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Tenth Anniversary Celebrated.

The tenth anniversary of the founding of Fairhope was celebrated at the hall on the evening of Monday, the second, and was in every way a most enjoyable occasion.

The audience gathered to the inspiring strains of music by the Fairhope Band.

The program was as follows:

Piano and Cornet Duo.....Mrs. Pilcher and Mr. Lockwood
Introductory Remarks..... Pres. F. L. Brown
Fairhope History.....E. B. Gaston
Piano Solo..... Mrs. Creswell
History of the "V. I. C."..... Mrs. M. H. Brown
Single Tax Song ..... Wm. Dealy
Address: "Ethical Side of the Single Tax"..... Rev. A. T. Clarke
The Single Tax ..... R. F. Powell
Music..... Mr. Lockwood and Mrs. Pilcher
Five Minute Talks from Representatives of Clubs:
W. C. T. U.....Mrs. Comings and Mrs. Leech
Woman's Suffrage.....Mrs. A. B. Hail
Henry George club.....Mrs. C. M. Gaston

Following the literary feast, a delightful social time was had, during which the band played and delicious fruit punch and cakes were served in abundance by the ladies.

There was much regret at the absence of Prof. Bellangee and of Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink, whose music has been an appreciated feature of several preceding annniversaries.

The ladies were well represented on the program, both in number and quality.

The musical numbers were of very high grade.

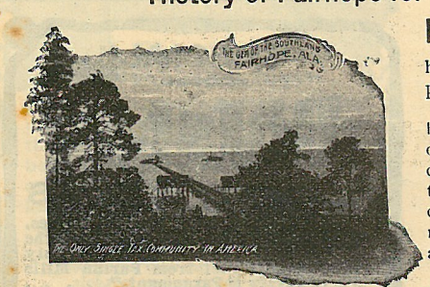
Mr. Powell's presentation of the single tax was clear, concise, convincing.

Mrs. Brown's review of the work of the Village Improvement Club. showed how deeply the community is indebted to it for many of its public conveniences.

Mr. Clark, in his address showed keen appreciation of the great ethical principle underlying the single tax and was inspiring and encouraging in high degree.

We have only space in this issue to reproduce of the addresses, Mr. Gaston's "History of 1904, ' which was as follows:

History of Fairhope for 1904.



MR. CHAIRMAN members of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, and friends:

I would be glad to be relieved of the duty of writing this annual chapter of Fairhope history, but, of course, I could not deny the committee of ladies who assigned it to me,

And I do believe that it is appropriate and well worth while, on these occasions, to have spread before us the results of our year's work. If it is a record of genuine progress—and Fairhope's yearly histories have never failed to be that—it is not only gratifying, but the best stimulus to future endeavor.

It is quite often true that those who are in and a part of a growth or movement, fail to appreciate what they are really doing, and that one who stands off far enough to get a general view, may be better qualified to judge of results. So if we can, in our mind's eye, stand off this evening and take a general view of our work of the year, we may well profit thereby.

In the way of public work the following are the most important items:

The building of the fine new school-house, now practically completed and in which the next term of school will be held. This is a thoroughly well constructed building, 24x74 feet, giving two splendidly lighted and ventilated rooms 24x32 feet each, with a ten foot hall through the center. It has been planned with a view to adding another room when needed, which is certain to be the case before another winter. For the school-house the community is greatly indebted to the good ladies of the Village Improvement Club, who have raised in various ways and applied toward its construction the sum of $231.04. The chief reliance, however, must be upon the Corporation, and this will be a use of the public revenue which will, no doubt, be satisfactory to almost everyone at least:

The securing of the new building at the shore end of the wharf, for waiting rooms for persons traveling by the steamers, with refreshment and family living rooms in connection. This was secured on most favorable terms to the corporation, through the public-spirited assistance of Mr. Powell of the Fairhope Improvement Co. It is admirably adapted for the purpose, and, under the arrangement with the Improvement Co., when paid for out of its rents, with a moderate rate of interest, will belong to the corporation:

The corporation telephone system with its automatic switchboard, giving excellent satisfaction. Though the users are as yet comparatively few, the way is open for others to avail themselves of it and many who do not have 'phones find it of great convenience to use those of others, especially to communicate with the wharf and the boat clerk:

A considerable sum was spent in repairing the wharf, especially the landing front, which was put in better shape than it had ever been before. The wharf is one of our good paying properties, but it is also an expensive property to keep in repair.

The bridge across the gully to the south tract was also thoroughly overhauled at considerable expense, new stringers being put in throughout, a new floor laid, and some of the piers, which had decayed, being either replaced or repaired:

A large amount of good work was done on the north tract; not apparent except to those who go that way, in clearing streets, and Fels Ave. in the south tract was opened up for a distance of a thousand feet.

In the way of private improvements I count twenty-five houses erected, counting only those in construction which are more than fifty per cent completed, and not counting those of Mr. Lieker, or Otto Went, or Mr. Comings' tent-house, the latter because it is only auxiliary to the main residence. In addition to these have been erected Mr. Berglin's new meat-market, Mr. Steenstra's tailor-shop. the new Hail drug-store and the before mentioned building at the wharf, and the school-house—making thirty new buildings in all.

The principal events in a business way have been the advent of the Fairhope Improvement Co., promoted by our good friend and fellow member, Mr. Powell, who has found gentlemen of means quick to recognize the advantages for the employment of genuine capital in building operations, where there was neither tribute to pay to land speculators, nor taxes to pay on improvements, and which is making a laudable effort to supply the great demand for neat and comfortable cottages for our summer and winter visitors:

The transfer of the Fairhope hotel property to the Messrs. Ross, of Philadelphia, men in every way, we believe, calculated to make a success of the business and single taxers without flaw. This does not mean the leaving of Mr. Watros, either, for in a letter received within a few days he says he expects to return soon and develop some business ideas he has in mind and that "nothing but living in Fairhope will satisfy yours truly:"

The installing of a fine brick and tile making machine by Mr. Frank L. Brown, and the successful burning of his first kiln of machine-made brick.

The steamer Fairhope has had a fine increase in business during the year and is now, we are glad to report, on a paying basis.

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Local and Personal

Messrs. Kalff and Braak, young men, friends of Mr. Van Bavel are visiting Fairhope and would like to locate here.

Residents on corporation land may now obtain from the Secretary coupon books entitling them to free passage over the wharf during 1905.

Adolph Berglin, our enterpriseing butcher has purchased the Massey-Steenstra gasoline engine, and is using it to grind sausage in his new grinder.

We are glad to note that the case of scarlet fever, reported in last issue, has been discharged cured, no new cases have occurred and the quarantine has been lifted.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jefferson have rerented the Brown cottage, which they occupied for several months and are living in their own little house on Section St.

The series of religious meetings conducted by Reverends Clarke and Freeman, announced in last issue, are continuing in the hall this week and will until further notice.

Mr. Brown, with the assistance of Mr. Wolcott has got his new brick plant into successful operation. The first kiln has been burned and turned out very satisfactorily.

Mr. H. Curtis has been in Fairhope this week looking over the ground with a view to locating. He is a photographer and we believe there is a good opening here in that line.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coleman kept open house at their fine new home, "Ingleside," adjoining the colony land, on Monday, Jan. 2, and their pleasant rooms were thronged all day.

Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb-Comings will meet all who are interested in forming classes in physical culture at the Hall on Monday, Jan. 9, at 4 P. M. Lessons given in elocution also, if desired.

Dr. E. C. Hoehne, of Milwaukee, Wisc., visited her friend, C. L. Coleman and family during the holidays. She was much pleased with Fairhope and regretted that she could not stay longer.

Friends Mr. and Mrs. Norton, of Daphne, were down for the anniversary celebration, never, we believe, having missed a like occasion. They were jointly guests of Mrs. Howland and the Fairhope House.

Mr. Himrod and family are at home in the first cottage completed by the Fairhope Improvement Company. It is a very attractive and comfortable cottage, a credit to the Company and an ornament to the town.

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Will Manteuffel and Miss Alice Gabel started the new year as husband and wife, the ceremony being performed on New Year's day, by Rev. A. E. Shupe. The COURIER wishes this young couple a Happy New Year and many of them.

Rev. Van den Bosch, who came from Indiana and purchased the Duintjer improvements in section fifteen, got homesick before he had fairly got settled on the place, and has gone back to Indiana with his family. The wife and daughter felt much benefitted in health by even their short stay here and regretted very much going back to the cold North.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Baldwin enjoyed a visit during the holidays from their son John, a yonng man. He used to "stick type" on the Coming Nation at Ruskin, and came in and helped the COURIER force out one day while here.

Christmas was appropriately celebrated at Fairhope. There were Christmas trees at the Christian Church on Friday evening and by the Congregationalists at the hall on Saturday evening with interesting and well-rendered programs.

J. H. Williams, of Iowa City, Ioa. brother of the Mesdames N. and A. H. Mershon and Littlefield, visited his numerous relatives here during the holidays. It was bis first visit here. He was much pleased and there is some prospect of his becoming a resident.

A very sad death was that of Mrs. Rae Grove Prather, which occured at the Grove home on Fish river on the last night of the year. The steamer Fairhope made an extra trip to Mobile on Sunday, after a casket. The funeral on the following day was attended by a great concourse.

Mr. M. E. Mogg, wife and three children, arrived on Thursday, the 29th. Mr. Mogg, who is just recovering from a severe illness, will remain for a few weeks and then go back to relieve his father, who is looking after business in his absence. His family will remain during the winter.

The Mershon kin to the number of 34 sat down to Christmas dinner together at the beautiful home of A. H. Mershon. The party comprised the families of N., A. H. and C. L Mershon, C. E. Littlefield, and E. B. Gaston; Mother Williams; and Mr. J. H. Williams of Iowa City, Ia.

Dr. R. A. Hail, of Fairhope was elected president of the Baldwin County Medical Society, at its annual meeting, held at the residence of Dr. Showalter, Point Clear, on the evening of the third. An interesting report of the meeting has been handed us but lack of space prevents its publication.

Mr. Wm. Weaver, was called north hastily by news of the critical illness of Mrs. Weaver, who had been north for several months, and a few days later word was received by the family here of her death, which occurred at Sulphur Springs, Iowa, on December, 26th.

A local union of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, was organized at Fairhope, on Tuesday evening, by Mr. D. B. Foster of Mobile, with a charter membership of twenty two Mr. M. V. Mathews was elected President and H. A. Trenholme, Secretary, other officers to be elected later.

Mr. Montague succeeded Mr. Ellsworth as engineer of the steamer Fairhope on the first of the year, and Tom Wilson Jr., succeeded his namesake Eugene Wilson, as fireman. Mr. Montague is highly reccommended as an engineer and a gentlemen. Mr. Wilson has served many months on the boat and is familiar with the duties of his position.

There has been no school this week. Prof. Dinkins was away taking an examination Monday and Tuesday and it was found necessary to take the remainder of the week to get the desks, blackboards, etc., in place. Teachers and scholars will find the change from the old crowded quarters to the spacious new rooms a most agreeable one.

An important business change occurring since last issue, was the transfer of the Fairhope Hotel property from Messrs. Watros and Bancroft to the Fairhope Improvement

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A series of revival meetings is being held in the Christian Church nightly this week, and will continue indefinitely, Rev. S. P. Spiegel State Evangelist for Alabama is conducting the meetings, assisted by the pastor Rev. A. E. Shupe, and Rev. G. W. Wood. Rev. Hill, of the First Church, of Mobile, is expected to assist also. Mr. Spiegel is a very interesting speaker and the meetings are being well attended and arousing much interest.

Forbes Bebolt, mate of the Fairhope, had a cold bath and narrowly escaped a worse fate on the evening of the 28th. The Fairhope had made a special trip to Mobile and on her return about 10 P. M. with a fierce northwest wind and a rough sea on, Forbes tried to jump from the boat on to the wharf with a line, and fell in. Fortunately Mr. Pilcher was close by and threw him a line at once, but it was some time before help enough was secured to get him aboard again. The same night the schooner Minneola, anchored off the wharf with a cargo of shingles, dragged her anchor and was with much difficulty kept from smashing into the wharf. She finally went aground between the bath-house and the shore, but got off without damage when the tide came in again.

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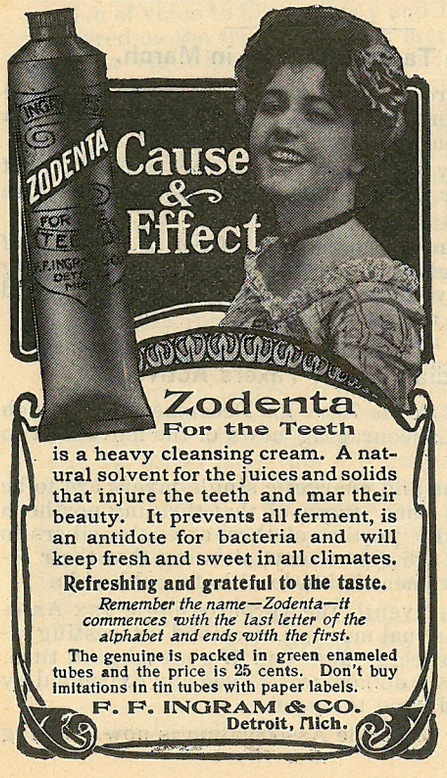
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I am pleased to note that you have decided to issue a weekly. The COURIER is one of the most interesting messengers that comes to my home. I wish you abundant success. Charles R. Eckert, Beaver, Pa.

"The booklet was perused with much pleasure. I am very much interested in your colony and will never feel satisfied until I have fully assured myself of the merits of your institution and made you a visit at least and perhaps become a permanent resident."
J. C. Porter, Buffalo, N. Y.

Jno. Harrington, Lawyer, Oshkosh sends a dollar for renewal of his subscription and says he regrets he cannot do more. He has arranged to have Herbert S. Bigelow speak in Oshkosh in February next and "believes it a single taxers' duty when he cannot do a great deal to do a little"—A most excellent sentiment which we commend to others. Fairhope would never have been, had its projectors waited until they could do a big thing.

Mr. Ned Daugherty and family arrived on last Sunday morning's steamer to make their home in Fairhope. Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty were here several months early in the year, and have ever since been anxious to get back. Mr. Daugherty, is a practical printer as well as an experienced newspaper man, and came to take hold of the weekly COURIER, as business manager. He fully shares the editor's enthusiasm for Fairhope, and will help to keep the COURIER up to the needs of our progressive and rapidly growing town.

A. G. Chapman, of Lincoln, Neb., writes: "We had two very enjoyable meetings with Professor Bellangee. I have no way of guessing the financial success of his efforts, but he certainly did open the eyes of some of our neighbors to the workings of the theory. Now that he is gone, we are looking forward to a time when you will make a similar trip to Lincoln. One result of his tour will doubtless be an increased number of visitors from the North. The single tax conference will show the effect of his advertising."

The children of George Boeck, single taxer, of Neb., lately deceased, have issued a very beautifully printed little pamphlet in memory of their father, telling in brief the story of his life, and closing with the address at his grave by Mr. J. J. Points. George Boeck was but one of the thousands of sturdy German immigrants who by tireless industry and frugality have achieved material success in this land of ours but devotion to an ideal of justice and brotherhood lifted him above the common plane of men who live and die thinking only of themselves, and to a place of deserved honor among those who loved their fellow men. The tribute of Mr. Points is in every way fitting the character of the subject and the cause he loved so well.

Rent Appraisement Objected To.

The meeting of the Council with those who had complaints to make against their rental appraisement on the evening of Dec. 29th proved to be the best attended and most interesting meeting of the kind in the Colony's history.

The "standing room only" sign was out early.

On account of the space given to the report of the anniversary we are unable to report the meeting as fully as we would wish. It afforded opportunity for the display of a large amount of ignorance of the principle upon which rentals are based, upon the part of some and for a most clear and forcible presentation of the same by members of the corporation. There were also, however, among those who fully conceded the principle, a considerable number who thought the Council had erred in its judgment.

By virtue of a petition filed and notice thereof given before the meeting, a vote of the members was taken upon the proposition "shall the rentals for 1905 remain as proposed by the Executive Council?" and the Council was not sustained by the close vote of 14 for, to 15 against. A motion made by the writer then prevailed that a committee, which had been previously selected to revise the appraisement by those who objected to the Council's valuations, should be asked to complete its appraisement and then meet and compare facts and figures with the Council after which the matter should be again referred to vote of the members with whom the final decision will and should rest. This we are sure will be quite satisfactory to the Council whose members fully appreciate the fact that they are the servants of the people and will be glad to have their principal assume responsibility.

The matter is in a fair way of early and satisfactory settlement.

Single Tax Conference in March.

We were in error in stating that Mardi Gras and the Single Tax Conference would be in February for Mardi Gras does not come this year until the sixth of March.

This suits very much better, as we are much surer of pleasant weather at that date, frost being very rare here after March first.

Word has already been received from a number of well known single taxers that they count on being present. Make your arrangements to be with us and notify us as soon as possible.

Canadian Single Taxers Active.

The *Canadian Single Taxer* for December gives much interesting and encouraging news of the movement in Canada.

No more zealous and energetic single-taxers are to be found anywhere than those of that thriving northern city—and a goodly portion of them are subscribers to the COURIER we are glad to say, showing that their interest in the movement is not local but world-wide.

On November eleventh the Toronto Single Tax Association held its annual meeting, received interesting reports, elected officers, and had a general good time. Seventeen hundred dollars was raised and expended by the Association during the year.

The particular work the Assoociation is now pushing

is that of securing an exemption from taxation of $700 on the value of houses. Their petition to this effect to the City Council was unanimously reported back by the committee to which it was referred, with recommendation that it be referred to the people.

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, exempts improvements from taxation.

Single-taxers of Montreal, Canada, have changed the name of their organization to "The Montreal League for Taxation of Land Values." While there has ever been a feeling among single-taxers themselves, that the term single tax did not fairly fit their movement, we question if a better one will be found. The name chosen by the Montreal brethren certainly is not complete. It should have the word "only" added to it, to make it express the full idea.

The Reduction to Iniquity.

Let the Duke * * * wander for a while through the streets tenanted by working people, and note the stunted forms, the pinched features. * * * And if he go to that good charity (but, alas, how futile is charity without justice!) where little children are kept while their mothers are at work and children are fed who would otherwise go hungry, he may see infants whose limbs are shrunken from want of nourishment. Perhaps they may tell him, as they told me, of that little girl, barefooted, ragged and hungry, who when they gave her bread, raised her eyes and clasped her hands, and thanked our Father in heaven for his bounty to her. They who told me that never dreamed, I think, of its terrible meaning. But I ask the Duke, * * * did that little child, thankful for that poor dole, get what our Father provided for her? Is he so niggard? If not, what is it, who is it, that stands between such children and our Father's bounty? If it be an institution, is it not our duty to God and to our neighbor to rest not till we destroy it? If it be a man, were it not better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were cast into the depths of the sea?

—Henry George, in Property in Land (1884).

Just before he started for Fairhope, Mr. Powell visited the Atlantic coast resorts from New York to Cape May, with the especial purpose of gathering information of value to his company and Fairhope. One idea gathered on the trip was that of laying out streets running at right angles to the water front, and widening toward the front so as to give a good view of the bay from the lot fronts a long distance back. The Council had recently replatted the beautiful north front tract, rectifying before it was too late, the serious mistake made south of "Stack's gully", where the main streets were laid off parallelling the bay, with the result that a very desirable tier of bay-front lots had been secured, but the lots on the rear streets were practically ruined by facing the barns on the lots in front. Acting on Mr. Powell's suggestion, the new main streets, running at right angles (practically) to the bay, have been widened toward the bay, at an angle of six feet to every sixty-six-foot lot front. Thus, the street between the Getty and Captain Lawrence properties with a width of 66 feet at Summit street, widens to 132ft. at its west end. With 10ft. for sidewalk and parkway, and 20ft. for roadway, on either side, this will leave a park in the center 72ft. wide at the west and narrowing down to 6ft at Summit street. No trees which would interfere with the view, would be set out in this park, but it would be set to Bermuda grass; and some sweet day, when the hog nuisance was abated, low-growing ornamental shrubbery might be planted in it.

All About Fairhope.

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Barring some extraordinary and now unforeseen hindrance she will return a considerable sum to Boat Certificate holders during the coming year and a small dividend will probably be declared soon. Changes made in the upper works have greatly improved the appearance and comfort of the boat and are greatly appreciated by the patrons. The direct service has proven a winner and its importance in the upbuilding of Fairhope can hardly be overestimated. We cannot miss the opportunity to say that while public operation of steamboat service is no part of the single tax doctrine, it is only because Fairhope is a single tax colony, securing to all its citizens an equal share in all its benefits, that the securing of this superior service was made possible. It would be easy to demonstrate that for a number who have complained of the rental value of their holdings as appraised by the Council, the saving in time and fare on their steamboat travel alone, would much more than equal all their rent.

An event of sufficient importance to amply deserve mention, was the issuance of the Fairhope booklet, presenting in attractive form the plans and condition of the Colony, which was issued from the COURIER office, without expense to the Corporation, and for which the office has received many compliments.

Very important action was taken by the Colony in effecting a virtual reorganization by organizing the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, under the new law passed in our behalf by the last legislature and transferring the property of the Fairhope Industrial Association to it, which was done by unanimous vote of the members.

