

left not one jot of those iniquities that curse the land which the Lord thy God gaveth thee.—I. N. Albright.

**RACIAL HATE.**—Robert Morris, Mead and Shea were good people and the kind I praise, although one says Morris was a Jew and another says not. Hurrah for Morris, Shea and Mead, for all that.

Lafayette was a Frenchman. War at that time was a necessity, but now it is not.

When we quit condemning a whole race on account of greed and wrongdoings of some we will come to the right thing. I am not going to throw down a good Irishman, a good Jew, a good German, or any good man of any race and breed injustice in myself. I ain't any too good at that.—Frank Smith.

**SINGLE TAX AND ACHING TEETH.**—Perhaps it is because I do not understand sufficiently the two Georges (Henry George and Geo. Wells) that I have to make the following remarks about single tax. As I understand, single tax intends to raise all taxes from a single source, land, which should be taxed to the limit, so as to make private ownership in land impossible.

Although I do not own even a lot in a cemetery, yet those who do own real estate, seems to me, have as much right to their property as the right conceded to owners of other forms of wealth.

If you do not contest the right of an individual to own a million dollars or its equivalent in raw material, machinery and tools, if you concede to him the right to demand from laborers a price for the use of these things, which were originally produced by the laborers, then how can you contest his right to land for which he paid with money that, according to you, belonged to him.

You say that the land increases in value with the increase of population, and therefore the increased value of

land belongs to the people. But so does any other commodity rise in value with the increase of a popular demand for it. Then why not give to the people the surplus value of such commodity?

You will tell me that the land is a gift of God, and therefore it should belong to the people as a whole, whose interests are the interests of God, which is a beautiful idea. But so is the power of man to create wealth by labor also a gift of God. Why, then, not turn over all the wealth to the people in their unity, which is the embodiment of God on earth? Moreover, land is to a certain extent unclaimed property, for the people cannot claim ownership to an individual's land, since they have not created it by their labor, while the people can claim ownership to all other forms of wealth, since they alone have created it. By what line of reasoning, then, can you say that the public have a greater claim to the land than to the products of its own labor? Besides, the ultimate benefits of single tax are very doubtful.

It is reasonable to expect that an excessive tax on land will manipulate the real estate market so as to freeze out the small holders and play into the hands of the rich, who will be enabled to occupy the best land, for they will be the highest bidders of taxes and rents to the government.

The government, to avoid playing political favors, will be compelled to offer its land to the highest bidders, and the millionaires will gladly pay to the government the highest rents and taxes, for they will ultimately get back from the laboring people all they paid and good interest on their money, too, since you concede to a man the right to own millions of dollars, raw material, machinery and tools and to demand a good dividend from labor for the use of these things, which labor itself produced.

Who has suffered from toothache knows what sympathetic pain means.