

have prophesied about George, but to make a satisfactory prophetic job of it, they couldn't give his real name nor announce his profession plainly, and though there is evidence that they had a Revelation, yet having had no Doctors of Divinity far enough advanced to make it plain to the lower classes; they *could not* have foretold the Single Tax. It is my firm belief that these poor lunatics just discovered it for themselves, as Newton discovered how to invent gravitation, by the merest accident. Does anyone think for a moment that Newton sat down just to watch an apple fall? Nothing of the sort. He had probably been investing in some wildcat railway or mining scheme and had heard something drop, when just then the apple fell. Newton, to forget his little set-back, began to trifle with the incident, and took to reasoning out why, instead of the apple falling and hitting the earth, the earth didn't rise up and hit the apple; by and bye he invented gravitation and holds the patent yet.

I sincerely trust at the same time, that no one will infer from what has been said, that Henry George got the ground work of the Single Tax from the Lunatics. How impossible this would be may be seen when we reflect that the Single Tax was formulated prior to these Lunar Discoveries, which are the only discoveries of the kind yet announced. Besides this, the mere suggestion is a gross libel on the great economist's ability. I believe him as capable of inventing a system of tax reform as any Lunatic that exists.

So they got rid of party. Not that the rulers were agreed as to how to conduct public business, but while they had their differences, these divergent views did not engage the attention of the working classes, for they had no say in the matter.

The expectations, however, of those who predicted a reign of plenty for the working classes when they had achieved that sought-for condition when they should have nothing to do but work, were not realized. Statesmen studied over it and were stunned by the discovery that while every burden of government was lifted from the shoulders of "labour," as they called it, they were still in straightened circumstances, while the wealth of the rest of the community

continued to increase. A few, who had the interest of their fellow lunatics at stake, and whose principal was securely invested, evolved the theory that the common use of certain extra curiously choice liquors, the effect of which was to render those partaking of them hilarious on ordinary occasions, and sometimes even boisterous, was the chief cause of destitution among the working classes. It is but fair to state that the unworking classes did not experience destitution as a result of a like indulgence. This theory became popular but was not given entire credence because some crank pointed out that as the workers made those curious liquors, there could be no ground for attributing destitution to their having either made or imbibed them, unless it could be shown that in so doing, sufficient time was not afforded them to make other commodities as well. This, however, was so far from true that there was ample time to make all sorts of things and leisure time to spare besides.

The Lunatics worried along after this for a long period of time with no abatement of the disparity between the working classes and the unworking classes, till recently a new era dawned in Luna. These Lunatics comprized in population and resources, a large proportion of the total inhabitants of the Moon, the others being poor in manufactures and with little taste for travel. The Lunatics were thus compelled to trade among themselves and did so without suspecting the logical result of such a condition of things. That they should be so short sighted, with all their boasted civilization—and in many matters they were really advanced—is evidence of their lack of the Christian principle that guides our statesmen and merchants. But a crisis came; the working people were reduced to great straits. Manufacturers piled up their goods, but were unable to sell them. In the face of waste and bad methods, the toilers in all classes could find time to make more goods than the public could buy. Factories were shut down; mines were closed, with thousands of tons of ore and coal piled about. One