The Fairhope policy has from the beginning been the most liberal of which we have ever known, for the members who have paid in their fees for the purpose of securing land, have offered it to any who wished, without the payment of any initial or contingent fee and subject only to an annual rental which it is guaranteed shall not exceed that of a member for land equally desirable, and all of which is guaranteed by the lease contract to be expended for the benefit of the lessees, whether members or not. But the Corporation on its own volition and by initiative of its Executive Council, decided only last week to go beyond even this liberality and admit the non-member lessees to equal participation with the members in determining for what the revenue should be expended. In furtherance of this new policy, announcement will soon be made of a date when the officers of the Corporation will submit an estimate of the revenue available for expenditure during a given period, with such suggestions as to its application as they see fit, and the same will be left to vote of the leaseholders. The Executive Council has also within the last few weeks decided on its own initiative, to make foot passage over the wharf, free to persons residing on Corporation land and under their direction the Secretary has prepared coupon books entitling the holders, while residing on corporation land to free passage, the wharfinger or boat clerk detatching a coupon with each passage and reporting the same with his cash collections. It is presumed that this will amount to a direct saving to residents of at least $250 during this year and probably considerable more.

Time was when I could on a few moments reflection tell who had come and gone during the year, but I would hate to undertake it now. I do not now recall but three families who were with us and counted as residents at the beginning of the year, who have left during the year. The net increase in population may be quite fairly judged we should say, by the increase in dwellings of over a third, and there are not enough to supply the demand.

There have been four weddings eight births and four deaths; two of the latter among our membesrhip, Mrs. Creswell and Mrs. Sykes. They as well as Mr. Manteuffel and Mr. Webster, were well advanced in years.

It is not my custom on these occasions to give a fully itemized report of receipts and disbursements. That will appear in the shape of the Treasurer's report, which will be presented at the annual meeting next month, and later published in the COURIER, as in previous years. But I will give a few of the larger items. The receipts from land rentals were $1514.89 as against $928.46 for 1903, a gain of 38 7 per cent and the wharf receipts (less wharfinger's compensation,) $1237. 06, as against $990.35 the preceding year, a gain of almost exactly 25 per cent. $508.80 was received on account of memberships and donations to the land fund, which does not include any of Professor Bellangee's collections on his present trip, which have not yet been reported. The principal items of disbursements were: Roads, $433.21. Wharf repairs and betterments, $581.95. School purposes, $552.88 of which $263.14 has been paid to date on the new school-building. Land, including settlement of the Geo. H. Hoyle claim on 200 acres in this section, $592.28. Taxes, $411.40. Telephone system $557.

If from the amount of land rents is deducted the amount paid for taxes and from wharfage the amount spent upon the wharf, (part of which, however, was in the nature of permanent improvements) there

remains from these two sources the sum of $1758.60 available and expended for the local public benefit, whereas, as we have before shown, not another town in Baldwin county had, during the year, one cent of local revenue.

Moreover, this revenue has been raised in such a way, that, unlike the collection of taxes in other towns, it has not tended to burden and discourage enterprise and laudable activity, but exactly the contrary. Instead of encouraging people to hold land out of use by making it more profitable to do so than to improve it, which is the general rule, our policy benefits our citizens just as they make use of their holdings, which is not only to their own legitimate benefit, but to that of all their neighbors as well.

There are still some among us who fail to appreciate this policy and who seriously argue that if we would drop the single tax we would get along better; but they are at the same time by their own presence here helping to demonstrate the virtue of our policy.

When they find it to their own interest to go elsewhere, or when some of our ancient neighbor towns along the shore, which do not suffer our blighting policy, can be galvanized into anything like as great activity, we may be more inclined to listen to them.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

December 23, 1904. * * * Dear Carrie:—Your letter lamenting your lost home on Pelee Island, came duly. But for the fact that "home is where the heart is," and that the heart goes out naturally to any place we toil over and struggle to improve, one might wonder that any mortal could sigh for Pelee Island. Let me wish you every pleasure and satisfaction with your coming European trip. Do not leave England without learning all you can about the Garden City movement. It is, I think you know, a grand scheme to better the lives of the denizens of city slums, by attracting them to remunerative work and real homes in garden cities. Many of the movers in this significant reform are single taxers, and we are naturally interested. I send you "A Factory in a Garden," and some other literature for you to read on your voyage. You will take along also, I trust, our Fairhope booklet, and, as you will not want to eat all the time, as too many ocean "trippers" do, you can easily become interested in two great "social solutions." By all means see the philanthropist, Ebenezer Howard, author of "The Garden Cities of To-morrow." An old friend of mine Mr. E. A. Phipson, 151 Strand, W. C. will be glad to give you all the information you may need in order to become acquainted with the Garden City movement.

* * * Recently I was invited by a member of our School Garden committee to visit our new school-house. It is a nice model, is well built and should serve well our growing school for a few years, when we hope to have fully established and famous all over Alabama, an excellent, partly self-supporting at least, industrial graded school. The ground is already broken; the people having decided to commence with a school garden. I need not tell you, Adelaide, a trained, experienced kindergartner, how pleased I am with this movement. In the large quadrangle (1050ft. x 176)there is room enough for the present, at least; and if we can only secure a wise director of the garden operations, which means not only the power to give right instruction, but to stimulate and sustain the interest of the little workers, we must succeed in this important work. We shall have the able assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Comings who have come to stay, having bought the Sykes cottage which they are adding to and variously improving. They are both experienced instructors and especially devoted to the cause of industrial education; moreover they are agreeable and charming people. Then we have on the committee Mr. Powell and Dr. Borst: Mrs Comings and Mrs Bell are members also, and my name is also there and Mr. Freeman will direct the garden operations.

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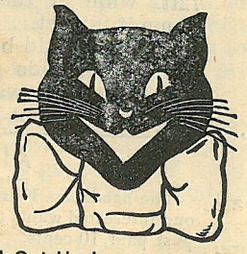
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tle for them, they so much for me. If I could only write letters to them I should feel easier in my conscience, but that is not possible any more except in a sort of scrappy, post-cardy way.

Last Friday there was a musical and literary entertainment in the church for the benefit of the new school. It was one of the best ever gotten up in Fairhope. It opened with a cornet and piano duet by Mr. Lockwood and Mrs. Pilcher. Good, of course. That goes without saying; then a quite able recitation by Miss Ivy Powell, charming daughter of our Mr. Powell. The next was a Gallop Brilliant by the Misses Vera Mershon and Hazel Pilcher, a piano duet. Miss Hilda Baldwin followed with a song. Her voice is sweet and sympathetic, and indicated great promise. I earnestly hope her father will be able to give her every opportunity for its wisest development. It is one of those voices which make you wish to stifle the accompaniment. Then came the Witches Flight, a difficult piano duet with many syncopations, or "cross time" effects. This was most creditably done by Misses Ola Powell and Frances Gaston. "The happy Pair" followed, a brilliant dramatic piece by our real actors, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, it is rare that one sees more spirited, or better comic acting on any stage than that of Mr. Thomas. Mrs. Thomas has a commanding presence and an excellent style, while her voice is one of the best; clear, sweet, and of great "carrying" power. The Van Bavel brothers gave us a spirited song: "The Boer Republic" which was so well done that we regretted that it was in a foreign tongue. These gentlemen, you know, are two of our "Holland Contingent." They were accompanied on the flute by Mr. Kalff a visiting friend. Following this was a second cornet and piano duet by Mrs. Pilcher and Mr. Lockwood, and then came a dramatic drill by a large group of our young ladies, pupils of Mrs. Comings in physical culture. My sister thought this the best number of the program. The last was Willie Dealy's comic song: "I want to go to Mauro." which followed the little farce: "The Train to Mauro," by Mrs. Bancroft, Mr. Trenholme, a grouty station master, and Clayton Baldwin, his first appearance, and he did well. The only thing of note in this piece was the acting of our inimitable Mrs. Bancroft who kept the house in a roar. She is a fussy, loquacious old lady who fills the waiting room so full of her bags and bundles and boxes that the grouty station agent suggests her moving to a hotel while waiting for the train, when it finally became clear to her that the train to Mauro was almost ready to pull out, her excitement and coufusion and struggle to get together all of her multitudinous baggage, was too comical for description. Between forty and fifty dollars was realized for the schoolhouse.

Your praise, Brother H., of the protographs sent you, and your verdict on the portrait of our sister, that it is about the best you ever saw, is very gratifying. I shall make more pictures now, for my good neighbor, Mr. Chapman, will give me the use of his new Kodak Development Machine in return for that of my larger camera, and ferrotype plate, etc. We trust that our work and study together will result in making some good photographs of Fairhope scenes, which we will have kept on sale. Our new school house with its gardens and little gardeners at work should furnish very attractive scenes. The new daylight developer is wonderful and does the best kind of work.

Jan 1, * * Today we had the Nortons with us—always a great pleasure, and, whom, do you think was with them? My friend Alice who used to breakfast in a mulberry tree. There is reason for hope that she will build here this winter—a bungalow for winter use, if no more; if she does I hope it will be modeled after that of the Comings—The best "tent house" I ever saw—the neatest, airiest and cutest residence possible.

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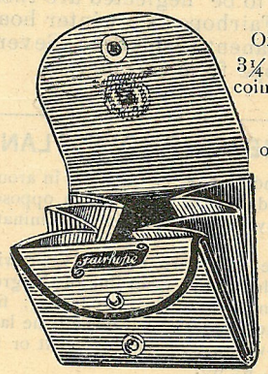
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Professor Bellangee's Letter.

EDITOR COURIER:

I had hoped to be in Fairhope by this time, at any rate to be with you for our reunion, but it seems to be imposible. In order to utilize to the utmost my coming to a community I am often obliged to make a longer stop than had been contemplated. I find that I usually have to leave undone some things that might well be done.

I go from here Saturday morning but have consented to return for a day in January in order to address the Merchants Mutual Inter-State Association which meets January 2nd. Mr. Winter the secretary is also editor of the *Journal of Commerce*. He is leading a strong movement for united action on the part of merchants to rid themselves of all occupation taxes and such burdens as hinder trade and complicate its efficiency.

Mr. Winter is one of that large and growing class of men who have never given adherence to the full programme of Henry George, but who see some of the inconsistencies and incongruities of our present system of taxation and are courageously and conscientiously seeking to overcome them. As we believe our principles to be founded upon the right we welcome such allies. I am not sure either that at the present stage they are not doing quite as much for true reform as the most pronounced doctrinaire.

On the occasion of my return I expect also to meet with the Kansas City Alumni of Michigan University of whom there are between 250 and 300. Among the number is one of my classmates whom I have not seen since I graduated in 1867. He is out of town this week but will be back in a few davs.

Money matters here are about the same as I have found them elsewhere. I have not been successful in raising much cash but I have pledges and promises which justify me in announcing that I have about covered the option on the White tract.

It is a great disappointment for me not to be with you on our anniversary meeting, for no doubt you will have much to make that occasion an enjoyable one, but it costs so much to travel and our friends every where I go, make my stay so pleasant that I feel that the wiser plan is to work thoroughly every field I reach. In every place there are the avowed single taxers to reach. They are all anxious to know the details of our work. Then there are others who are not single taxers who are to be sought out who have an interest in any practical method of tax reform. Usually I find some old friends or possibly former pupils whom I have to visit with a little and last but not to be neglected are those who wish to know all about Fairhope as a winter home or perhaps a place for a permanent residence. Several are talking of visiting Fairhope from this city.

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Fairhope Wharf and Steamer.

Our view above, which is a familiar one to those who have visited Fairhope, is taken from a bridge spanning a gully which opens just to the south of the wharf terminus. On the left may be seen the point of the cliff, giving a good idea of the bold shore marking the bay at this point. The height is about thirty-five feet above sea level. On the right is the road to the wharf, made by grading down the north bank of the gully. The first building in the foreground is the large warehouse at the shore end of the wharf. It is 32x64 feet. The wharfinger has comfortable rooms in the upper part. The next building is the ladies' bath house, with sixteen rooms. Just across the wharf, but not in sight, is the gentlemen's bath house, about the same size. The wharf extending to the landing is 1800 feet, or a little over a third of a mile, in length. At the outer end are two structures, one shown in the picture, with an open way through its center; the south end being used for a half dozen bath-rooms for those who are not satisfied in the shallow water closer to shore, and the north end being used as a storage room. The use of the bath-houses is free to those who reside on Colony land.

Beyond the outer bath-house is another warehouse, not shown in the picture, 18x30 feet. The pierhead has three landing faces, one on the front and one on each side, so that the steamers may find safe landing whichever way the wind may blow. The *Fairhope* usually comes in "head on" on either the north or south side. The picture was taken in the morning and shows the *Fairhope* just as she has backed out of her berth and is turning to take her course N. N. W. to Mobile.

The enjoyments of this charming bay frontage are preserved to all the people of Fairhope by reserving as a park a narrow strip, including the beautifully wooded ground between the bluff and the water's edge, and about one hundred and fifty feet in width at the top of the bluff. This is naturally a favorite spot for picnics, and many a merry party revels in its beauties.

From the top of the bluff the land continues to rise gently for a half mile, where it reaches a height of one hundred and twenty feet. This increasing elevation gives the lots for a long distance back a fine view of the bay.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. J. M. Northcutt spent last Sunday in Fairhope.

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The Fairhope contingent at the Jackson, Ala., Industrial School, all came home before Christmas, and none of them has returned.

Just received—a large shipment of the Brinley plows and cultivators, "the best on earth." Call and see them and get prices. Mershon Bros.

Dr. M. R. Leverson, the well known single taxer and physician of Brooklyn, is at Magnolia Springs, enjoying Baldwin county's famous winter climate. He writes us that he hopes to attend the single tax conference in March.

T. W. McKay, wife and three children of Waterford, Pa., friends of the Himrods, are here for the winter and will occupy the new Fairhope Improvement Company cottage on Fels avenue, next to that occupied by the Himrods, just as soon as the mechanics will give them possession.

The Fairhope Improvement Company held its annual meeting this week, received and approved the reports of the manager and treasurer and elected officers, re-electing the first officers for another year. The reports of business done and prospects for the future were very encouraging.

Mr. J. E. Green of Albion, Neb., says he visited Baldwin county recently, but was "steered clear of Fairhope," and didn't learn of it until after his return home. He was much pleased with copies of the COURIER sent him, forwards his subscription and asks for some extra copies for distribution among his friends.

The Council had the pleasure on Monday evening of receiving and accepting the application for membership of Mr. Edwin S. Ross the new manager of the Fairhope House. Mr. Ross is a single taxer of long standing, having campaigned in the cause in the famous Delaware campaign, and of course wants to render his full part in promoting the work of the Single Tax Corporation.

Mrs. Nettie Baldwin, mother of Louis and Miss Hilda Baldwin, spent the holidays with her children, and took Miss Hilda with her on her return to her home at Topeka, Kans., on Monday last. Miss Hilda was one of our popular young ladies who will be much missed. Two parties were given her during the week before her departure, one by Miss Elma Stapleton at her home on Wednesday evening, the other at the home of Miss Hilda's father, W. A. Baldwin, on Friday evening.

Mrs. Dr. Garwood, her mother, Mrs. Pierce, and friend, Miss Oborshelpt, all of Princeton, Ill., arrived last week to try the climate for Mrs. Pierce, an aged lady in very delicate health. Mrs. Pierce was an aunt of Professor Bellangee, and they secured the rooms in his cottage reserved for his own use. Unfortunately, however, the change of climate did not bring the hoped-for improvement for the invalid; in fact she grew rapidly worse and died on Monday morning last. Mrs. Garwood and Miss Obershelpt returned to Illinois with the remains on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Call accompanied them to Mobile.

Dan Shepherd is back in his old place in Mershon brothers' store.

The genial Mr. Hoitt of Chicago, who has so many friends at Fairhope, is with us again.

Mr. Clare Littlefield was visiting his numerous relatives and friends in Fairhope last Sunday, for the first time in several months.

The Fairhope brought over more than fifty passengers on Friday evening, Jan. 6. The greater part of them were home seekers or winter visitors.

Mr. C. W. Anderson and wife of Geneva, Ohio, friends of the Stephenses and Sumners, are here for the winter and have rooms with Mr. and Mrs. Stephens in the Jefferson house.

Jno. B. Foley of Chicago, already one of the largest land owners in Baldwin county, is reported to have added to his holdings 45,000 acres purchased of S. M. Pickler of Kirksville, Mo.

Two good friends of Fairhope and readers of the COURIER visited us last week, Messrs. Zurhorst and Gottlieb of St. Louis, Mo. They were much pleased with our town and look forward to locating with us, probably by next fall.

A gentleman who went to Mobile on the Carney on last Saturday morning, when the Fairhope missed her run, said that more passengers took the boat at Fairhope than at all the other landings, and that more freight was put off at Fairhope in the evening than at Daphne.

Mr. J. W. Lamar, who farmed on Dr. Showalter's place back of Point Clear a couple of years, successfully too, but who several months ago bade goodbye to his Baldwin county friends and went up to Lowndes county, intending to locate there, is back again. He says there is no place to live in like Baldwin county. He will farm again on Dr. Showalter's place.

The circulator pumps to the steamer Fairhope's condenser got out of order on Friday evening, Jan, 6, and delayed her about twenty minutes. The next morning the tug Iva towed her to Mobile, where the necessary repairs were made, and she was back on her run on yesterday evening. In justice to Mr. Montague, the new engineer, it should be said that his predecessor had notified the Captain that he would have to lay up a day or two soon for repairs, before he left the boat.

Jno. J. Rourk of Renselaer, N. Y., and A. L. Thrall of Poughkeepsie, are recent arrivals whom we have failed to mention. Mr. Rourk is one of the old time single taxers, personally acquainted with Mr. George and Dr. McGlynn, and has long been interested in Fairhope, having visited here once before. Mr. Thrall's interest dates back only a few months, but is none the less warm. They were fellow passengers and made each other's acquaintance on the Mallory steamer, between New York and Mobile. We hope both will decide to locate.

The new strainer for the town well gives excellent satisfaction and we can recommend this plan to others who are experiencing difficulty in getting a large amount of water out of the fine sand, which gives so much trouble in this section. Ours cost more than it should, being made in Mobile, where they are not familiar with such work; but we have the addresses of firms manufacturing them in Louisiana, where they are largely used and where they can be purchased reasonably, which we will be glad to give to any interested.

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Mr. Brown's new cottage on Bay View Ave. is receiving a coat of paint.

W. E. Clemens of Marshalltown, Iowa, and J. D. Faires and two children, of Des Moines, are among the late arrivals.

Archibald Crosbie addressed the Progressive League last Sunday on "Taxation and the Single Tax." His auditors declare the address one of the best ever delivered before the League.

Mr. Comings has made a much appreciated improvement in nicely grading the walk in front of his lot, and covering it with coarse sand. It is a sample of what ought to be done with all our walks.

Mr. G. G. Black, has purchased a lot, of Captain McDermaid, on Section street, in the old "De La Mare tract" and is building upon it. Mr. Black is a very pleasant old gentleman, who will make an excellent neighbor.

Mrl J. C. Simpson Secretary of the Iowa State Agricultural Society, and wife, arrived last week. Mr. Simpson returns north today but Mrs. Simpson will remain for the winter. She is an old friend of Mr. Frank Creswell and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Creswell.

Mr. W. S. Sumner is going to move the kitchen built on the lot opposite Mrs. Howland, to the north half of the E. J. M. Stevens lot on Bay View Ave., and add a front to it. He has always preferred the latter location but was unable to secure room there last fall.

Mr. Littlefield is in charge of the work of extending Mershon Brothers' building to the north, and as a preliminary has moved the large shed roof 12 x 36, to the north-east corner of the lot, a rather clever piece of work, for which a sort of elevated railway wrs built.

Mr. Chas. Gill, joined his wife and little son here, on New Years' day. He has been holding a responsible position with the great Wanamaker house at Philadelphia, and is an experienced mercantile salesman. He is assisting at present in the Fairhope Exchange store, and will probably be a fixture there.

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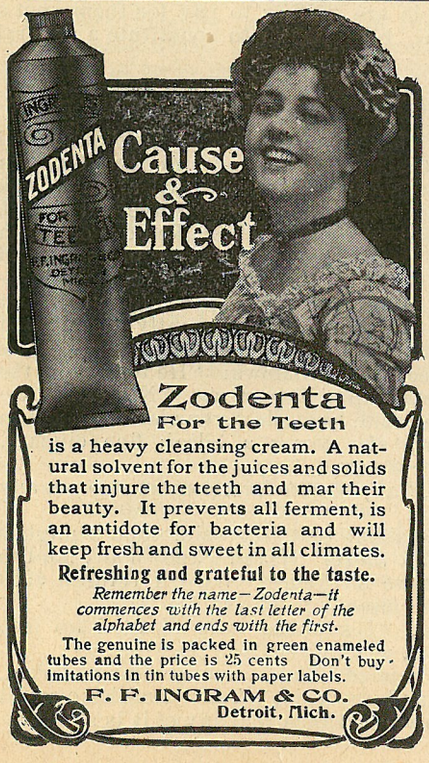
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The Montgomery *Advertiser* of January first, had a very domplimentary page write up of Fairhope.

Don't forget the Single Tax Conference at Fairhope, the week beginning March sixth. Make your arrangements to be with us.

