned by individuals who claim as private property. He finds himself frustrated at every point...

With advancing population the greater becomes the demand for natural opportunities and the higher the prices which are paid for the privilege of using them...

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with a paper title in his hand turning off labor; and that forrestallier must always be before the land, and that the wheels of industry can begin to turn. Need we wonder that these wheels turn slowly, and that they are slow to get out of gear...

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