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EDITORIAL

A TOWN COUNCIL TICKET

Should the Town Improvement League nominate a ticket for the Town Council? The League unquestionably has every moral right to so involve itself in the forthcoming elections, if its members decide that such a course is advisable, and if a League ticket is nominated the people have the right to approve or disapprove of the League's action, by voting for or against its ticket.

There is some likelihood of some people losing sight of the principles underlying the nomination of a T. I. L. ticket, and a consequent danger of the feeling arising that they are called upon to vote for or against the Town Improvement League, instead of for or against the principles for which the League stands, and which are the event of its placing a ticket in the field, would be the cause of such action. There are people who approve of town betterment and enforcement of the Scott Act, who for various reasons are not identified with the Town Improvement League. It may be that citizens belonging to this class may offer themselves as candidates for the Town Council. Should they do so, the T. I. L. could hardly justify itself in asking the electors to vote for the men nominated by the League, and to vote against other capable, qualified and suitable men simply because they were not nominated by the League.

The Union Advocate does not presume to advise the Town Improvement League upon the question of what that organization should do in regard to the civic elections. We are thoroughly in sympathy with the general objects of the League, and in its declared purposes of laboring to improve social, moral and economic conditions in Newcastle, and strict enforcement of the laws tending to restrict and abolish the sale of alcoholic liquors, the League should have the earnest and active support of every man and woman in the town who is in accord with those purposes.

The T. I. L. is justified in concerning itself about the personnel of the next Town Council, and is to be commended for the interest it has shown in the matter. If it were necessary, in order to induce suitable candidates to offer themselves, for the T. I. L. to nominate a ticket the ticket should be nominated. But the Union Advocate is of the opinion that more than enough suitable candidates to fill up a ticket can be found, and under such circumstances it would seem that the T. I. L. could render a greater public service by making clear to the electors what the respective candidates stand for, then by placing a straight T. I. L. ticket in the field.

SINGLE TAX IN WESTERN CANADA

"The single tax idea, which swept over Western Canada, had the effect, which its friends predicted. It not only killed the boom in real estate, but strikes at private ownership in real estate and worked out in the direction of confiscation. The worst feature of the confiscation is that the lands will not be held by the municipalities but will be sold to those who are fortunate enough to be able to purchase them for the amount of the taxes. In the city of Edmonton alone there are no less than eight thousand lots of land advertised to meet unpaid taxes, varying from \$3 to \$4 on each lot. The tragedy of this lies in the fact that it is not the speculators in the land who are suffering, but the innocent people who bought the land."—Moncton Transcript.

This is a peculiar sample of logic. The Transcript tells us that the land tax in Western Canada "strikes at private ownership in real estate and worked out in the direction of confiscation" because land owners there, concluding that it is unprofitable to hold their lands, allowed the cities to take them for taxes due thereon. The land, by this process is released from private ownership, and becomes purely public property. But, the Transcript also tells us that "the lands will not be held by the municipalities but will be sold to those who are fortunate enough to be able to purchase them for the amount of the taxes." That means the lands go back to private ownership, does it not? The municipalities simply take the land from those who find it unprofitable to retain possession of it, and transfer it to others who presumably think it will be profitable to have possession of it. The principle of private ownership in land is not endangered in any sense, is this process; and can not be endangered unless the municipalities refuse to sell the land after it comes into their possession.

The Transcript might get a clearer conception of the question of the single tax, or land tax idea, and its relation to private ownership, if it recognized the fact that in this country there is no such thing as absolute private ownership of land or any other form of property. Primarily the state owns everything, and merely permits people to possess property within its borders, under certain conditions. People possess real estate only by permission of the state, one of the conditions of possession being that they pay taxes if required to do so by the state or any of its constituent parts, for certain purposes. Municipalities, with the state's authority, have power to collect taxes, by the seizure and sale of lands, if necessary.

Thus, by a brief review of the elementary principle of our political economy, we perceive that private ownership is not the bolt-hole and divine institution which it is sometimes assumed to be; and in thus understandingly considering the acts of the Western municipalities we find that they have in no manner struck a blow at the degree of private ownership which is permitted to exist under our political constitution. No, the simple truth concerning single tax in Western Canada is that it has done there just what it will do anywhere else; given possession of the land to those who can make the best-most profitable—use of it.

The Transcript's "tragedy" of the suffering of the AR AR AR AR suffering of "the innocent people who bought the land" is very much overwrought, as our contemporary will probably admit when it candidly answers the question: "Did the innocent people who bought the land, buy it to use, or did they buy it in the hope of selling it again at a profit? The obvious answer is that they bought it to sell again at a profit. They, therefore, were speculators, whose poor judgment does not entitle them to any more sympathy than gamblers in wheat or anything else may claim."

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SUNNY CORNER

Sunny Corner, April 3—Mrs James B Johnston spent Tuesday evening with Mrs Allen Tozer.
Miss Bernetta Hyland is home from Cascilla for a few weeks.
Miss E Gulliver spent Sunday in Redbank, the guest of Mrs James Harris.
Miss Marjorie Mathews was the guest of Miss Rose Tozer Saturday and Sunday.
Mr W A Matchett, Derby, was home here the latter part of the week.
Mr. George Leach intends moving to Nelson this week.
Everyone is taking a great interest in the concert in Redbank hall Tuesday night, April 10th.

PERSONALS

Mrs. John Russell is visiting relatives and friends in Fredericton.
Mr. Edward Dalton was among the visitors to Fredericton this week.
George Cassie of Dinglaxton is suffering from an attack of appendicitis.
Master Crumley Driscoll of Douglastown is laid up with rheumatic fever.
Mr. B. F. Maltby has returned from a business trip to St John, Moncton, Truro and Halifax.
Pte. Clinton Rae of the 236th Batt. who has been visiting his parents returned to Fredericton this morning.
Friends of Miss Annie Hartman will be pleased to learn that she is recovering from her recent illness.
Miss Gertrude Vickery returned to Lynn, Mass., on Monday, after spending the past few months at her home here.
Mrs. James Delano and Mrs. Harry Schunaker, who have been visiting their mother, Mrs Timothy Murphy, returned to their respective homes in Salem and Lynn, Mass., on Wednesday. Miss Louise Murphy accompanied them.
BYE ELECTIONS ON APRIL 25th
The Bye Elections, made necessary by the acceptance of Cabinet rank by members of the new government will be held on the 25th instant, in all cases but Gloucester, where the election will be on April 30th. Premier Foster will run in Victoria county, where Mr. Burgess will retire.
FREIGHTER SANK U-BOAT
A British freight steamer which arrived in St John on Tuesday encountered a German submarine on the trip over, and after a brief fight, sent the U-boat to the bottom with all her crew.
TURKS FALLING BACK IN PERSIA
Petrograd, April 4—The Turks are falling back before the Russians towards Kharankin on the Turko Persian border.
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