L. E. Wilmarth, the well known Brooklyn single taxer, formerly connected with the lamented *New Earth*, renewing his subscription to the COURIER, says: "I find my interest in your work steadily increasing."

Orders for the Fairhope booklet come in steadily. Note the testimony to its value as propaganda in the letters published in this issue. If you have friends whom you have been unable to interest in the single tax from a purely theoretical standpoint, order copies of the booklet sent to their addresses. It will interest them if anything can.

The Librarian of the Cleveland Public Library extends thanks for the COURIER for 1904 which has been sent the Library and expresses the hope that it will be continued for 1905. We shall take pleasure in continuing the Cleveland Library on the list and suggest that a very practical method of cooperation by friends, would be to subscribe for the paper to be sent to their local public libraries after receiving assurance that the same would be appreciated and properly filed.

All the way from Auckland, New Zealand, Mr. Geo. Stevenson, to whom we sent some copies of the Fairhope booklet, writes ordering a half dozen more, he says: "They are splendid. I wish I could be with you in your young single tax colony, but after considering it. I think I can best serve the cause by remaining in New Zealand." We shall hope to hear from friend Stevenson occasionally in regard to the progress of the cause in New Zealand, toward which all tax reformers look with so much interest.

Jno. Harrington, Esq., of Oshkosh, Wisc., writes of the booklet: "I found great pleasure in reading it and examining the illustrations of your beautiful little town. I wish to say that for purely propaganda purposes this booklet with its clear, crisp and interesting descriptions of what has actually been done and why, will be more effective and convincing to thousands of readers, than the most elaborate theoretical explanations of the single tax. I think single taxers could spend some of their money to the best advantage in distributing this booklet."

Compliments from the Mobile Herald.

A letter by the editor of the COURIER to the Mobile daily *Herald* replying to an earlier article in its columns regarding the controversy over the Fairhope rent appraisement, was made the occasion by the *Herald* for an editorial very complimentary to the Colony and to the writer hereof especially. We are deeply appreciative of the kind words of our fellow editor, whose confidence and esteem we greatly prize. Editorial modesty will not permit reproduction in these columns of personal compliments, but we quote as follows from the same article referring to Fairhope:

And just here it strikes The Herald that Mobile might well study some of the plans or theories followed by the Fairhopers. Such a controversy as that between the Board of Public Works and the railroads and street railways could never arise in Fairhope, for the very simple reason that Fairhope owns all its public utilities. Granted, however, that a railway corporation should rent a right of way through the colony, the rental charges for that right of way would be readjusted each year in a manner equitable and just to both the railway and the public. Certainly the franchise would not be handed out gratis, as in Mobile.

Council's Judgment Confirmed.

The correctness of the Council's appraisement of rental values on Magnolia Avenue has been confirmed by several recent incidents. The very morning after the meeting for the hearing of complaints reported in last issue, Mr. Charles F. Blank purchased the improvements of Mrs. Webster, paying the full value of the same, in the opinion of those familiar with the property, and taking off of her hands the three lots which she thought overvalued. This week Miss Herring has secured a lot on the street by transfer from M. M. Cope, on which she expects to build at once. A little earlier, but after the Council's appraisement had been made, the writer purchased the improvements of Mr. Wood on the same street at the price asked, not considering the rent high; and a little earlier still, Mr. Trenholme paid a "bonus" of five dollars to secure possession of a lot on that street—the only one open for applications, though nearly half were not in use at all.

The value of lots, like that of everything else, is governed by the law of supply and demand. Lots are worth what people are willing to pay for them—not a single individual, but enough to constitute a general demand.

An Effective Single Tax Speech.

A new comer whose interest in the single tax had recently been awakened, dropped into the COURIER office recently and said: "Well, I heard a single tax speech last night which thoroughly converted me. I am solid on it now and could not be talked out of it in a thousand years." Naturally we were pleased, and curious to know who had been making this most effective single tax speech. Inquiry disclosed the fact that it was Mr. ———, a tree man who recently distributed several thousand fruit trees through Fairhope. The report of the speech ran as follows: "He told me of the fine land at his home up in Tennessee. 'No need to fertilize up there,' he said, 'just plow your land and put in your seed and up she comes a bilin'; fine climate, splendid water,' etc., etc.

"Well," I said, "any chance for a poor man to get any of that land?

" 'Wal, I dunno about that,' he said, 'land's mighty hard to get around there. Haven't known any land to be sold around there for years. Why, I refused $300 an acre for some of mine.'

"Well," I said, "I suppose it is divided up into pretty small tracts, anyway.

" 'Oh no,' he replied, 'the farms are large farms, mostly 200 acres and upwards. A few families own all the land and it is very seldom that any of it is sold.'

"How about taxes," I said, "taxes must be pretty high on this valuable land?

" 'No,' he said, 'taxes very low, very low; don't cost but little to hold it.' "

That was the single tax speech which thoroughly converted our visitor, and certainly it ought to convert any man, except the few who profit by the conditions described.

We call attention to the unique ad of Mr. S. H. Boal of Citronelle, Alabama, in another column. The COURIER has departed from its usual rule of declining land advertisments in admitting Mr. Boal's announcement, more for the benefit of those who would like a home in the south, but who do not like the Fairhope policy, than for the money there was in it—though that is appreciated. It seems to us that Mr. Boal's suggestion is extremely practical and pertinent, and we heartily recommend his town, which, next to Fairhope, is undeniably the best town in the south. If you want to buy land, Citronelle is the place for you.

We are in receipt of a notice of a "Progress and Poverty Dinner" to be given at the Hotel Astor, New York city, on Jan. 24th, commemorative of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the publication of Progress and Poverty. Hamlin Garland is chairman of the dinner committee and J. L. Stern, Secretary. The address of the latter is 224 East 62nd street, New York, of whom fuller information may be obtained. The occasion will be one well worthy of commemoration by all lovers of humankind and the names of those in charge of the dinner, are ample guarantee that the occasion will be one long to be remembered by those fortunate enough to be present.

Professor Bellangee's Letter.

EDITOR COURIER:

Since my last I have been spending Christmas with old friends at Versailles, Missouri, whom I knew many years ago. In my boyhood days Mrs. B. was a schoolmate, and later we were associated together as teachers in the public schools of Tiskilna, Ill. For a score or more of years Mr. B. and myself were co-laborers together in politics in Iowa. On account of these associations they have always felt a warm sympathy with me in my work for Fairhope, which is strengthened greatly by their regard for the moral claims involved in the single-tax programme. Fairhope will have their sincere well wishes, and perhaps at some time in the future their co-operation. At present Mr. B. is addicted to the engrossing habit of land-speculating, and his condition is that which is so graphically described by the expression "land poor." Land is rapidly rising in value around Versailles, and it is necessary that some one should absorb the unearned increment that is developed by the increasing population. What more natural than that they who have the means to do so, should consent to sacrifice their ease and comfort by tying up their means in large land holdings and subjecting themselves to strenuous economies, in order to hold the titles to land that is sure to rise in the market! It is a sacrifice that one can hardly forego without running the risk of being discredited in the eyes of his fellows. If the land was sure to fall in price, one could be excused from risking too much; but as it is certain to rise, the only safe and sane policy is to follow the philosophy of old Mrs. Means and "git a plenty while ye're gittin'." Her wisdom has never been questioned by the public.

Now my friend is not only wise and intelligent, but, far more than many others, he fears God and loves his fellow men. In every sense of the word, he is superior in ability and character; and his convictions and sympathies are with those who are striving to establish the just conditions that would prevail under the single tax. Far from being weaker than most men, he is actually stronger in every impulse and trait of character that makes the good citizen; and yet, by the habits of his business life, the force of public opinion and example around him, he is not only a part, but an active leader in a system which is condemned not only by his judgment, but his sympathies also.

In the environment in which he is placed, the ambition, the energy and the force of character which give him pre-eminence among his fellows, would be dissipated as the force of the waves against a rocky cliff, if he should oppose its influence. But if he were a resident of Fairhope, the identical traits and qualities which make him now a part of a system with which he has little sympathy, would under the changed conditions make him a power in helping to realize the ideals which he now sees ignored and discredited in the life around him. Where he is, he must be either the beneficiary or the victim of a system which converts the industry, the intelligence, the morality and the social worth of every man into a fund for the selfish benefit of the lucky holders of landed privileges. Were he in Fairhope, the personal abilities which place him beyond the need of favors would bring to him an honest pre-eminence among his fellows, revealed in the light of merit; and at the same time in the same ratio as he served himself, he would serve them.

I know my friend will excuse this reference to him, which I make to give human coloring to the lesson that I would teach in bringing out the thought that through the system of Fairhope one is not only constrained by conditions to honestly earn all that he receives, but that he can live the ideal life of usefulness without disregard of his instincts of self-interest—that with us self-serving does not imply selfish meanness, but that in every case, as an inevitable result, it does involve its complement of public good. Since each must pay the public for the land he uses, in which use inheres his opportunity to serve himself, so by that payment he is bound also to serve the public.

As the rose in obedience to the law of its highest self-development sheds its beauty and fragrance around it, so the man who pays to the public for the opportunity to serve himself in its midst all that opportunity is worth, discharges his public duty without degrading the dignity of his inborn instinct of self-service.

We who are familiar with the fiscal advantages and the economic beauty of the Fairhope plan, have scarcely begun to realize the spiritual growth that is possible and natural where the energies of hand and brain may be utilized to the utmost under conditions which bring no condemnation from the heart, no remorse or sorrow to the soul. For disguise it as we may, explain it away with subtle sophistry, or brutally ignore it with the arrogance of ostentation, the fact is borne in upon every sensitive soul with a pang of bitterness and disgust, that it is impossible to live a full and ideal life under the civilization that is promoted by the system of monopoly and privilege that prevails in our land to-day.

Hear the words of the gentle Ruskin: "Luxury is indeed possible in the future—luxury full and exquisite, for all and by the help of all. But for the present it is impossible. The cruelest man living could not sit at his feast unless he sat blindfolded."

Can we not see that under the system of Fairhope, where the unearned increment of land and franchise monopolies are converted into the luxuries of public service, while the full capacities of the private powers of the individual are left free to minister to his private wants, the dream of Ruskin may find at least a partial realization.

It is no small item that in Fairhope the land speculator, the mortgage holder, the franchise magnate, the real-estate and corporation lawyers and the abstractors of titles have no place. That condition increases by a

very appreciable per cent the producing portion of the community. Thus, along with the more equitable distribution of wealth under the single tax, will go a largely increased production.

It is well for us to thoroughly understand these matters, so that when we are called upon to explain the preeminent prosperity of Fairhope, we can do it intelligently and attribute it to our plan rather than to our personal capacities.

I take the train to-night for Hahatonka, Missouri, from whence via Springfield, Mo., and Memphis, Tenn.; I will return to Fairhope. J. BELLANGEE.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 3, 1905.

Synopsis of Proceedings of Council Meeting, Monday January 9th

Minutes of meetings of Dec. 19, 26 and 29, read and approved.

Secretary instructed to advise the committee appointed by objectors to Council's appraisement of rentals, to make an appraisement, that Council would like to hear from them by Thursday evening the 12th, and would then take up with them, the matter of more detailed statements of receipts and disbursements.

Treasurer's report for October and November 1904 read and filed. A summary follows:

OCTOBER.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Rents	$145.79	Lands and Highways	$ 1.00
Wharf	76.93	Wharf	62.08
Land Fund	50.50	Tax Receipts redeemed.	16.46
Sandries (wood&lumber)	43.51	Telephone	32.82
	$316.73	Salaries: Sec. $25; Treas. $12.50	37.50
Balance October 1	26.70	Postage	20.77
		Wood	17.00
		Organ Repairs	5.00
		Public Buildings.	28.85
		Miscellaneous	64.95
			$286.43
		Balance	57.00
	$343.43		$343.43

NOVEMBER.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Rents	$ 58.82	Highways	$ 41.83
Wharf	133 53	Wharf	28.00
Land Fund	60.00	Taxes: corporation tax and receipts redeemed	12.37
Tuition	12.50	Telephone	67.63
Telephone	26.00	Salaries	50.75
Total receipts for Nov.	290.85	School	99.15
Balance Nov. 1, 1904..	57.00	Sundries	22.52
		Total Disbursements..	322.25
		Balance Nov. 30	25.60
	347.85		347.85

Reports of Wharfinger presented as follows:

	Freight	Passengers	Total	Pd Treas.
Week ending Dec. 24	$31.08	$14.15	$45.23	$27.14
Week ending Dec. 31	28.80	7.40	36.20	21.50
Week ending Jan. 7	26.22	7.00	23.22	19.99

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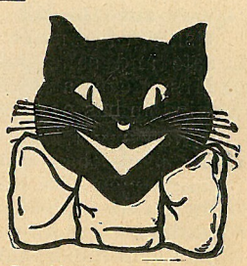
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Judge Chas. Hall, Recording fee on transfer from Fairhope Ind. Assn. to Single Tax Corp. 2.50

Bill of Baldwin and Bell for work on well, $40.50 referred back for itemized statement.

Moved and carried that Fairhope ave. be made 80 ft. wide through corporation's land in Sec. fifteen.

Moved and carried that a 66 ft. street be established through corp. land on line between sections 16 and 15.

Moved and carried that we allow for a 66 ft. road across center of south half of section 16.

Moved and carried that parties interested be notified that it is desired to open a 66 ft. street, between Fairhope and Magnolia Avenues, across lots of Mrs. Howland and Dr. Mershon, as soon as practical.

Mr. F. L. Brown was authorized to make tables for temporary use at new school house.

Following transfers of land approved: E. J. M. Stevens to W. S. Sumner, north half of lot 2, block 4, div. 1.

M. M. Cope to Alice Herring, lot 9, block 4, div. 1.

Laura W. Webster to Chas. F. Blank, lots 3, 4 and 5, block 5 div. 1.

W. S. Sumner, allowed to release lot 7, block 4 div. 1, on payment of accrued rent.

Application for membership of Edwin S. Ross. referred to committee, which reported favorably and same accepted.

Secretary reported a difference of opinion between Prof. Dinkins and himself as to the contract made with him, and that after consulting with the members of the Council he had agreed with Prof. Dinkins that he should look to the Corporation for his agreed salary as teacher, including pay for last week, and making over to the corporation the amount received under his contract with the county, the contract to be terminated should he receive notice of failure to secure a county certificate.

On matter of appropriation for expense of school gardens, same to be referred to tenants for approval or rejection.

Communication of Miss A. A. Chapman regarding rent appraisement on Magnolia Ave. read and discussed at some length but no action taken.

We acknowledge receipt of the annual report of the New York Tax Reform Association, a most interesting review of the work of that excellent association, of which the well-known single taxer, Lawson Purdy, is secretary.

L. P. Custer the well known St. Louis single taxer, is thinking of sending his wife and son down for a stay during the cold weather, and hopes to be with us himself during the Conference.

The Mobile Poultry Breeders Association will give its first annual exhibition, at Mobile, on Jan. 24, 25 and 26. The COURIER acknowledges a copy of the premium list from L. W. Dennis, of Kushla. Poultry enthusiasts could attend the exhibition with great profit and should make a note of the dates.

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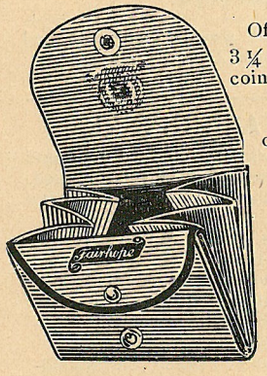
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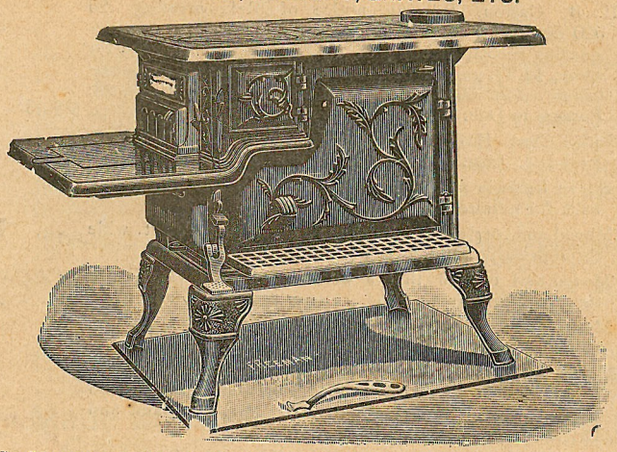
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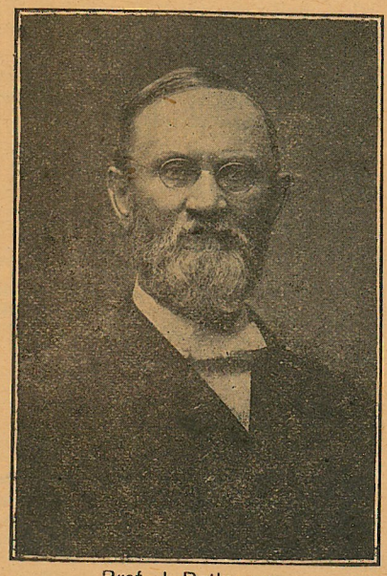
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EDITOR COURIER:

After being snowbound for nearly a week I am at last headed for the Gem of the Southland. I start tonight for Memphis where I expect to make my last stop before reaching Fairhope.

The winter has been rather severe here this year. An unusually heavy snow was followed by a rain which turned to sleet and was followed by cold which froze such a crust on the snow that it was almost impossible to get out with a team so that I was obliged to remain longer than I had planned with friends in the country.

Yesterday the railroad was reached at Lebanon, Mo. and today I have spent in the city. There are only a very few single taxers here and I shall push on tonight for Memphis.



Prof. J. Bellangee.

I am more than ever satisfied with Fairhope. I have no reason to change the opinion that I expressed at first about her to the effect that if it is not so easy to make a living there as at some other places such a living as she affords is much better worth making.

This is not only true in the sense of a better climate and a more healthy and agreeable situation but I now see that with our system it is very true in an industrial sense.

These two items stand out prominently in the advantages she offers.

First of all her appreciation of land values is converted into public services that make the advantages she offers far greater than are to be found in other villages of like size and situation.

Before she has reached a population of 1000 she will have most of the public advantages that are found in cities of 100 000 and before she reaches an age of 25 years she will be provided with public utilities that are usually not enjoyed under a century of growth by other cities and the best of it is that these advantages are enjoyed by Fairhopers without corporation profits to capitalists. The appreciation of land is returned to her residents in payment for labor that produces public benefits for the equal advantage of all.

Second: Fairhope has no land speculators, no bondholders or franchise owners to support, no corporation or real estate lawyers to maintain and no abstractors of title to employ in busy uselessness. All of Fairhope's residents are either producers or people who spend their money in payment for labor. With these idlers cut out it is very evident that not only will the wealth of Fairhope be more evenly distributed but it will be greater per capita in Fairhope than in other places similarly situated.

We are just beginning to see these conditions realized but the future will make them more and more apparent. The advantages that clear sighted single taxers have been able to predict for the system will become so rapidly apparent in our case that they will themselves be surprized.

One thing is reasonably sure in the near future. A great many who sympathize with us in our efforts are coming to Fairhope to live as soon as they can arrange their affairs to make the change possible. Many who are tired of the cold and discomforts of northern winters are looking to Fairhope as a possible refuge. As for myself I am thorougly convinced that no self respecting gentleman who knows the advantages that Fairhope affords, can afford to suffer the climatic indignities to which one is subjected in these northern latitudes during the winter season.

If we shall ever be so fortunate as to attract to Fairhope as permanent residents the lovely people whom I have met in my travels, we will be preeminently blessed in our social and intellectual life. Perhaps I am prejudiced in favor of single taxers, but my admiration for them constantly increases the more I see of them.

Missouri is an undeveloped state with immense possibilities. Its mineral and agricultural rescources are hardly touched as yet. It is backward in many ways and but a small part of its lands are occupied. But while land speculation is holding it back from development, the railroads and land monopolists have all the machinery installed to reap the whole benefit of its vast resources whenever they are utilized.

One characteristic has marked my experience on this trip: Almost everywhere I have been I have found people willing and anxious to assist in instituting other enterprises in their neighborhoods modeled after Fairhope. A few years hence will surely see attempts to follow in our footsteps, and we will not long remain the sole exponents of the plan in America. It is an honor to lead in such a movement, but we must not overlook the responsibility it involves.

J. BELLANGEE.

Annual Meeting.

The regular annual meeting and election of officers of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation occurs on Thursday, February 2.

The following are the offices to be fflled, with the present incumbents:

President, F. L. Brown.
Vice President, vacant by death of Mrs. Sykes.
Secretary, E. B. Gaston.
Supt. Lands and Highways, G. M. Bancroft.
Supt. Public Services. Jno. A. Patterson.
Trustee, Mrs. D. K. Bancroft.

The following are the holdover officers: Trustees Mrs. Anna B. Hail and Mrs. Marie Howland.

Supt. of Industries, M. V. Watros.
Supt. of Public Health, G. W. Wood.

Of the incumbents the writer will say, in spite of his being one of them, that Fairhope never has had and never need hope for a set of officers more wholly devoted to the best interests of the Colony, as seen by them. They may have erred in judgment—who does not?—but of their purpose to further the best interests of the community and deal justly with everyone, there is not room for doubt, and withal they are one and all single taxers beyond question.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Last Saturday there was a delightful "soiree dansante" at Ingleside, the new home of the Colemans. It was the coldest night of the season, I think, and as we entered the hall the blazing pine logs on the hearth gave us a cheerful, comforting greeting. Young Mrs. Coleman, fresh as a rose, glided about among her guests, ministering to their comfort. The dancing was in the hall before the open fire, above which was the name: "Ingleside," in big letters fashioned in a brilliant green substance resembling moss. Mrs. Coleman, you know, Alma mia, I wrote you of her when she was my nearest neighbor on the west. She is the daughter of the Rev. Mr. Wood, who was born in Turkey, being the son of a missionary. He is one of our most honored citizens and is a very learned man.

Another delightful evening was at the charming new home of the Masseys, in the same neighborhood, but on Colony land. It was a sociable in honor of the Fairhope Philosophical Society, about which more hereafter. Here we had a still bigger and hotter open fire, and we turned ourselves round and round before it like roasting turkeys on rows of spits, but we could scarcely keep warm all around at once! The night was cold—almost down to freezing, which is sufficient to scare Fairhopers nearly to death! Really, though, I believe I was the only shivering one. Something is the matter with me, Alma, I cannot get warm. Mr. Freeman, president of the above mentioned new educational society, devoted himself to entertaining us. His impersonation of Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde was very dramatic—a most excellent piece of acting. He is, moreover, a fine ventriloquist. Nearly all the members of the F. P. S. were present.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. J. H. Hill, and wife, of Des Moines, are here for the winter. They have rooms with Mrs. Embree in the Lee cottage.

Mr. Geo. Miller, and wife, arrived from Des Moines, last week and will occupy rooms for the winter in Mr. Mann's cottage.

The Fairhope has not been giving her usual regular service for a couple of weeks but it is hoped will soon be doing so again.

Just received—a large shipment of the Brinley plows and cultivators, "the best on earth." Call and see them and get prices. Mershon Bros.

The Euclid people held a meeting on Tuesday evening last, and decided to have a school of their own. They employed Miss Davidson of Battles as teacher.

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Mrs. Geo. R. Stannard and little daughter Mary, of Chicago, are here to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Mrs. Stannard is a niece by marriage of Mr. Thomas.

The Rev. Claude E. Hill, pastor of the First Christian Church of Mobile is over assisting in the revival services at the Christian Church and preached on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

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Mr. A. S. Bertolet of Pennsylvania, is at the Fairhope House. He has visited Fairhope several times before.

The house which the Fairhope Improvement Company is building for Mr. Arch. Crosbie, is nearly completed.

C. K. Brown has been "under the weather" for a couple of weeks, though not so much so as to confine him to the house.

Quantities of fertilizers and seed potatoes are being taken out by the farmers now and some potatoes have already been planted.

Mr. Freeman has been joined by his wife and mother, and they are now at home in the Richardson cottage, opposite the Masseys.

Mr. Wm. Gray had a brief visit last week from his son, who is a "Jackie" in the U. S. S. Columbia, then in harbor at New Orleans.

L. S. Massey has been compelled to lay off from work for nearly two weeks, with rheumatism — an unusual affliction in this climate.

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The demand for houses in Fairhope may be judged from the fact that Mr. Coleman reported some days ago, fifteen applications for the cottage lately vacated by his family.

L. K. Latimer, wife and daughter, of Geneva, Ohio, have arrived and are occupying one of Captain Nichols' cottages. Miss Latimer was here last winter with Mr. and Mrs. Sumner.

Mr. Comings has a large force of men at work on extensive additions and repairs to his cottage. He is adding on the rear an addition, the extreme measurements of which are 30 x 44, two full stories in height, above which there will be a roomy garret with dormer windows, equal to almost a third floor.

R. E. Lowe, of New York, is at the Fairhope Hotel with his wife, Mr. Lowe is the head of the well known house of R. E. Lowe and Sons, manufacturers of the Reliance Corsette dresses, wrappers, ladies waists, etc., which has been advertising in the COURIER for nearly a year past. He is an ardent single taxer.

Mr. Jas. S. Paton, and his mother arrived from Canada last week and have rooms in the Van der Beck house. Mr. Paton is in very delicate health, having got up from a sick bed to come to Fairhope. We hope the climate here will benefit him but the weather so far has not been at all favorable. He is a single taxer of twenty years standing.

The committee appointed to make a rent appraisement by tenants objecting to the Council's appraisement, reported to a meeting of the objectors on last Saturday evening, recommending an increase of 25 per cent. on last year's total, but the meeting failed to accept the report and passed a resolution favoring a ten per cent. increase only. The committee was present to report on last Monday night to the Council, but as there was not a quorum present no action was taken. As soon as the report is acted upon by the Council the COURIER will publish the resolutions adopted at the tenants' meeting and the action thereon.

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Mr. E. W. Rakestraw and family of Toledo, Ohio, accompanied by Miss Groff of St. Joseph, Michigan, arrived Thursday to spend some days studying conditions here and enjoying the beautiful Fairhope weather.

A late comer is Mr. Brann of St. Paul, a brother of Mrs. H. B. Farwell of that city, who has visited Fairhope several times and has many friends here. Mr. Brann is a mechanic and went to work at his trade the day after his arrival.

Judge Buck and his daughter Mrs. Abbott and two children, of Mankato, Minn., friends of Mrs. Johnson, our former teacher, are here. They have been over to the Isle of Pines for some time, but found the means of communication and transportation there unsatisfactory and Fairhope having been highly recommended by Mrs. Johnson, they came here, we trust they will not be dissappointed.

Mr. Smith recently received from Prof. Ross, State Chemist, Auburn, a statement of the analysis of samples of cane grown by Mr. Keate and Mr. Praeger, of which he says: "With regard to these samples I would say, that the analysis shows these canes to be among the very best and richest canes I have ever analyzed in Alabama, and far superior to the cane grown on the rich river lands in Louisiana."

The Fairhope Band has added several new players and instruments and is rendering some excellent music now-a days. The band now includes the following instruments and players: Director, C. E. Littlefield; Cornets: M. Dyson, Nick Smit, Harry Parker, Dan Shepherd, Jr.; Altos: Daniel Shepherd, Albert Stearns, Paris Fredericks; Tenors: Louis Baldwin and Emmet Shepherd; Baritone, Mr. Miller; Tuba, E. L. Page; Snare Drum, C. M. Stearns; Bass Drum, J. W. Moorman.

Mr. S. D. Yarnelle, of Chicago, has been with us for about ten days and has decided to locate on Colony land, having secured twenty acres just horth of Mr. Braam's place. He is a chicken enthusiast and will probably engage in that business. Mr. Yarnelle came down on the train with a lot of land agents and land seekers, and at their solicitation went with a party on the Caloosa to Fish river, and from there road many miles over the country to the east of the river. His judgment of Fairhope is that "it is the most prosperous looking town I have seen in the south and I don't know any town of its size in the north to beat it."

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Citronelle has become metropolitan enough to lay a license tax upon drays; $10 for a two horse dray, $5 for a one horse dray.

Wm. J. Shaeffer, of Philadelphia a young man who visited us a few months since, writes: "I enjoyed my trip to Fairhope greatly, and the conditions existing there coupled with other circumstances, have decided me to go there permanently."

We are indebted to Mr. C. J. Wheeler, director of the Rhode Island agricultural experiment station, Kingston, for copies of annual reports for 1898 and 1901, and special bulletins of the station on poultry. Same will be placed in the library, where they may be availed of by any desiring to consult them.

The Baldwin Times has been sold to a stock company, the late editor and proprietor, Abner J. Smith, retaining an interest, and continuing with the new management "in an advisory capacity" as stated in the announcement. Mr. Ira B Jones, of Volanta, takes the business management and for that purpose, has we understand, already removed from Volanta, to Bay Minette. Large improvements are promised in the near future.

Warren Worth Bailey, editor of the Johnstown, Pa, *Daily Democrat*, and known personally or by reputation to single taxers throughout the country, writes that it is his intention to visit Fairhope on the ocassion of the approaching conference and that it is probable he will be accompanied by at least two friends. He adds: There is much interest in Fairhope and the object lesson it is affording and our friends generally are anxious to see it prosper and extend its influence." It will give us all much pleasure to welcome Mr. Bailey and his friends to Fairhope.

A Word Personal.

One of the offices to be filled at the approaching annual meeting is that of secretary.

The writer has been honored by election to the office every year since the organization of the Colony. Under the constitution his name will appear on the official ballot for re-election, and, if desired by a majority of the resident members, he will continue to serve them in that capacity, but he wishes to say that he hopes no one will vote for him for any other reason than that he considers him at the time the best person available for the place. He hopes that no one will support him for any other reason, and whenever a majority feels that the interests of the Colony will be best served by a change he will yield the place most cheerfully and without any refiection upon the loyalty of his personal friends or any abatement of his interest in Fairhope.

The Single Tax Conference

We hope to report more fully in next issue, as to rates of fare and entertainment, etc, for the Single Tax Conference to be held at Fairhope during the week beginning March sixth.

The Mardi Gras excursion rates which will then be in force, will be one fare for the round trip, plus fifty cents. This would make the rate from Detroit to Mobile and return $26.60; Cincinnati, $20.25; St Louis $17.35. Other cities in proportion. Local ticket agents at any railroad station, can give full particulars.

Our town is already pretty well filled, but our houses will be thrown open for the entertainment of delegates and we are planning other accommodations for eating and sleeping, which can be enlarged to meet any demand, provided we are given reasonable advance notice. Let us hear from you as soon as convenient if you expect to be here.

Erroneous Ideas Regarding Fairhope Leases.

Two wholly erroneous and unfounded statements in regard to the leases made by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation are constantly being made.

The first is that the leases are invalid because no definite amount of rent to be paid is specified.

The second, that if a judgment should be secured against the Corporation because of injury to some one on the wharf, roads or bridges maintained by it, the improvements of the lessees might be levied upon to satisfy the judgment.

The leases of the Corporation were very carefully drawn, were submitted to one of the best attorneys in Alabama and a fee paid for his opinion, which was to the effect that they were good from a legal standpoint—as the framers knew them to be from a single tax standpoint. His attention was later called to the criticism just mentioned, which he characterized as without foundation. A definite rate of rental cannot, in the very nature of the case, be stated; but a most definite method is provided for determining the rental for any given yearly period; to which method the lessee in signing the lease distinctly assents.

The second proposition is contrary to one of the best-defined principles of law, that no one can acquire from another greater rights than that one possesses. The leases of the Corporation convey to the tenants the right of exclusive possession for ninety-nine years, subject to the payment of a rental, to be determined as provided therein, which the Corporation on its part agrees to expend for the benefit of the lessees.

The lease contract—especially if placed on record as notice to the world—evidences that the Corporation has, to the extent of the rights conferred thereby to the tenant, parted with its rights as the nominal owner. And the right to administer land for ninety-nine years for the benefit of the lessees is not one that any judgement creditor would consider of any value.

The amount of misinformation about Fairhope that is in constant circulation is amazing.

A Fable for Whom the Shoe Fits.

BY HERMAN TIEDJENS.

"Two and two make four," said the Philosopher.

"No doubt about it," said the Disciple.

"Still, it is not an universally accepted truth," said the Philosopher.

"Well—no," hesitatingly admitted the Disciple.

"Therefore, let us make a great blackboard demonstration, so all the world may see and know the truth," proposed the Philosopher.

"It might not be wise," said the Disciple.

"Why not?" inquired the Philosopher.

"Well—ahem—well, we might not be able to build a blackboard large enough," submitted the Disciple.

"But we might enlarge the board from time to time, and proportionately the chalked characters of the demonstration," replied the Philosopher.

"And—well—ahem—the rain might wash the chalk off," urged the Disciple.

"But we can use paint," answered the Philosopher.

"Well—but—ahem—outsiders might alter the figures and thus falsify the result," persisted the Disciple.

"But it's our own blackboard, built by our own hands and with our own lumber, and shielded by the laws that protect vested rights the civilized world over, so there is absolutely no possibility of interference to falsify the result and destroy the demonstration," protested the Philosopher.

"Still—ahem—there's a doubt—ahem—we're not quite sure—ahem—it might not—ahem—"

"Oh, shut up," said the Philosopher. "You're afraid of your horses and no Dis ciple of mine."

Uncle John's Jottings.

Possibly a thought or suggestion now and then from an old-time single taxer might be helpful to some younger student or inquirer among the readers of the FAIRHOPE COURIER. In the hope that such may be the case these "jottings"—to appear occasionally hereafter, perhaps—are undertaken.

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First of all let me say that in my opinion a matter of first importance to the single tax cause (the cause of human betterment) is hearty support of the FAIRHOPE COURIER. The eyes of believers and workers in various parts of the world are more and more becoming fixed upon Fairhope as the center of single tax activity. Non-believers are interested, and in most cases not unfriendly, spectators of its progress. Because of its existence and its "safe and sane" work many who were inclined to be listless and despondent are filled with rewewed hope and encouragement. Every assistance possible should be given Fairhope to the end that this experiment shall not go down in failure as so many others have done, but that its future may bear the full fruit of its past years of good promise. A paper like COURIER is a prime necessity to the continued success of Fairhope. The place without it would be like the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out.

With proper support Mr. Gaston will print a paper that will be in every respect a credit to the cause. Let us give him the needed support.

* * *

In conversation with a minister of the gospel some days after President Roosevelt's recent message was issued I said to him that it seemed to me proper to expect every clergyman in the land to take strong position against the President's war ideas; to oppose increase of the army, the building up of a large navy, etc. My reverend friend thought we should at all times be prepared to defend ourselves against foreign countries that might be disposed to make war upon us; also that peace would best be preserved by being prepared for war. Some days later I asked another clergyman if he thought a good way to insure peace among nations was to have large armies and navies. He replied that that was the way *not* to have peace. Which was right?

* * *

There are some good things in the President's message and some not so good. Many single taxers voted for Roosevelt and a hope is prevalent among them that during his second term his attitude toward some questions will not be unsatisfactory from a single tax standpoint. It is reported that he recently said the single taxers would be surprised if they knew to what extent he was in accord with them.

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Here is an improtant bit of political economy: A tax upon the products of labor is added to the price thereof and is paid by the final purchaser; a tax upon land cannot be so added, but tends, on the contrary to lessen the price of the land.

UNCLE JOHN.

Prof. Bellangee at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 10, 1905.

DEAR MR. GASTON:

Mr. Bellangee was in Kansas City the week just before Christmas. He came at rather an inopportune time, the energy of the single tax friends here having been all but exhausted in the arrangements for a week's campaign for John Z. White only a month or so earlier. Bellangee was badly handicapped by a cold, which prevented him from speaking much above a whisper. But there was a parlor meeting arranged for him at the Midland Hotel, and he did well enough to arouse a good, lively interest in the progress, achievements, and the future generally of Fairhope. The Fairhope idea was never presented to me in just the light that the treasurer of the corporation threw upon it. And so it was with the rest of us. I have quite a clear recollection of the occasion when you and yours left DesMoines ten years ago, and I can't say that your undertaking aroused much or even any enthusiasm so far as I was concerned. But there was never a time when I did not wish you well. And my state of mind has probably been the state of mind of many others. I used to think —"How *can* they succeed?" Since Bellangee has been here the thought has occurred to me again and again—"*How can they possibly fail?*" I do not recollect a time in the more than fifteen years since my first clear vision of the outlines of the cat that I have felt so hopeful of the cause.

Mr. Bellangee met various old-time friends here, among them S. B. Crane, at one time populist candidate for governor of Iowa, and Mr. Swayne, a printer who helped in the first issue of the COURIER (or perhaps the *Liberty Bell*); also several Ann Arbor classmates. Besides meeting old friends he made many new ones, and when he left us he told me that his visit had been satisfactory, both personally and from the viewpoint of a representative of Fairhope interests.

Very Sincerely,

HERMAN TIEDJENS.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Jan. 11. * * This is a warm, rainy day, with lots of opening flowers—roses, violets, oxalis, narcissus, etc. Previous frosts have hurt them, but it is wonderful to have so many that are fine at this season. The Isabella Sprunt is the rose of roses for lovely buds and for masses of winter flowers. It grows into such an immense bush that it affords shelter for quantities of perfect buds and flowers on inner branches. It is a most perpetual bloomer. * * I wonder, Elsie, if you noted what your great preacher, Roberts, said about *us*,—no, not *us*, but mossbacks generally? No one has given a better definition of what constitutes age. He says: "Just as soon as we begin to be old we ought to enter into silence and hush. It does not make so much difference when a man's hair gets gray, or begins to resign; it does not make so much difference how Time,

the humorist, carves hieroglyphics in his face. That is not age. The only infallible sign of age is that the spirit begins to be old. And when you hear a man say, 'The opportunities are all gone; the young man of today has no chance; the avenues are all closed up; love is a shipwreck; honor—there is no longer honor among men; alas, we are fallen on evil times; the world is in decay.' When you hear a man talk like that he is old and ought to hush. The splendor of youth consists in its invincible optimism. Men are dead but not buried who do not know that the honor of men, the nobility of women, are higher and more assured than in any age since man began. Men are dead and unburied who do not know that even if love were a shipwreck, every youth and every maiden has his and her divine right of shipwreck.''

An ethical, educational society has been organized in Fairhope with Mr. Freeman as President. It will meet at the hall every Tuesday night. One of the main objects of the society will be to develop the artistic literary and dramatic talent of the members. It will be free to all. Entertainments will be given from time to time for special purposes, one being to assist in building a new hall. A good number have attended the preliminary meetings. Miss Herring gave an excellent little address at the first one which was at Mr. Bell's.

* * * This same Alice that you have heard so much about as a visitor here, has now come to stay—for some time at least, for she is breaking ground for a little winter cottage on Magnolia avenue, just opposite the Pines, Mr. Trenholme is furnishing the plans.

An unsigned communication from Philadelphia calls our attention to an error in the "Fairhope History," in the issue of January 6, in giving the percentage of gain in land rentals of 1904 over 1903, as 38.7 per cent, when in fact it was 63.16 per cent. We regret the carelessness of writer or proofreader responsible for the error. The total rents for the two years were correctly stated, but the percentage of gain was incorrect, as should have been noted at a glance. This large increase of 63.16 per cent. was partly due to the increase in land values and partly due to an increase in the amount of land under lease.

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A Wisconsin inquirer for information about Fairhope added as a foot note: "24 degrees below zero" None of that in ours thank you.

John A. Green, of the Mobile Daily *Herald*, paid the COURIER office a pleasant but all too brief visit on yesterday.

I like the paper and wish the FAIRHOPE COURIER much success in making known the practicability of Henry George's theories.

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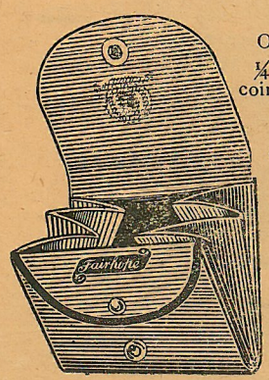
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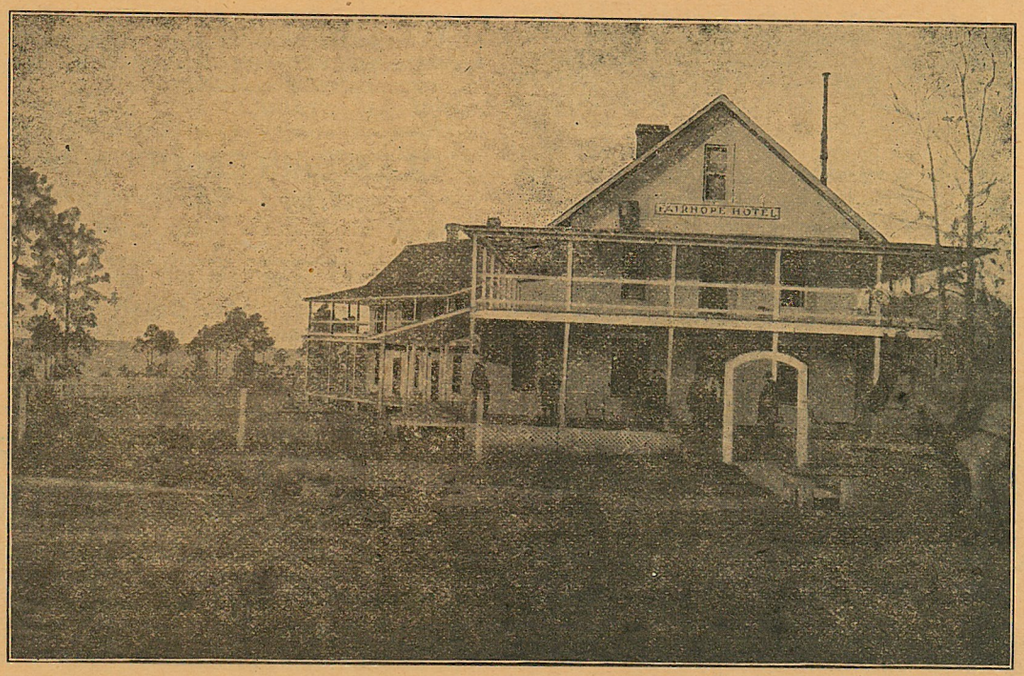


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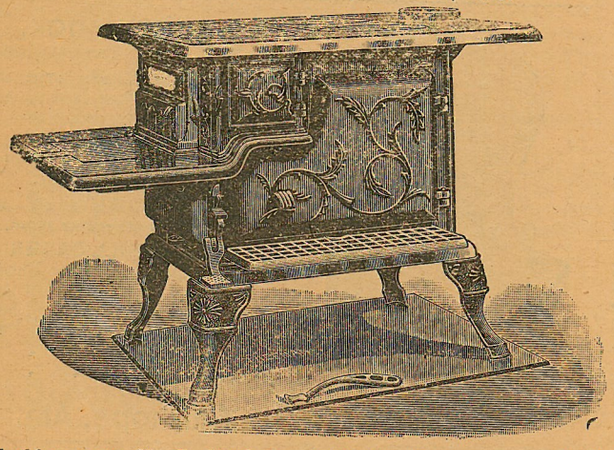
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THE RENTAL CONTROVERSY.

Memorial of Objecting Tenants and Reply of the Executive Council.—Taking Full Rental Value of Land the Real Issue.

To the President and Executive Officers of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation:

At a meeting of the lease-holders of your Corporation held at Masonic hall on the evening of January 14, certain resolutions and memorials to your body were presented and unanimously adopted and the undersigned committee appointed to present the same to your honorable body. Said resolutions and memorials are as follows:

WHEREAS: Article 6, Section 10 of the Constitution of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation confers exclusive power on the Executive Council to fix their own salaries as officers of each department, and

WHEREAS: This same Article and Section clothes them with exclusive arbitrary power to fix the rates of rents upon the lease-holders from year to year, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That we do hereby memorialize said Council to immediately take the necessary steps to submit the question as to whether or not any officer constituting the Executive Council and receiving a salary, or in any manner in the pay of the Corporation is eligible to be a member of the rateing board having power to fix the rent from year to year. Secondly,

WHEREAS: The Constitution has left the limit of tax ation or fixing of rents to the caprices of the will of that Council to arbitrarily and with incentive to raise the rents so as to increase salaries, and thus annually unsettle conditions at the most unpropitious season of the year when the greater part of our visitors come from the North and carry back with them the detrimental news of our disturbed conditions; also resulting in the great discouragement of the great majority of the lease-holders, all their plans being frustrated, their calculations upset, and as many have expressed the situation, "I don't know what to do." Many of them are quite disheartened, they do not know whether to pull up stakes and move off or to give someone one-half the lowest cash estimate of their improvements to get them to buy the other half, or to stoutly refuse to pay such unreasonable annually increased rents, and by so doing force a legal issue that will by law fix a limit to this excess to which there is now no limit: Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this body of lease-holders, that we memorialise the said Executive Council of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to take such steps with as little delay as possible, to fix a legal limit beyond which the rating board cannot annually raise the rents to double and triple, quadruple and even quintuple the rents of the year previous. This body is assured that there will be no peace until there is a limit fixed to this non-ending and excessive taxation. We believe that a limit can easily and understandingly be fixed on a percentage of the actual cash value of the land leased, say not to exceed 5 per cent. of such valuation on all agricultural lands, and when it is found imperative that a public improvement is found necessary and is demanded and to accomplish this it is necessary to raise the rents over this limit let the lease-holders say by their votes that they are willing to be taxed for it.

To the Members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation:

We, the tenants of your Corporation, also your neighbors and friends, respectfully present the following for your consideration:

We understand that the Fairhope Colony was established that the rental value of its lands might be used in lieu of moneys raised annually by taxation.

We believe "that the intention of the parties is the marrow of the contract."

That taxes should only be collected to provide for the necessities, welfare and prosperity of a community.

When collected and expended for any other purpose the community becomes a landlord in the most objectionable sense of the word.

That the community that raises most liberally and to a much greater extent, the one that expends most judiciously, is (other things being equal) the most desirable place to live in.

That when these needs and desires have been determined the assessment of taxes becomes a matter of simple arithmetic.

That the needs and desires of a community can be best determined by the whole people.

That no satisfactory method of separating the wise and virtuous from the unwise and unscrupulous has ever been discovered.

That the rental value of land depends to some extent upon its natural location, but to a much greater extent in towns and cities upon its location in a community.

That if a community becomes desirable to live in its values will go up and adjoining values will go down: reverse conditions produce reverse results: the values in either case must be inverse to each other.

That the experience of those places where government by the people has been tried, proves that the peoples' desires keep pace with the rental value of land, if indeed they are not the cause of it.

That any system of taxation that cannot be safely trusted with the whole people is not worthy of consideration.

If the people who have made their homes in a community and put their all into it are not fit to be trusted with its management, who is?

We believe that citizenship is a duty and not a privilege, and conveys responsibility, and we believe it to be unsafe to make further improvements in a community that is governed by any less than *all* its people.

We ask you to consider these matters and take such action at an early date as will definitely determine the future policy of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

The following motion was unanimously carried: "That it is the sense of this meeting of lease-holders, that in order that the business of this Colony shall not come to a standstill for the want of funds, that the rentals for the year 1905 be fixed at the sum total for the year 1904, with 10 per cent. added thereto."

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Lawrence,
W. A. Baldwin,
Henry M. Ewald,
Lease-holders' Com.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Pay your poll tax before Feb. 1, or you cannot vote this year.

The north wind drove the tide down on Wednesday night, so that the Carney lay aground at Battles all day Thursday. The mail came over late last evening on a naptha launch.

We omitted in last issue to mention the treasurer as one of the officers to be elected at the approaching annual meeting of the Single Tax Corporation, and J. Bellangee as the incumbent.

Little Miss Frances Foster, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Foster, and Clyde Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Foster, late arrivals from Greely, Colorado, both had birthday parties last week.

Miss M. E. Rathburn and Mr. Wells, were called north on business, leaving on Tuesday of this week. They made a northern trip at this season with great regret and hope that they will not be long detained.

Mr. E. Stites, of Barker Creek, Mich. is visiting his old time Michigan friend, Mr. E. W. Jefferson. He is much pleased with Fairhope and may decide to locate here or at some other point in this section.

Arrangements have been completed to have Miss Francis Lyon, of Atlanta, lecturer and organizer of arts and crafts clubs, to spend several weeks at Fairhope in March, another practical step toward the hoped for industrial school at Fairhope.

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We have neglected to note the presence of Mrs. Ferguson, who is here spending the winter with her sister. Mrs. Mead, and renewing the pleasant friendships made in former visits. Mrs. Mead is also enjoying a visit from her daughter, Mrs. Kenny of Chicago and her little son.

Messrs. Geo. Churchill, J. B. Reeves and Geo. R. McChester and their wives, also Mrs. Depew and Mrs. E. Reeves, constituted a pleasant party of Illinois people, who visited Fairhope last week. They came over from Mobile on invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, who made their acquaintance in Mobile a year or two ago.

Mr. James Haworth, of Philadelphia, is making us a pleasant visit. Mr. Haworth is not actively identified with the single tax workers in Philadelphia, but is deeply interested in and sympathetic to the movement. Hs is pleased with Fairhope. Mr. Howarth, is accompanied by his sister, Miss E. Howarth. They are guests of the Fairhope House.

R. H. Cage, the well known New Orleans single taxer, President of the Louisiana Coffee Mills writes: "I am heartily in favor of holding a Single Tax Conference at Fairhope in March, will come myself, and will take pleasure in notifying the Louisiana single taxers of the event."

Sincerely yours, R. H. Cage,
Pres. New Orleans Single Tax Association.

Classes in Physical Culture under the direction of Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb-Comings meet regularly on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Class for ladies at 3 o'clock. Class for girls and boys at 4 o'clock. Exercises given for breathing, body building, wands, clubswinging etc. Special attention to abnormal conditions. Lessons in Elocution by appointment.

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While the north and east was in the grasp of one of the fiercest storms and cold waves in years, our Sunny South did not wholly escape the attention of King Boreas. A fierce norther which set in on Tuesday night blew for about forty-eight hours.

The meetings at the Christian Church continue this week and much interest is being aroused, a number of additions have been received. Rev. Spiegel is an eloquent speaker and a fine singer. His singing adds much to the attractiveness of the services.

We unaccountably failed to note in last issue the arrival of that veteran single taxer and warm friend of Fairhope, Louis Le Saulnier, the "Single Tax Druggist" of Red Bud, Illinois. He spent several days with us here and then went up along the line of the Mobile and Ohio, we understand, to look into some matters of special interest to him.

Professor Bellangee returned from his extended northern tour on the evening of the twentieth and received the glad hand from his Fairhope associates. The Professor is looking and feeling well and is quite well pleased with the results of his trip taking all things into consideration. We shall doubtless have a general report of his work, as soon as he gets time to prepare it.

Owing to the heavy freight and low tides at this season of the year, the arrival of the mail at Eastern shore landings below Daphne is often very late. Several times recently it has been seven o'clock or later before the mail boat landed at Fairhope and on one evening it was about eight o'clock. A very largely signed petition to have the Fairhope mail come by the steamer Fairhope was refused by the postoffice department on the ground of the increased expense, but it would seem from the amount of money expended elsewhere in expediting service, that the department would be justified in the small increased outlay necessary to effect a saving of 40 to 100 per cent in the time of transit of the mail to a place of such importance as Fairhope. We hope before long to secure favorable consideration of the matter.

A delightful joint birthday party in honor of Mrs. Howland and Mr. George Bancroft, was held at the Pines on Monday, the 23rd, and it was a surprise party as well, so far as Mrs. Howland was concerned. It was a midday party and the ladies managing it, brought all sorts of substantial and delicious eatables which were spread on a long table, extending nearly the whole length of two rooms. Following is a complete list, we believe, of those in attendance: Mrs Howland, Mr. and Mrs. Stockbridge and Mr. Cope, Mr. and Mrs Bancroft, Father Knowles and Miss Carrie Betts, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page. Mr. and Mrs. Gaston, Mesdames: Bessie Call, Mead, Ferguson, Rogers, Minnie Brown and Pilcher, Misses Gould and Herring and Prof. Bellangee. With such a congenial company and under such pleasant conditions it is hardly necessary to say that all enjoyed themselves to utmost. Mrs. Howland and Mr. Bancroft were the recipients of most hearty good wishes for "many happy returns" from all.

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The president of the "Leaseholders Protective Union," which framed and presented the resolutions and memorials published in this issue, was Mr. A. Swift, who individually owns some fourteen acres of very valuable land within the borders of the Colony. He has for several years held nearly ten acres of Corporation land adjoining his own, of which he has made no use except to denude it of the timber for firewood. He has repeatedly refused to set any price on his own land to the Corporation or to individuals.

The Single Tax Conference.

A meeting was held at the hall on last Sunday afternoon, to plan for the approaching Conference of single taxers and committees appointed on publicity, program, entertainment, etc. etc.

It was decided that the Conference should begin on Wednesday, March 8, immediately following the Mardi Gras celebrations and continue throughout the week, possibly longer.

The Mardi Gras rates, which will then be in force, will be one fare plus twenty-five cents, on sale probably from March second to sixth, and with a return limit of probably fifteen days.

We are unable to make exact announcements of these details because the railway passenger associations have not yet issued their announcements.

An extension of Mardi Gras tickets can usually be obtained for a small additional fee.

Our friends should bear in mind that to enable us to provide adequately for their entertainment we should know in advance of their coming and as early as possible.

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Fairhope In the Public Eye.

The *Baldwin Times* for Jan. 19 gave all of the reading matter space of its front page and "then some" to an exploitation of Fairhope's little controversy over the matter of rentals for 1905, publishing in full the various pronunciamentos of the objecting tenants, together with an article by Mr. Parker of Volanta, and a brief editorial. It cannot but be gratifying to good Fairhopers that it has become of such importance as to justify giving so much of the valuable space of the *Times* to its local matters. It is barely possible, however, that the interests of the *Times*' new manager and of Mr. Parker as promoters of the Volanta town-site speculation may have some influence in the large publicity given the matter. However that may be, it is self evident that whoever at Fairhope was instrumental in the publication was not influenced by a desire to benefit Fairhope, for the matter was one which properly concerned only the people of Fairhope, could only be settled by them, and was in process of settlement. The COURIER, which has never declined to publish any communication on the subject, was eager to publish the memorial of the objecting tenants because it afforded in itself the very best evidence that the objections were founded in ignorance of the very distinguishing feature of the Fairhope policy, in spite of all the effort constantly being made to make it clear, and because of the opportunity it would afford for another effort to make that policy understood. We refrained from publishing and commenting last week upon the memorial only because we felt that it would not be in good taste to do so until the same had been considered by the Council.

In this issue we give the later memorial in full, with the reply of the Council thereto.

We think the Council might have rested its case before a jury of single taxers without introducing any testimony or argument, but it has made a reply which, it seems to us, is full and convincing.

It only occurs to us to add one observation: That is, that no talk about having to give away one-half of improvements in Fairhope to get rid of the other half, is at all justified by facts. The facts are that for years those who have, for any reason, desired to sell improvements in Fairhope, have been able to find purchasers much more readily and get a better per cent. of their cost than those outside the Colony who have had a deed in fee simple to their improved land.

And if those throughout the country who have written us in the last few years of their efforts to sell their places in order to come to Fairhope could have found purchasers as readily as the few who have left Fairhope the population would be at least twice as great.

If anyone desiring to sell improvements in Fairhope will agree to list them with the COURIER at their present cash value, to be determined by a committee, one of whom shall be chosen by the editor, one by the owner, and the third by the two, the COURIER will agree to give a generous notice of the same free.

The Rental Controversy.

(Continued from first page.)

Reply of the Council.

To objecting lessees of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation joining in resolutions adopted at meetings held in Masonic hall and submitted to us by your committee:

To your resolutions and petitions we desire to reply as follows:

The Fairhope plan as originally promulgated and steadily adhered to, contemplates that every holder of Fairhope land shall pay its full rental value from year to year into a common fund to be expended for the common benefit, in lieu of taxes levied in the usual way, the *first* purpose being to prevent land speculation and to preserve for all who might ever desire to locate in Fairhope equal opportunity to enjoy its advantages.

The very first clause of the leases under which your land is held and to which you have assented in writing, thus provides for the payment of an "annually appraised rental which shall equalize the varying advantages of location and natural qualities of the different tracts and convert into the treasury of the Corporation for the common benefits of the lessees *all values attaching to the lands not due to the efforts or expenditures of the lessees.*"

The value of land, like the value of everything else, is governed by the law of supply and demand. It is worth what people are willing to pay for it.

There seems to be no indication from the memorials presented to the Council that the objectors have given any serious consideration to the question of what the land is *really worth*, which is the only pertinent question for discussion.

In making its estimates of values, the Council took into consideration every fact coming to its knowledge bearing upon the question, such as: applications for and transfers of tracts, the payment of "bonuses" to secure possession of the same, the prices asked and paid for lands similarly situated where held in the usual way, the opinions of numerous persons interested and disinterested, etc., etc. And it will be remembered that in its statement accompanying its appraisement the Council not only requested, but *urged* the tenants to give it the benefit of their judgment by putting their estimates of values alongside its own. To this date but one person has accepted this invitation, and that person only attempted to estimate the value of her own and adjacent lots.

We understood that your committee would undertake this task, to which the Council gave its undivided attention through many weary evenings, without compensation; but this seems not to have been done, and, according to our information, your committee reported in favor of a 25 per cent. advance over last year's rent, but were overruled.

The value at which the land is returned for taxation is not pertinent to the question of its rental value, because many of the factors affecting the demand for Fairhope land, and therefore its rental value; such as payment of state and county taxes, free schools, free water, free foot wharfage, free bathing privileges, etc., etc., inhere in the Colony's policy, and but for it would not

exist. And further, if returned for taxation for less than its value, the tenants are joint beneficiaries, for so much more of the rental values would thereby be left for local expenditure.

In the very nature of the case no minimum rate of increase can be guaranteed nor is it at all likely that a uniform rate of increase over a preceding year will ever be practicable because of the changing relative values which will arise from various causes. And there is nothing more certain in the light of all past experience not only at Fairhope, but everywhere else, than that land values tend constantly to rise and that where population increases rapidly land values, also, will rise rapidly.

We sincerely regret that is impossible to predict what rents will be in the future. The uncertainty of the situation has its disadvantages, but to those who have faith in the single tax as a method and confidence in its justice, there can come only the fear that it will fail of full application through the frailties of human judgment which, in a measure, mar the best and sincerest efforts of all. It seems to us that no guarantee should be asked or given, except that which is vouchsafed by our constitution and leases which fully provide that the best judgement of the Council shall be supplemented by that of the other members. That all leaseholders are not members and in full sympathy with its aims and methods, is not the fault of its founders who would gladly welcome them on the identical conditions that govern their own memberships. But it certainly is a misfortune to Fairhope if any of her residents desire to participate in her advantages without sharing as fully her burdens and responsibilities.

This question is of far greater importance than the financial interest of any or all its lessees. The cause of human brotherhood requires conditions in which each shall have his chance and each shall do his part. To establish those conditions it is necessary that we shall all not only be willing to pay fully for the advantages which we get from the community but that we shall also become skilful in determining just what those advantages are worth. We cannot rely upon our selfish impulses. We must employ our most conscientious and dispassionate judgments.

Among those who joined in your memorials are a number who own land in this vicinity. This fact clearly shows that they are willing to accept advantages that they do not wish to share with others. Will they agree that their lands shall not increase in value more rapidly than they are willing that Fairhope rents should advance, or will they agree to admit their neighbors to participation in what shall be done with those values?

Loyalty to the first principle upon which Fairhope was founded, to the good friends who helped to secure its land, without hope of pecuniary reward and many of them without any hope of ever residing here, to the contracts into which the Corporation has entered with its lessees and the Council's conception of the best interests of the community, alike impelled it to fix the rentals at what it deemed to be approximately the value and in no case more than the value of the various tracts.

Upon further consideration of the matter we have yielded in a number of cases, to the opinions of others and made some reductions and now leave the appraisement to the members of the Corporation, who, under the constitution are and ought to be the final arbiters.

The assertion of your memorial that the Council is clothed with arbitrary power to fix rents and also their own salaries, and might therefore be tempted to raise rents in order to have more to appropriate to themselves, manifests a discourtesy which can hardly be excused by the ignorance of the constitution which it discloses. The constitution, (art. VII, secs. 1 and 3, art. VIII, sec. 8) especially reserves to the resident members the right, by vote of the majority, on 24 hours notice, to dismiss any or every officer, overrule any of their actions or enforce any policy favored by the majority not in conflict with the constitution. There is not therefore the slightest ground for suspicion that the members of the Council were influenced by selfish motives to favor high rents—though there may be room for question as to whether those who ask for low rentals are not influenced by such motives.

We assert as a matter of fact to be verified by an inspection of the bills presented to and allowed by the Council and a comparison of same with the compensation allowed by the same Council to its own members, that, generally speaking, the latter are not only not receiving more, but actually receiving less for the same service than non-members of the Council, including numbers of signers to your memorials. No compensation whatever is received by the members of the Council for their attendance upon its meetings.

As to the reports made of receipts and disbursements, we call your attention to the weekly reports of the wharfinger, to the treasurer's monthly reports read in open Council meeting and filed where they may be referred to by anyone interested, and to the annual reports read at public meetings and published in the COURIER. The Council will be agreeable to any publicity of the business of the Corporation, the expense of which the lessees will approve.

Your attention is directed in this connection to the fact that before the Council knew of your criticism in this regard, it recommended to the members the admission of lessees—both members and non-members—to equal participation in determining the use to be made of the common funds, which proposition carried by a vote of five to one.

As to any detrimental effects to the growth of Fairhope from the consideration of the rentals at this time of year, the Council would observe that unless it can be shown that someone thinking of locating is being deterred by a feeling that the rents as proposed are too high — of which no single instance has ever been brought to the attention of the Council—the blame, if such there be, must attach to those who made such a hysterical outcry.

Good faith toward intending settlers requires that no effort should be made either to conceal the policy of the Corporation or the objections of those who do not agree with it.

As is amply set forth in the constitution of the Corporation, its leases, and its other literature, its policy cannot be consistently carried out without taking *all* of the unearned increment, because anything less would not "equalize the varying advantages of the different tracts." This will always make those who hold the most valuable lands contribute most to those public services in which all share equally.

If, however, among those who contemplate a residence in Fairhope, there be any who do not believe in this policy, they are certainly entitled to the most complete knowledge of the exact situation, to the end that they may avoid subsequent regrets. Certainly our community has suffered less from those who have kept away from Fairhope because they did not like her plan than from those who have inconsiderately put themselves in a position to be chronic opponents of her policy.

Sincerely Yours,

G. M. Bancroft, J. Bellangee, J. A. Patterson } Members Ex. Council.

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Fairhope School Garden.

At a public meeting in December it was unanimously decided to institute a school garden on the grounds surrounding the new school. A committee of five was charged with making the preliminary arrangements. This included R. F. Powell, chairman; T. N. Freeman, Dr. Henry Borst, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb-Comings. Later Mrs. Marie Howland and Prof. Dinkins were added to the committee.

Just before Mr. Powell's departure for Philadelphia, Mrs. Comings was elected temporary chairman. Mr. Dinkins is secretary of the committee, and Mr. Freeman has consented for a very small remuneration to undertake superintending the school garden work. We may consider ourselves unusually fortunate in securing his services, as Mr. Freeman brings with him an unbounded enthusiasm, a true sympathy for growing boys and girls, and a considerable experience in experiment station work.

The committee is holding meetings every Monday evening, at present at Mrs. Comings' residence, and visitors are always invited and welcome.

Mrs. Bell has kindly prepared a general working plan for the school garden, and this, after some deliberation, has been adopted as the basis to work upon. The school lot facing east contains about four acres, is oblong in shape, with one corner occupied by a residence. The present school building is a little north and west of the center of the lot. Space is reserved back of it for future additions.

In front and to the sides of the building the plan provides for nicely curving walks and a carrige drive. These walks and driveways are to be bordered with a flower bed four feet four inches wide, inclosing numerous small playgrounds. This flower border will be divided into small allotments for boys and girls to own and work individually. Narrow footpaths pass between the allotments, and wider entrances to the playgrounds are provided at various places through the borders. In these playgrounds shade trees and swings may be provided.

Back of the school building a board fence divides the boys' present playground from the side assigned to the girls. To the south of the flower garden and walks a part of the lot will be used for vegetable plots. A unit

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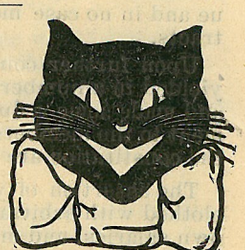
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Uncle John's Jottings.

That was a splendid letter from Prof. Bellangee published in the COURIER of Jan. 13. There is no better single tax work being done anywhere than the Professor is doing.

Here is a suggestion for increasing the circulation of the FAIRHOPE COURIER and aiding the single tax cause: Send to Mr. Gaston now and then ten cents, and with it the name of some friend to whom the paper shall be sent for four weeks, and who you think may become a subscriber. Mr. Gaston should, of course, send with the first copy a circular letter setting forth why the paper is thus sent. etc. Believing in the merits of this proposition and presuming that Mr. Gaston will approve of it and agree to do his part, I enclose herewith ten cents and the name of a friend to whom I desire the four copies sent. (To be continued)

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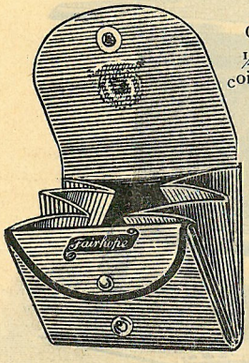
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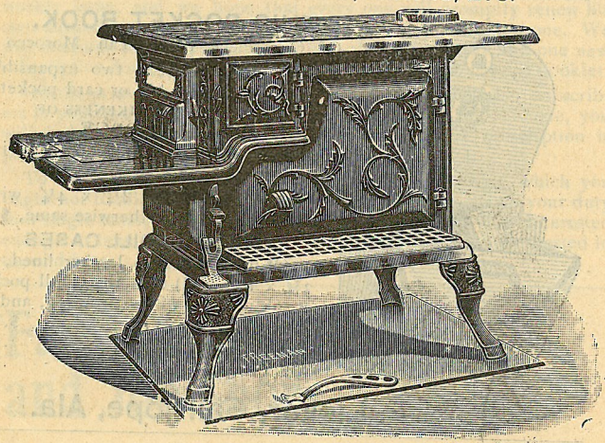
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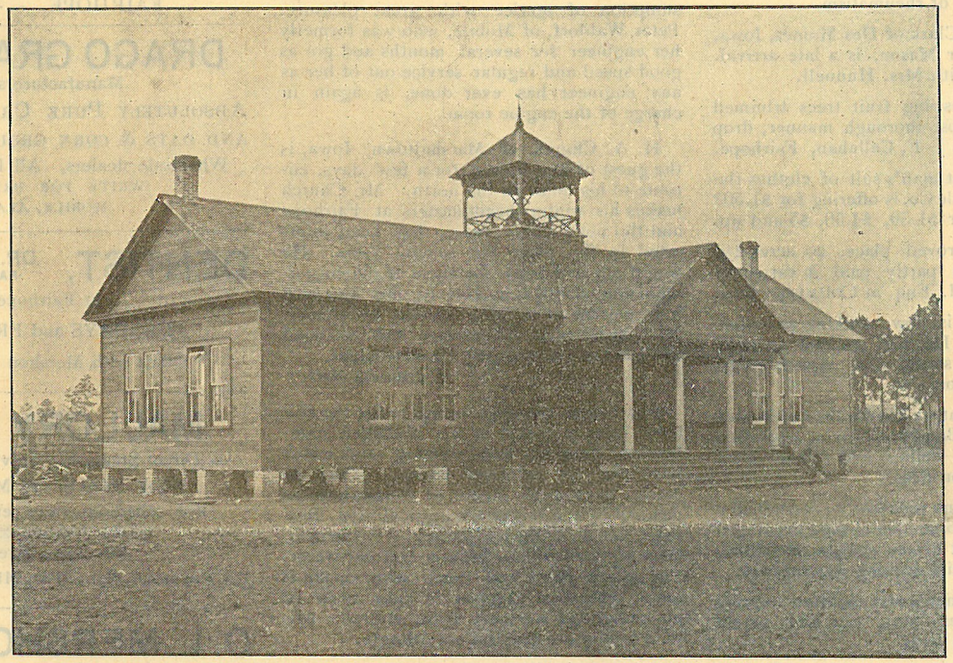
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The New Fairhope School-house.

One use made of land rent fund.

We are glad to present herewith a fairly good picture of the new Fairhope School-house. The building is a thoroughly well constructed one, 24x74 feet, with two splendidly lighted rooms 24x32 feet each, and a hall ten feet wide through the middle. The exterior is finished with "novelty" siding and the interior with a yellow-pine wainscoting about three and a half feet high, and corrugated iron above, including the ceiling. The interior pine finish is nicely oiled, and the iron painted a pleasing tint. The exterior has not yet been painted. The building stands in a beautiful level plot of about four acres, centrally located, giving abundant room for play-grounds and for school gardens. We believe it to be at least the equal of any school building in Baldwin County, though ours is one of the youngest of its communities.

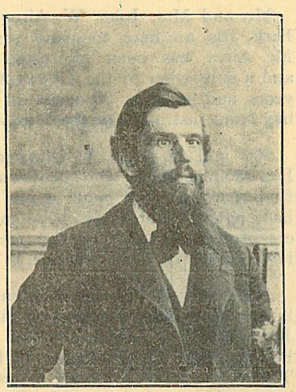


President F. L. Brown.

A CLOSE ELECTION.

Only Four Out of Seven Officers Elected.—Another Election to Be Held in Two Weeks.

The regular aunual election of the Corporation having been held last evening, we have only space to report today that it was the closest election in the history of the Corporation. Of the seven offices to be filled, a majority was secured for four only, as follows: Pres., F. L. Brown; Vice Pres., Wm. Stimpson; Sec., E. B. Gaston; Trustee, Wm. Call. Another election will be held in two weeks to fill the remaining offices, which, with the ones receiving the highest number of votes therefor, are as follows: Treasurer—J. Bellangee, C. L. Coleman; Supt. of Lands and Highways—G. M. Bancroft, C. H. Wilson; Supt. of Public Services—J. A. Patterson, Wm. Brown.



Vice Pres. Wm. Stimpson.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Mathews is building another cottage on his lot north of his residence.

Dr. Hail has put a very handsome, latest pattern, cash register in his drug store.

Miss Herring has erected a small building on her lot and is going ahead with her cottage.

The Mershon Brothers addition to their store is up and the sides enclosed and makes a big showing.

Mr. Massey made a trip to Bay Minette on business last week. He is improved from his painful attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Mary H. Clark of Des Moines, Iowa, a sister of Senator Mason, is a late arrival. She has a room with Mrs. Hunnell.

Any person desiring fruit trees trimmed and sprayed in most thorough manner, drop a card in office to J. F. Callahan, Fairhope.

Did you see that man's suit of clothes the Fairhope Mercantile Co. is offering for $1.50? We have them for $1.50, $4.50, $5 and up.

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Otis Jefferson is now working as motorman in Mobile. He has decided to make his home in the south, and expects a visit from his father soon.

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Miss Esther Blank pleasantly entertained a party of young people Wednesday evening of this week. About fifteen were in attendance and a pleasant social evening was enjoyed.

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Mr. S D. Yarnelle, after taking ample time to investigate local conditions, has, we are glad to say, secured twenty acres of Colony land and is hard at work improving it.

Mr. C. F. Blank has contracted with Mr. Littlefield for the erection of a cottage on one of the lots recently acquired by him from Mr. Webster. It will be a two story cottage of eight rooms.

Dr. and Mrs. Thatcher, parents of Mrs. Mulkey, have arrived all the way from Topolobampo, Mex. to make their home at Fairhope. They are "reformers" of long standing, and former Iowans and should be very much at home among our people.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Airey, of Morgan Park, Ills. are here to spend several weeks. Mr. Airey has been interested in Fairhope and a subscriber to the COURIER for several years, and he owns 20 acres of land on the bay front just north of the Davises.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Olmstead, of near Des Moines, Iowa, who spent some time here four years ago and made many friends, are back again. They have been constant readers of the COURIER in the meantime and have kept up a lively interest in Fairhope.

Robert Tyson, our good friend and member, is down from Toronto, to visit us again. He is a tenting enthusiast and has pitched his "teepee" on Professor Bellangee's lot. There are no better single taxers or sincerer lovers of humanity than Mr. Tyson and it is always a pleasure to have him with us.

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Mrs. E. W. Jefferson fell and broke her wrist one day this week.

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The steamer Fairhope left on time yesterday morning, resuming her usual run after being laid up for some time undergoing repairs to boiler and machinery. The people of Fairhope had a good chance to learn while she was off, what a great advantage her service is to them, and hailed the resumption of service with great pleasure. Peter Waldorf, of Mobile, who was formerly her engineer for several months and got as good speed and regular service out of her as any engineer has ever done, is again in charge of the engine room.

H. A. Church of Marshaltown, Iowa, is the guest of Mr. Sower for a few days, enroute to his home in the north. Mr. Church makes his winter headquarters at Fairhope and tho not a single taxer, has been interested in the place for several years. He would put in a bank for them if the corporation was at this time able to offer him such inducements as he thinks should be offered. Mr. Church is an old veteran and attended the reunion and banquet Tuesday night.

Citronelle Call.

Our friend Comings brings in for the editorial table a basket of his Michigan cranberries, from his own planting, and which have the real reformer flavor. They no doubt have been tinctured somewhat—as claimed by the renowned horticulturist, Burbank, for his fruits and flowers—by the mental vibrations of the planter and cultivator. The sharp frost and north wind make it seem peculiarly apropos to have some of his delightful northern fruit, and the editor's family are grateful accordingly.

Mr. Mark Peavy of Louisville, Miss., who has for several years been greatly interested in Fairhope, is visiting us. Mr. Peavy has been a single taxer for twenty years, but realizing that under present conditions a man may either be a beneficiary or a victim of land speculation, he preferred to be the former, and has numerous investments in lands in and about his town, most of which have increased rapidly in value without effort on his part. While here Mr. Peavy contributed $10.00 to our land fund. A part of his purpose in visiting us at this time is to look over the ground in behalf of his son, who thinks of coming here to go into business.

We did not know but we might have to issue a supplement to publish the notices of those who would accept our offer of a free advertisement if they would list their improvements on colony land for sale at their actual cash value, to be determined by a committee, one to be chosen by the editor, one by the lessee and a third by the two, but we have as yet received but one applicant. That is Mr. Smit, who has a very desirable four acres with a nice improvement on it which he offers to list as proposed. We have each named our member of a valuing committee, but they have not yet reported.

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Mr. Empire Stites of Michigan has decided to locate in Fairhope and has secured a lot next to his friend, Mr. Jefferson, and will probably also take some land for his sons, who will come along later. We clip the following item in regard to him from one of his home papers: "Chairman Stites of the board of supervisors was in town Saturday and made us a call before leaving for Fairhope, Ala., where he will spend the winter. We have known Mr. Stites for many years and have always had the most kindly feeling for him. He is a good musician, a kind friend and an A No. 1 man on the board of supervisors. We hope that this winter south will be pleasant and profitable for him.—Rapid City, Mich., News.

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The Single Tax Conference.

A meeting was held at the hall on the afternoon of Jan. 22 to plan for the approaching Conference of single taxers and committees appointed on publicity, program, entertainment, etc. etc.

It was decided that the Conference should begin on Wednesday, March 8, immediately following the Mardi Gras celebrations and continue throughout the week, possibly longer.

The Mardi Gras rates, which will then be in force, will be one fare plus twenty-five cents, on sale probably from March second to sixth, good for return up to the 11th.

Our friends should bear in mind that to enable us to provide adequately for their entertainment we should know in advance of their coming and as early as possible.

Get Together.

The necessity for a second election to complete the election of officers of the colony is fortunate in giving opportunity for mutual concessions, and a decision which should be satisfactory to a large majority. The matter should be considered in this spirit.

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A Wisconsin inquirer for information about Fairhope added as a foot note: "24 degrees below zero." None of that in ours thank you.

Unusual duties and interests connected with the annual meeting and rent revision have somewhat interfered with the editor's attention to the COURIER this week, and he trusts any deficiency will be excused.

I like the paper and wish the FAIRHOPE COURIER much success in making known the practicability of Henry George's theories.

A. V. HARBOTTLE TAYLOR, Columbia S. C.

"Please find enclosed 30c in stamps, for three copies of the Fairhope Booklet, as that does show far better what a group of earnest, devoted and honest people can do. Though I have kept in very close touch with your doings, yet, sorry to say, have had no chance to visit you. May Fairhope and Fairhopers grow and prosper, and be like the leaven to leaven this and other countries. Respectfully Thy Friend,

Philadelphia, Pa. FRANK M. NORMART.

Very interesting incidents have been cited to us by our visitor from Louisville, Mississippi, Mr. Peavy, showing the rapid increase in land values in his town, which is about the size of Fairhope; and also the "big kick" they are having there about their tax assessment. Over there they actually brought suit against their officials for alleged excessive and unfair levies. So protestants against taxes are not confined to Fairhope. It is one of the inalienable and oftenest exercised rights of American citizens.

The test to which the single tax man subjects all propositions for economic reform, including the single tax itself, is the moral test. Would it be right? Would it be just? Its effects upon individuals or classes, workingmen included, is of secondary importance. For the essence of his philosophy is that any reform which is morally right can not fail to be economically beneficent. To workingmen, therefore, as well as to others, his primary recommendation of the single tax is not that it would serve their selfish interests, but that it is morally right.—LOUIS F. POST.

Fairhopers will appreciate the spirit of "Uncle John's" suggestion in his "jottings" published elsewhere, that the Single Tax Conference should give especial attention to Fairhope, but also want it distinctly understood that the calling of the conference is not a bid for any endorsement of Fairhope and that any one attending it must not feel in the least degree committed in that direction. Fairhopers are always glad when their work meets the approval of their brethren of the faith, but have never asked the same, and certainly have no desire for any endorsement which is not spontaneous and unsolicited.

EDITOR COURIER:

The copies of your Fairhope booklet, also sample copies of the COURIER sent by you have been read and passed around with pleasure; they proved so interesting that we wish to know more of and help spread the knowledge of your experiment, which seems to be one of the most effective ways of showing the results of our belief yet undertaken. Inclosed you have $1 currency, for which send me the COURIER for the coming year, and another copy of the booklet for the 10c, as I never expect to see the others again. Very truly yours,

Akron, Ohio. JAS. MCBRIDE.

Joseph Leggett the veteran single tax worker of California, writes us in regard to a friend of his, who is thinking some of coming to Fairhope. Mr. Leggett had received a favorable report on Fairhope from one of our late visitors, Mr. W. C. Kempton, who visited us not long since, en route from Massachusetts to California. He says: "I was deeply interested in Mr. Kempton's account of you and your community. I wish you all prosperity and success. * * I believe the single tax movement is farther along than any of us are able to see. Events are continually occurring all over the English-speaking world that prove this to me. Their occurence would otherwise be inexplicable to me. I cannot believe them to be miraculous."

Our neighbor Comings brings us a clipping from a paper sent him from a friend in Michigan. The writer had come south to spend the winter, and in writing a letter to his home paper says "We found the best ana most attractive town at Fairhope, Ala. but as there was no adequate accomodations, we had to go on farther south, and not be so well suited as we would have been there." We are sure our friends here nor elsewhere realize how many such there are who would come here to spend their winters and their money if only we had the ample accommodations we should have to care for them, and once here they would become converts to the "Fairhope Idea" and stay permanently. Friend Comings is preparing to care for a goodly number in his large new house, soon to be ready for occupancy.

We are glad to be able to announce positively, that Mardi Gras excursion tickets etc. will be on sale by all railroads leading into Mobile (and we presume connecting lines) at rate of one fare plus twenty-five cents, for the round trip, with a minimum rate of fifty cents. Tickets will be on sale March 1st to 6th inclusive and for trains scheduled to reach Mobile before noon of March 7th. Limit on the tickets will be made to March 11th, 1905, with provision for extension to March 25th by depositing tickets with special agent at Mobile and upon payment of fifty cents deposit fee.

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A Non-Member Sustains the Council.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COURIER:

As a lease-holder and a single taxer I wish to dissent from the resolutions and memorials presented to the Council by a meeting of leaseholders and which you published in your last issue.

In the first place, I believe I voice the sentiments of the majority when I say that the slur upon the probity of the Executive Council is uncalled for and utterly without foundation. In this matter the framers of the memorial exhibited not only an ignorance of the constitution, but a certain unnecessary spitefulness.

In the next place I take issue with the memorial as representing "the" leaseholders. The meetings at which these memorials and resolutions were passed, were not public meetings. I was neither notified nor invited, nor was there a public notice given. This is in striking contrast to the usual Fairhope custom of allowing both sides to be heard.

In regard to the statement about the disheartenment of colonists and desire to sell out, I venture to say, Mr. Editor, that you will have few takers of your offer to those desiring to sell improvements.

Furthermore I would say that I have implicit confidence that rents going ever higher will be but a sign that prosperity is ever increasing, and that I should gladly pay the increased rent, knowing that I get it all back in the shape of public improvements instead of contributing to the support of an idle landlord.

To sum up briefly the contention of the memorials and resolutions: they ask that Fairhope give up the single tax plan and become a nondescript community, a corporation owning the land but benevolently refraining from collecting full rental values, allowing the lessees to determine the same.

The absurdity and impracticability of such propositions are self evident.

The Council could take no other stand than that taken in its reply, and it can rest assured that it has the support of all true single taxers who look first to the welfare of Fairhope and next to their own personal interests; believing, indeed, that the two are inseparable.

I remain, Yours Respectfully,

ARTHUR TRENHOLME.

Fairhope, Alabama, January 29, 1905.

Keep Fairhope a Single Tax Town.

EDITOR FAIRHOPE COURIER:

Dear Sir: A marked copy of the *Baldwin Times* dated Jan. 19 has come to me and I have read the several columns concerning Fairhope. Mr. Parker suggests that the memberships be retired. I hope no such thing will come about. There being only one single tax town, why not keep it so? Fairhope, being a corporation, must be managed by those who are responsible for its existence. It may sound somewhat brutal, but those who are not in sympathy with the single tax policy ought to get out. I do not admit for a moment that merely being a tenant should give equal rights with members to vote. If that were law, outside influences that might wish Fairhope's destruction could in a short time furnish tenants enough to accomplish their ends. The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation is a landlord. If any other landlord, for instance the great Schenley estate in Pittsburg, should give to all its tenants an equal right of vote and management, the tenants would naturally in short order vote the value of the estate into their own pockets.

Let *all* the values of the land be collected annually regardless of need for revenue. Yours Respectfully,

Allegheny, Pa. H. W. NOREN.

A Letter From An Old Member.

Fairhope's good friend and early resident member, Henry Schakel, now at Indianapolis, Ind., renewing his own subscription a d sending in a couple of new subscriptions, adds: "I wish to say a few words about a general policy of single taxers. The proposition should be clear and very definite to wit: The taxation of land values and the providing of public services that means in the end to appropriate all ground rent for public use. The easiest way to accomplish this is to demand the taxation of ground rentals leaving to other reformers the introduction of public services like socialists and kindred organizations, and the free trade question may be left to Roosevelt and the free traders generally and to the reciprocity league. We should demand the collection of the ground rentals only; the rest is easy. The reason Indianapolis don't provide any public services is that the city treasury is always empty. A year ago we had a flood here, which washed away nearly all the bridges. There was not a cent of money here to build better bridges with. After a year or so without bridges they finally bonded the people to get new bridges built.

You will remember that I belonged to the "Springer party" the time we set about to revise the Fairhope constitution. Our plan was a $25 membership and the leasing of land to members only. At that time I thought it to be the best plan, but now after 8 years reflection I frankly admit that your plan proved the best in the long run, because your non-member leaseholders help you to demonstrate your policy by their very presence. We want Republicans to vote for the taxation of ground rent without scaring them away with that terrible free trade. There are very few people who can grasp a whole philosophy at a time, but that land values are due to the presence of the people the ordinary mind can understand and as to what shall be done with the money so derived, don't worry. They each and all have a proposition how the ground rent could best be spent. The best way to convince socialists of the correctness of our proposition would be to ask real socialits to start a cooperative industry in Fairhope, where ground rentals are collected for public use and where public utilities would be provided for them. They might succeed, where everywhere else they have always failed.

Rental Appraisement Adjusted.

The rental appraisement, as revised by the Executive Council, after hearing all the complaints made against it, was re-submitted to the members on last Monday evening and sustained by a vote of eighteen to eleven, after a very full and fair discussion.

This is a disposition of the matter which should be and we think will be fairly satisfactory to all concerned.

Those who thought the Council wrong, may not be convinced otherwise but as good colonists they will loyally abide by the will of the majority.

In its revision the Council made reductions on over sixty different holdings aggregating a considerable sum.

The criticisms still heard are by no means confined to those who think the rents generally too high. Some still think they are too low in places.

We think Mr. Noren in his letter published elsewhere, is quite right in condemning the proposition to admit everyone who comes to Fairhope to full participation in Colony affairs. It seems to us the simplest kind of a mathematical proposition that with single taxers outnumbered so greatly (as they generally are to our sad knowledge, else we would not need any "Single Tax Colony") that if everyone who came to Fairhope because he liked the climate, or the location, or found land easier of access here than elsewhere, were admitted at once to full voice in Colony affairs, the single tax would be thrown overboard in short order. If Fairhope is to continue as a single tax colony, it must be administered by single taxers. Within its own membership the Colony is a model of democracy, but it is under no obligation whatever to extend the principle

to outsiders. Its relations with them are determined by its lease contracts—and by them only.

The Fairhope School of Philosophy.

This is the name of an organization recently formed in Fairhope, at the suggestion of Mr. T. N. Freeman. Its declared objects are: The study and encouragement of Art, Music, Drama. Literature, Science, Religion and Social Progress. Officers: Pres. T. N. Freeman; Sec. Mrs. Jessie H. Bell; Treas. Mrs. Marie Howland. Committees of three are appointed to take charge of each subject. Regular meetings are held every Tuesday evening, at the hall. Mr. Freeman, the President, gives a short talk, after which members of the committees, or speakers appointed by them, give five minute addresses upon their respective subjects. Program closes at 9, when the music begins, when all who wish may dance until 10. Membership has grown from the 23 with which it started, less than three weeks ago, to nearly 60. The comprehensive scope of the work, and the recognition (as becomes true philoso phers) of the value and necessary function of amusement, is attracting all classes, from the ten year old boys and girls, to the 70 year old boys and girls: and it is expected that the School will be a means of permanent uplift, and of practical use in the effort to grow towards a completer and more beautiful life, for all who come under its influence.

Beside the Tuesday meetings, there are informal meetings held every Sunday evening, at the home of some member, where a short address is given, and the remainder of the time spent in conversation and music. The first of these was held at Mr. Massey's charming home; the next, at Mr. Shepherd's where Mr. Freeman gave an instructive talk on Shelley, his life and influence. Next Sunday we will meet at Mr. Coleman's home, Ingleside, and Miss Alice G. Herring will speak on Walt Whitman. ALICE G. HERRING.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Our Village Improvement Club is more than usually active, and it is always doing effective work, especially in entertainments for raising money for needed improvements. The only effort to help our public library to needed money came through the V. I. C. Dear, and ever lamented "Sykie" was most active and persistent at that effort. At the last meeting of the Club at comrade Gaston's we decided to have something done to keep our streets cleaner—especially from the papers which citizens carelessly throw around everywhere on coming out of the postoffice. Mr. Comings has been doing street-cleaning all by himself, and we are grateful to him. Nevertheless, every service of a public nature should be done by and paid by the public. This principle has been thoroughly established as the wisest. Of course in pioneer colonies before every department of public service is in working order, citizens must take hold as we have done here, how many times, under the lead of our good V. I. C. and clean up parks and streets, burn brush, etc., etc. I feel impressed that this body has taken a new lease of life through its very responsible work in conducting the coming Single Tax Conference.

The 23rd instant was a red letter day at the Pines. You read an account of it in the last issue, Such a surprise I never experienced. I bad risen early, made a hasty toilet (that is, dressed by throwing my skirts over my pink night-gown!) and hurried to my typewriter. I was there still at 11 a. m. when I had to open the front door to a bevy of nicely dressed ladies—the *creme de la creme* of the town—bearing baskets and bundles. I had been so busy that the flight of time had been all unheeded. They asked me if I knew what day it was. It flashed upon me. It was the birthday bot

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of comrade Bancroft and M. H., and these kind friends proposed to celebrate it. My sister had known about it, but had loyally kept the secret. The next hour was a busy one. Long tables seating about twenty people had to be improvised, table cloths and napkins hunted out from the depths of closets. Tea cups ran short, but the silver, thanks to the stock from New Hampshire, held out bravely.

When I tried to assist in the kitchen, I was sent back to the library with the reminder that I was a guest. I then donned my old-fashoned silk tea gown and entertained the friends in the library by showing them "the Prang pictures," some of them proofs of lovely oriental keramics. It is almost like looking at the lovely old vases themselves, so wonderfully are the colors represented.

January 31, x x x You know Col. Daniels, Franz. You remember his work in Topolobampo in establishing our Academy of Science there, and his fine stereopticon lectures which did such good preliminary work. He is a devotee of science and of industrial education and is working with Mr. and Mrs. Comings harmoniously. You will be glad to know that he is coming to visit Fairhope and intends to take advantage of the Conference, on Mardi Gras rates. You remember we were always friends and mutual admirers tho' I "guess" the admiration was rather more on my side. He has had a great fruit farm at Gunston, Va. and it is possible that he will be attracted to Fairhope. Do you remember the literal barrels full of treasures from the sea that he took with him when he left Mexico? He is an eloquent speaker and will always be found in the advance guard of progress.

Uncle John's Jottings.

The single tax conference to be held at Fairhope in March will no doubt be very enjoyable and ought to be profitable, as well. The principal work of the conference should be to make a full study of Fairhope's place in the single tax movement. If it be seen that the work of Fairhope is as important as it and its friends think, then those who attend the conference may agree as to what they themselves will do in furtherence of this work, and perhaps decide upon some specific measures to be recommended to single taxers generally for the same purpose. Of course no gathering of single taxers can speak with authority for anybody but themselves, and this is so well understood by all of us that the raising of that question was quite uncalled for.

When in a city improvements, public or private, such as the erection of buildings, paving of streets, etc., are made, it is said that the value of near-by property is increased thereby. In common thought no distinction is made between the land and the buildings constituting the benefitted property. But this should be done, as the fact is that the increase in value falls exclusively on the land. The value of a building is determined not by its location, but by what it would cost to reproduce it if destroyed or to build one like it. The value of land is determined by what people will pay for any particular piece, location being a prime factor in the matter. Much confusion of thought would be avoided by students of the land question if they would always think of land entirely apart from the improvements.

How far do the people of Fairhope generally accep- and practically carry out the Spencerian dogma, "Every man has freedom to do all that he wills provided he infringes not the equal freedom of any other man"? The proposition embodies the grand principle that every man should mind his own business! Do the people of Fairhope do that? All the good single taxers there do, I am sure. A study of the single tax is apt to make one intensely individualistic, hence inclined to attend to his own affairs and accord to others the right to do likewise.

UNCLE JOHN.

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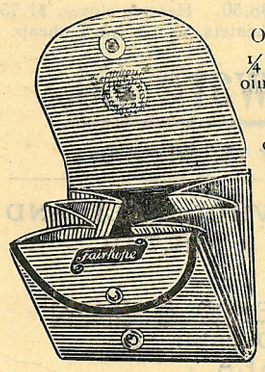
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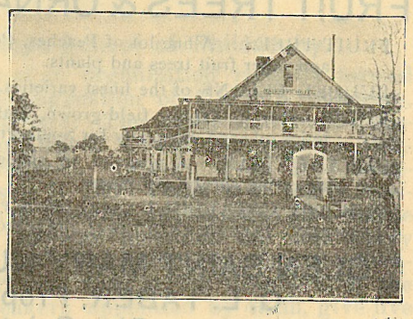
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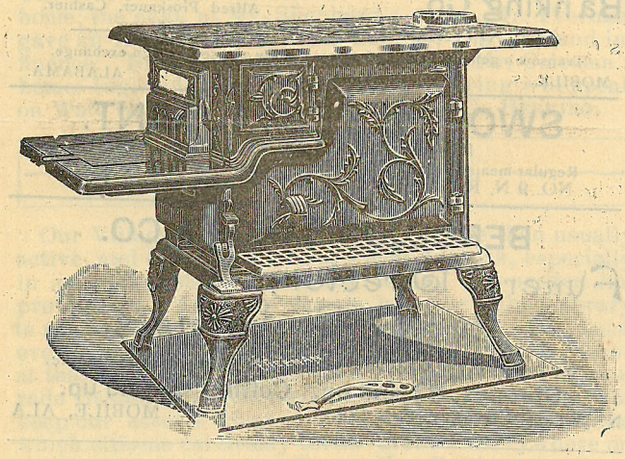
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This makes a very low rate and the extension of time will enable our friends who want to stay a while after the Conference with us, which we are sure many of them will want to do, the opportunity to do so.

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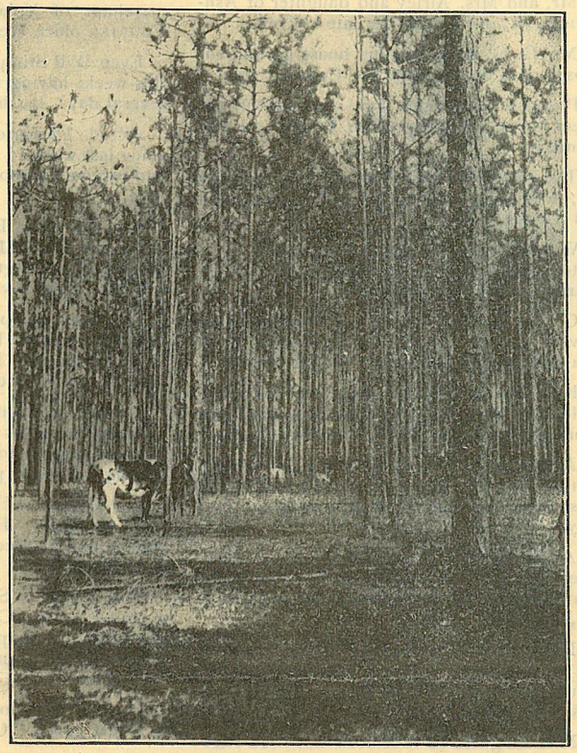
It is a season when good weather is reasonably to be expected at Fairhope, and when the contrast between our Sunny South and the northern brand of weather is most in the former's favor.

Spring should then be "wide open" with us—flowers blooming, birds singing, and the temperature such as to tempt one to be out doors as much as possible, at least during the hours of sunshine.

Many well-known single taxers have signified their intention to be present, and a thoroughly profitable and enjoyable time is certain to those who attend.

In order that adequate preparation may be arranged for the entertainment of those in attendance it is very much desired that they shall notify the committee as far in advance as possible.

Fairhope is not a city and is always well filled at that season of the year, but shelter and food will be provided for everyone who will advise the committee in advance. Address Mrs. R. F. Powell, chairman entertainment committee, Fairhope. The cost of entertainment—board and bed—will range from $5 to $12 a week.



A Piny Woods Scene.

Fairhope Winter Assembly.

An Institute of Sociology and Economics.

We are glad to announce that in connection with our coming single tax conference, but in an independent and separate organization, our long talked of "Winter Chatauqua" is likely to take shape, with special promise of success.

Arrangements have already been made for some speakers, and teachers that will make the sessions of great interest to all who can come to attend the course.

The most of the course will follow after the single tax conference. One lecture only will precede it, a lecture on "Arts and Crafts" will be given on the Saturday preceding; the rest of the course of strictly Assembly lectures, will begin on the 14th of March and continue as long as it is found advisable.

The first lecture on Saturday, March 4, will be given by Miss Frances Lyon, of Atlanta, who is coming to organize an "Arts and Crafts Club" and will have classes largely of ladies and school-children as well as some specially for gentlemen. These classes will likely continue for three weeks or more, with the expectation of being renewed each year, or several times each year to come.

Other speakers and teachers of specialties will be here to open classes on their own special lines, aside

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Barefooted children are noted on the street today.

Rest Cottage reports a "full house" much of the time now.

Capt. Lawrence buys lumber at the mills. See his stock at the wharf.

Mr. and Mrs. Airley and daughter of Ashtabula, O., are among the late arrivals.

Mr. G. G. Black has his house up and enclosed on a lot opposite the Creswell tract.

Professor Bellangee gave an excellent address before the Progressive League on last Sunday.

The editor has some cuttings of a very fine fig, which he will be pleased to share with his friends.

Wanted--One or two standard-made incubators and brooders, in good order. S. D. Yarnelle, care COURIER office.

C. F. Congleton and wife of Chicago spent a week at Rest Cottage and have gone on to Havana and will go thence to Old Mexico.

For Sale—Improved place, 20 acres 2½ miles out. can be partly paid in carpenter work, Colony land. Enq. at COURIER office.

At last week's meeting of the Carpenter's Union, every carpenter in town was reported busy save one, and he went to work the next day.

A "Valentine Weighing Social,"—whatever that may be—is advertised on the bulletin board for St. Valentine's evening, Feb. 14, at Masonic hall.

Dr. Cottle, is feeling so much improved in health, that he cannot be content to idle longer, and will try to practice some locality, associating with Dr. Hail.

Miss Bingham of Rosinton has been visiting her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Comings, this week. She is a northern lady who has recently settled in this county.

Chas. Stromberg and his mother and Mrs. C. E. Temple and her young son, arrived from Chicago early in the week, and are occupying pleasant Cliff cottage.

The room adjoining Dr. Hail's drug-store, which has recently been used as a shoe-shop by Mr. Stearns, is being ceiled and otherwise fitted up for an office for Dr. Sheldon.

Clayton F. Woods writes us very interestingly from Pinon, Colorado, where he is now connected with the Colorado Cooperative Company. He says: "I rejoice to see Fairhope doing so well all along the line and especially your most faithful of papers, the COURIER.

One phase of Fairhope's prosperity is not particularly appreciated by the COURIER, Messrs. Stearns and Miller, builders, have ordered their ad out of the COURIER, because they have more work ahead than they can do. We ought to encourage more carpenters to come, in the hope that some of them will want to use the COURIER to find employment.

The schooner Mineola, in command of Captain Geo. A. R. Lawrence and with G. W. Wood as supercargo, arrived from Moss Point, Miss., last week with a cargo of twenty-three thousand feet of dressed lumber. Captain Lawrence and Mr. Wood expect to engage regularly in the lumber business and to keep on hand a supply to meet local needs promptly.

Call at COURIER office for information about dressed lumber.

Postmaster Oswalt was confined to his home several days with illness, but is able to be out again.

Frank Creswell and Arthur Dealy of Mershon Brothers' force have both been off duty this week with illness.

Louis Baldwin, the enterprising young merchant of Volanta, was a caller at the COURIER office Wednesday.

Even Will Stimpson has been indisposed this week, having been confined to the house several days, but he is able to be out again.

Alfred Dickinson of Bridgeton, N. J., came last week to see Fairhope, of which he had received a good report. He may locate here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creswell are enjoying a visit from Mrs. Creswell's aunt, Mrs. Coulter of Burlington, Iowa. Mrs. Coulter was here about a year ago.

The town pump was off duty a couple of days, the trouble being with the foot valve in the cylinder. Baldwin & Bell, our well men, made the necessary repairs.

Edward M. Laing, a hydraulic engineer of Chicago, who has been visiting a while at Marlow, was in town one day last week inquiring about our proposed water works.

Mr. Wm. J Schaeffer of Philadelphia is with us again. His health necessitated a change and he secured leave of absence from his position in the Philadelphia post office.

Wm. Geske of Saint Louis, who has been a reader of the COURIER for several years, is visiting Fairhope and looking over the ground in his own behalf and that of other interested friends.

Best ceiling, flooring and siding in stock at wharf house. G. A. R. Lawrence.

Mr. W. S. Summer is proceeding with the building of a front to his little building moved from the lot opposite Mrs. Howland to that adjoining Mr. Stevens.

Mrs Webster, who slipped away so quietly that the editor did not know she was gone, writes us from Chicago, where she now is with her daughter. to order her COURIER sent to her. She says: "I do not want to lose sight of Fairhope all at once "

Mrs. Magden and Mrs. Doudna of Des Moines, sisters of Mesdames A. H. and N. Mershon and Littlefield, arrived on Sunday morning for a visit with their numerous relatives here. Mrs. Magden has been here before, but it is Mrs. Doudna's first visit.

The contract has been let for an addition to the COURIER office, which will give us much needed room for increasing business. It will be 16x30 feet, on the front of the present building, and will be pushed through as rapidly as possible. Mr. Brann has the contract.

The time seems to have passed when the clearing of every tree from the residence lots in Fairhope is considered an improvement. Several parties who have been looking for locations recently have strenuously objected to lots which would otherwise have suited them very well, but which because of their treeless condition they did not consider at all desirable. This raises the question whether or not the Colony should not provide that trees must not be cut from lots unless there are other improvements made which will insure that they will not be turned back to the Colony.

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School Garden Meeting.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2:30 p. m., in the hall, there will be a meeting in the interest of the school garden, to which all are most cordially invited.

There will be music and recitations and the members of the school garden committee will present different phases of the work. Dr. Borst, Mr. Comings, and Mrs. Howland will speak on what has already been accomplished, Mrs. Howland telling especially of the work in Boston and other parts of Massachusetts. Mr. Freeman will present the utilitarian side of the question, and Mrs. Bell the ethical and æsthetic. Prof. Dinkins will also be present and address the meeting.

There will be a large plan of the grounds on the blackboard, and it is hoped that the patrons and all others who are interested in the welfare of the school will be present to aid by criticism or suggestion before the plans are put in operation. The committee earnestly desires the cooperation of all the citizens of Fairhope and vicinity in this effort toward the more practical education of the boys and girls of this community.

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Religious Notice.

In response to a unanimous call from the Fairhope Congregational church, Rev. E. Springer Oliver, who has been acceptably serving them for two months, has consented to remain in charge until the first of June. There will be preaching each Sabbath at 11 a. m. and at 8:30 p. m. preceded by Christian Endeavor. Bible study and prayer service each week on Thursday 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Oliver is a regularly ordained minister of the Ohio Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. This denomination and the Congregational church are in the preliminary stage of an organic union. She is therefore subject to appointment from the state authorities of either church, and is consequently regularly appointed in her work among us.

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John Harrington, Esq., of Oshkosh, recommends an annual edition of the booklet and makes some valuable suggestions as to the matters which should be given attention in it.

Jas. F. McIlwaine of Hoboken, N. J., is one of the zealous single taxers who loses no opportunity to present the true gospel. The *Daily Observer* of February published a call, over his signature, for the organization of a single tax league in his county.

Hon. A. A. Wiley, congressman from this district, has introduced a bill in congress authorizing the construction upon the military reservation at Fort Morgan, Alabama, of a suitable building not to cost in excess of ten thousand dollars, for the use and accommodation of the customs service.

The editor extends sincere sympathy to that fellow single taxer and good friend of Fairhope, S. J. Chubb of Toronto Junction, Canada, on the death of his wife. Mrs. Chubb fully shared in the economic views of her husband, and in his efforts to spread the light so far as was in his power, which gave added poignancy to his loss.

The difference in whose ox is gored: Of the two men who at the late annual meeting criticised the Council most for extravagance and posed as "watchdogs of the treasury," one had just been allowed a larger bill than ever before allowed a member for equivalent services, and the other had presented the only claim for interest on an unpresented bill, ever made.

Our late weather has certainly not been such as to maintain the reputation of the "Sunny South". Cold and rainy has been the rule for several days. We can bear the rain with greater equanimity knowing that this section has not for several years had its normal rainfall. Our chief regret is on account of our visitors but we trust they will realize that nowhere is there good weather all the time, and that while we are having it bad, other places are having it worse.

What would be thought of men who would rent pews in a church because they liked the music or the intellectual efforts of the preacher, and who would assert that they ought thereby to have an equal right with the members to vote on who should be the preacher or the choir-leader and what should be their compensation, and even insist on the revision of the creed to suit their ideas? Would not such a proposition be considered preposterous by all fair minded people? Is it not equally as preposterous for people accepting the hospitality of a single tax colony, to urge the abolition of the single tax and fight its application? It seems so to us.

The Progress and Poverty Dinner.

The Progress and Poverty dinner at Hotel Astor, New York, January 24, was a notable occasion. The *Single Tax Review*, midwinter number, gives a full and exceedingly interesting report. Mr. Powell, who attended the dinner, writes us:

"Have just returned from the Progress and Poverty dinner in New York. It was a success in every sense of the word, far beyond the most sanguine expectations. About 350 people were present and the speeches were fully equal to anything in all history or literature. The entire audience seemed to be in perfect accord with the highest enconiums that words could paint of Henry George and his great work.

Bryan's speech was excellent and while he did not declare himself an avowed advocate, he did commit himself sufficiently to satisfy everyone present of his high regard for and sincere belief in the cause."

An Out and Out Single Taxer.

Personally I am heart, soul, and brain with the single tax movement, * * But while I am an out-and-out single taxer, I am in sympathy with any and all movements which mean more leisure and pleasure and lessened hours of labor for the masses, and larger opportunities for obtaining homes, air, sunshine and sleep.

All co-operative movements interest me exceedingly. I would like to see all public utilities owned by the people. These things are coming slowly, but surely. No one, not even a billionaire, is satisfied with present conditions. They will have to change.—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX in St. Louis *Star*.

The Single Tax Review.

The midwinter number of the *Single Tax Review* is at hand and is an extremely interesting one. The full report of the Progress and Poverty dinner, with the inspiring messages of those who were present in person and of those whose letters were read, and the reports of progress all over the world, are of especial interest and encouragement to single taxers.

Of special interest to those interested in Fairhope are a criticism of Fairhope by P. A. Parker and a reply by Mr. Gaston. Some of the other leading articles are:

"A Retrospect and a Prophecy," by William Lloyd Garrison; "Single Taxers of Germany in Conference," by Grace Isabel Colbron; "'Equal Taxation' in New Jersey," by Geo. L. Rusby; "Radicalism in Literature," (part 1) by Grace Isabel Colbron; "New York's Progress in Tax Reform," by D. B. Van Vleck. "Work of the Massachusetts League"; "News—Domestic and Foreign"; ',Tour of John Z. White"; etc. etc.

Mr. T. F. Gaynor of New York makes an encouraging report of progress toward the proposed single tax colony near New York City. We do not see how any genuine single taxer can be content to be without the *Review*.

H. P. Skinner, of Middleport, Ohio, secured the publication in the Pomeroy, O., *Democrat* of the first of the series of articles on Fairhope, by Prof. Bellangee, which are running in various agricultural and other papers, and hopes to secure the publication of the remainder. He suggests that we urge our readers everywhere to interest themselves in securing the publication of the articles in their local papers—which we hereby do.

Fairhope Winter Assembly.

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from the specialists we have already with us enough we think, to make a most interesting Assembly of no small interest and advantage to all who may come.

The Assembly will be under the general management of our Mr. and Mrs. Comings who are already well known to the wide circle of Fairhope friends.

It is pretty sure that some of the speakers of national repute as single taxers will stay to participate in the lectures and discussions of the Assembly, one has already expressed his expectation to stay and with his stereopticon give some illustrated lectures on scientific subjects, and as he is a widely known advocate and speaker on general reform topics, and is a specialist on industrial education, and has been an educator of national repute, his assistance will of itself assure some strong meat for those who wish for wide instruction while at the conference and assembly sessions.

For local teachers we have Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb-Comings, who has been a lecturer and teacher of twenty years experience, a well known attache of several of the most prominent Chautauquas in various states, an authority on physical culture, in varied forms, a teacher of elocution and voice culture, with also ability as teacher of "expression in music".

Mrs. Pilcher is also a long time resident teacher of music, and is a lady of high culture and attainment along this line, able to instruct and entertain all who wish development of their talents for melody.

Miss Alice Herring is also here and is an accomplished teacher in stenography, and will be able to take a most interesting and instructive place as speaker and leader in several lines of progressive thought.

In Prof. Bellangee, Mrs. Howland, Mr. Freeman, President Brown, Mr. Lancaster, Prof. Comings, Prof. Dinkins and our local professional men, we have those qualified to interest and instruct on many lines.

Our Mr. S. H. Comings who has won national fame as a writer of a widely accepted book on industrial education, and been made corresponding secretary of the American League for Industrial Education and who is a forceful speaker along this and other lines of social progress, will give his time and efforts mainly to the building up of the Asssembly work here.

The Annual Meeting.

The COURIER'S statement regarding the results of the annual election last week, was based on the count of the trustees announced at the time.

A recount was made by them the next day which left only two elected out of the seven officers voted for, Mr. Stimpson and Mr. Creswell being tied for the vice presidency, and Mr. Wood and Mr. Gaston tied for the secretaryship.

This will make the result of the second ballot to be taken in two weeks, of almost as great interest as the first. The writer however, believes that before the date set for the next ballot, an agreement will be reached between the contending parties, which will insure practical unanimity. Certainly that is his individual desire. He is deeply appreciative of the confidence which has been reposed in him by his fellow Fairhopers in continuing him in the secretaryship from the beginning of the organization. So far as his observation goes, he is the only one active in the organization of any colony who has held the confidence of the membership so long. Having rounded out ten years of continous service,—a work of love to him—he will be glad indeed to step out, not only from this office but from any office for a time. It cannot be otherwise than that those who are put in positions of responsibility will make mistakes, and often give offense where none is intended. The Fairhope experiment is not worth while if it depends for leadership upon a few men —which is certainly not the case,—and it will be much better, to change around occasionally, put new men to the front and incidentally "put the kickers in to be kicked at". We are sure this is the feeling of all of those who have been most active in the direction of Colony affairs. They have had no itch for power—for they have realized, if others have not,—that they were simply servants of the people, subject to a referendum or to recall at any time—and the emoluments have certainly been no great temptation to them. With this feeling it will, we are sure, be easy to select men upon whom a large majority can agree and this we expect to see done at the adjourned election.

A resolution against admitting any new members within thirty days prior to the regular annual election, was carried by a practically unanimous vote, and by another such vote W. A. Baldwin was admitted as a member, to take effect the following Monday. Mr. Baldwin is a good single taxer who has long contemplated membership. He succeeds P. A. Parker, whose membership certificate was transferred to him.

Owing to press of other duties in the limited time since his return, the Treasurer was not ready with his full report. It will be presented at the adjourned election.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Well, if we haven't a varied and multiform array of burdens on our colony shoulders just now! The hall to enlarge; annual election to do over again, because we did not get all the officers chosen when near midnight overtook us; school children clamoring for the school gardens we have promised them; roads to repair and a cross road to open; ever so many houses to finish; entertainments for raising money to be arranged; our steamer to be supplied with a new boiler; committee meetings thicker than June bugs; our private gardens and orchards yet hardly touched because of the unprecedented continuance of cold and wet, and,—our Single Tax Conference almost upon us! Well, this must be our "very present help in time of trouble"—that our people have immeasurable executive ability, and that they have well established the pioneer habit of staggering bravely under heavy burdens—burdens that would crush ordinary mortals. Watch us, and see how we come out all serene by the time our Single Tax friends arrive!

* * * A correspondent writes me: "I am now launched at last on that sea of ink which will flow until it reaches the Bay of Mobile and the Gulf of Mexico. It is a pleasure to sail on this Black Sea."—Why then, beloved A. B. did you not make a longer voyage? Why not sail out into the infinite depths of soul communion instead of making a careful little close-reefed, shore-hugged inland trip? But I am grateful, dear friend, even for your fifteen scrimpy pages! you see you and other friends have spoiled me by their splendid epistles, until, like a pampered child, I would have a dinner wholly of cream pie!

* * * Listen to this scheme for housing summer visitors just being put in practice by a business company in New Hampshire which has secured on Lake Winneepesaukee a frontage of a quarter of a mile on which are to be erected "500 bungalows, each containing a living room, a bath room supplied with hot and cold water, and two sleeping rooms, all furnished and lighted with electricity." These Bungalows are to be kept in order by the company. Meals are to be furnished at the Oakbirch Inn, a part of the plant, and the shore front is to be laid out by landscape gardeners, "and the bungalows will be erected as though they

were pavilions in parks." Why would not this be a good plan for Fairhope cottages? It would have the advantage of fine climate all the year round, while in the far north the season for pleasure resort is suddenly cut short in September, if not sooner, by the cold.

February 8 * * * At last the blessed sun "comes out!" Some declare we have not seen it for ten days. Every cistern in Fairhope must be full to overflowing, and lakes of precious water that we shall need in the spring and summer for our gardens and fields, are soaking into the already soaked ground. When we can do what needs to be done, this surplus water will somehow be preserved; for every spring we have a drought —not sufficient to kill any well-rooted plant, perhaps, but severe enough to do much damage. This is the kind of weather experienced by our friend, C. B. Hoffman, on the two occasions of his visits here, and he never thinks of Fairhope as sunny and dry, but as dark and wet. We hope he will be with us at our conference in April, and then may the "rainy Hyades" cease to "vex the dim seas," at least while he stays.

February 8. * * The Fairhope School of Philosophy met last night—over a dozen members, despite the rain, and good papers were read, I am confident, for several bright members this week were looking up authorities in the library on literature, chemistry, sociology, etc. I can seldom be present, for the school meets on library days, when I am not free. It seems that there is no day but Tuesday when the hall is available.

* * The sixth annual report of the Garden City Association has just reached the Fairhope Library table. You, C. F. L., know this association is formed to build "garden cities" (on the principle suggested in Howard's "Garden Cities of Tomorrow"). The design is "to secure adequate housing for the whole population, and in which the inhabitants shall become in a collective capacity the owners of the sites." The secondary object is to encourage manufacturers to remove their works from congested centers to the country.

This is a very significant movement and the association is doing a very effective propaganda work. The First Garden City is developing an estate of 3800 acres about thirty-four miles from London. The land was $40 an acre; the population to be limited to about 30,000 and the greater portion of the estate will be retained for agricultural purposes. All beyond five per cent. to the shareholders, annually, is to be devoted to improvements for the benefit of the town and its inhabitants. Does this not sound like single tax? And is not this Garden City plan showing the way our English cousins are working toward the millenium dawn when the "land shall no more be sold forever?"

Steamer Fairhope Disabled.

We have with very great regret to announce that the steamer Fairhope is out of commission indefinitely. The trouble is with the boiler. Engineer and boiler makers report that the boiler is practically beyond repair. This is due, no doubt, partly to putting in the wrong type of boiler for reliable and continuous service, and more probably, to a lack of the proper attention which it should have had. We hope that some way out of the trouble will be found, but at present no definite announcement can be made.

The advantages of the direct service are so great, and the business built up by the steamer so large, that we are sure the enterprising people of Fairhope will find a way to continue the service.

The business for 1904 totalled $9260, an increase over 1903 of 35 per cent. and over 1902, of twice as much. With such a business and such a rate of increase, it is clear that if only the question of continuous service can be solved, all the obligations to the friends who so kindly helped us to secure the boat can be met within a very few years.

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Boy, your mother's dreaming; there's a picture pure and bright
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A picture where is blended all the beauty born of hope,
A view that takes the whole of life within its loving scope.

She's dreaming, fondly dreaming, of the happy future when
Her boy shall stand the equal of his grandest fellow-men.
Her boy, whose heart with goodness she has labored to imbue,
Shall be in her declining years her lover proud and true.

She's growing old; her cheeks have lost the blush and bloom of spring,
But oh! her heart is proud because her son shall be a king;
Shall be a king of noble deeds, with goodness crowned, and own
The hearts of all his fellow-men, and she shall share his throne.

Boy, your mother's dreaming; there's a picture pure and bright
That gladdens all her lonely tasks at morning, noon, and night;
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O boy, beware! you must not mar that mother's dream and hope.

—*Nixon Waterman.*

A Message from Wm. Trueman.

That most zealous single taxer and good friend of Fairhope, Wm. Trueman, of New Haven, writes:

E. B. Gaston, Esq.

Dear Brother:—I enclose herewith $2 on account of Fairhope COURIER. I do not know how much I am in arrears, but hope this will be sufficient to cover the same. We are still very much interested in all that you are doing, and it gives us a great amount of satisfaction when, on meeting various well known single taxers in different parts of the country, to hear them express the same sentiment in regard to Fairhope that has so long been uppermost in our minds. The fact that you are giving a practical demonstration of our principles, though under most disadvantageous circumstances, appeals to a great number of people, where the most convincing logic and abstract ideas would utterly fail.

I also feel that with the present tendency in regard to industrial matters, there is a growing feeling among thinking people that the strenuousness of our everyday life does not bring sufficient reward for the amount of energy that has to be expended and that a number of these people are holding Fairhope in their minds with something more tangible than the mere name would at first imply.

Do not fail to let us know through the columns of the COURIER all that Mr. Powell, our Philadelphia friend, is doing and contemplating.

Wishing you every success, I remain

Yours sincerely,

W. TRUEMAN.

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Re-organized, October 1904

F. L. Brown, Pres. Vice Pres.

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Fairhope Single Tax Corporation was organized to practice a theory which its founders think good. Its basic principle is the Law of Equal Freedom, "That every man has freedom to do all that he wills, provided he infringes not on the equal freedom of any other man." This law is applied by it:

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IN NATURAL MONOPOLIES—transportation, telephones, water, light, power, etc.—by Corporation control and operation as fast as practicable, with low charges and all profits, if any, flowing into the Corporation treasury, for the common benefit; or free of any direct charges, the cost of maintenance being borne from the land rentals.

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It should appeal to those who believe the path of progress does not necessarily lead to the substitution of a government trust for the multiple private trusts which in the enjoyment of special privileges have grown to be a national menace, but that EQUAL FREEDOM is a sovereign remedy for all our economic ills.

The Corporation has a most beautiful, healthful and attractive location on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay, within sight of the important sea-coast city of Mobile, its lands having a frontage on the bay shore of about three fourths of a mile, and extending back—not wholly connected—three miles. They comprise over 1500 acres, owned free of incumbrance: and a very favorable option is held on nearly 2500 acres more. The land is especially adapted to truck and fruit growing for northern markets, as well as general farming and stock raising.

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Fairhope is, of course, a post-office. It has a daily mail and does a money order business.

There are 100 dwellings on the ground, 3 general stores, dry-goods and millinery store, two drug store, bakery, butcher-shop, barber shop, shoe repair shop blacksmith shop, a hotel, saw and planing mill, rice-mill, livery stable, printing office, a public hall, used also for school purposes, a free public library of over 2000 volumes. A fine new church is on land just adjoining.

A Corporation telephone system has just been installed with latest improved automatic switching apparatus. Individuals furnish their own 'phones, pay their proportion of the switch board cost—about $26 in all, and have nothing further to pay, the system being maintained by the Corporation out of its land rentals. The system connects with another, reaching all important points in the county and Mobile.

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Fairhope Corporation pays no dividends, interest or bonuses to any one, and has but two salaried officers the Secretary, receiving a salary of $300 yearly and the Treasurer $50. It was organized and exists solely to apply its principles, for the equal benefit of those who participate and for a practical, visible example to the world. Its resources are all expended to that end; and to that end it invites the membership and moral and financial support of right-thinking men and women.

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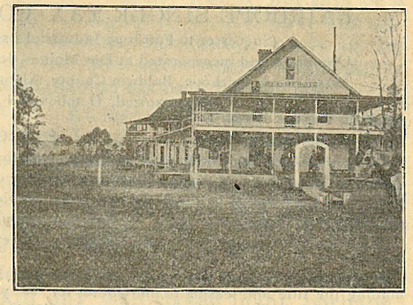
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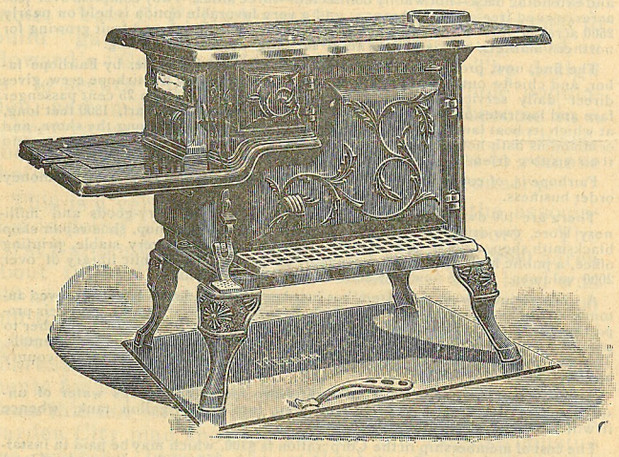
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The Adjourned Election.

The second election, to choose officers who failed of election at the annual meeting Feb. 2, was held last evening.

The hope expressed in the last issue of the COURIER, that an agreement might be reached before the next election, which would insure practical unanimity was in part realized. As an advance in this direction the unqualified declinations of Mr. Gaston as secretary and Mr. Bellangee as treasurer, were presented before the balloting.

The vote as officially reported was as follows:

For Vice President.—Wm. Stimpson, 37; H. Creswell, 7.

For Secretary—G. W. Wood, 34; E. B. Gaston, 10.

For Treasurer—W. A. Baldwin, 25; C. L. Coleman, 13; J. Bellangee, 3.

For Supt. of Lands and Highways—G. M. Bancroft, 24; C. H. Wilson, 19; Wm. Brown, 1.

The ticket, as elected, is heartily approved by the COURIER.

Mr. Stimpson, who received such a flattering vote for vice president, is one of the Colony's most faithful members. He is the one person among the members who has been a practically regular attendant at the meetings of the Council, though not a member of it, and has been frequently called upon to preside in the absence of the president.

In Mr. Wood the Corporation will have a most painstaking and careful secretary. The writer felt fully justified in his determination to decline to stand again for the secretaryship (against the protests of many of his friends) in knowing that the office would go to so good a man and single taxer as Mr. Wood. His devotion to the single tax and loyalty to the Colony are above question.

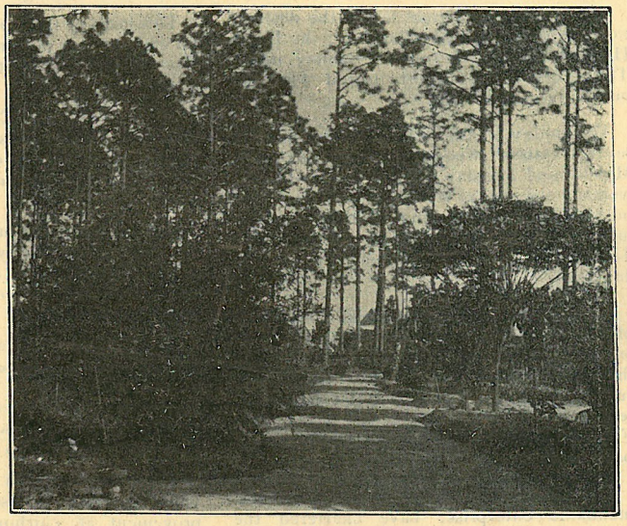
In the new treasurer, Mr. Baldwin, there is an infusion of "new blood" into the Council, which we are sure will prove helpful. Mr. Baldwin being a business man, centrally located, will be very convenient to people having business to transact with the treasurer, and his practical business knowledge will make him a valuable member of the Council.

In the re-election of Mr. Bancroft, a deserved tribute was paid to one of the Corporation's most faithful officers in the past. The world holds no better men than George Bancroft.

Following his election as secretary Mr. Wood resigned as superintendent of public health, and that office will remain to be filled at another election to be held in a few days.

Being relieved of the exacting duties of secretary, the editor will be able to devote his time to making the COURIER as good a paper and as helpful to Fairhope as possible, which will be his aim.

Let everybody turn to now and make the approaching Single Tax Conference as great a success as possible. The general committee on arrangements meets at the hall every Sunday afternoon, after the Progressive League meeting, and will, we are sure, be glad of the attendance and suggestions of anyone. The time is now short and nothing must be left undone that can be done to give our visiting single tax friends a royal welcome.



A View at "The Pines."

Professor Bellangee's Address.

Professor Bellangee addressed the Progressive League on Sunday, Feb. 5, and his paper was so much appreciated that a motion prevailed unanimously to secure its publication if possible. We regret that the limited space of the COURIER prevents its publication in full, but we take pleasure in publishing that portion of it of the most interest at this juncture. He said in part:

In the daily papers of the cities which I have visited I have watched closely for the discussions that would indicate the questions that were agitating the public mind in the various localities, and without exception I think the people have been clamoring for more public conveniences than they could have because the capitalists had seized all the best sites, from which they were reaping large profits, while the burdens of the public service and the interest on bonded indebtedness was thrown by taxation on the products of labor.

In Montreal needed public services cannot be had because the city has to pay an annual interest charge of $1,500,000. In Minneapolis the people have to drink impure water or pay private companies for serving them because the city is so much in debt that it cannot provide a filter plant for its water system. In Omaha, Kansas City, Denver, St. Louis, Memphis and other places the people must be denied what they sorely need because the capitalists have already got a cinch on the revenues from taxation and are absorbing it all in interest on bonded debts. In all of these cities men have grown immensely wealthy by simply absorbing the unearned increment of land and the unearned and unnecessary interest on bonded debts.

In Denver I was shown a corner on 16th St. where the land was owned by one man who had grown wealthy on his rents while his tenants who owned the building and business had barely been able to make both ends meet and keep pace with the demands of his trade. The corner is one of the best in the city and is occupied by a drug-store and soda fountain which is patronized

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Monday's mail was brought over on the Gertrude Tuesday morning, and she also carried back to Mobile the outgoing mail.

Mr. Yarnelle has been joined here by his wife. They are at the Fairhope House, while getting up a little house on their twenty acres in section sixteen.

Mobile suffered a great loss in the destruction by fire of its famous hostlery, the Battle House which occurred on last Sunday night. The property loss approximated $400,000 but no lives were lost.

The coldest weather of the winter and for several winters swooped down on us on last Monday and Tuesday. There is no "official" weather observer at Fairhope, and reports of indivuals as to the reading of their thermometers vary all the way from 10 degrees to 15 degrees. Winter gardens were badly damaged.

The steamer Carney ripped off a large part of her starboard guard in landing at Fairhope on last Monday morning, which was one of the wildest of the winter. The damage was such that Captain Loftus did not dare to attempt the other landings, but went from Fairhope direct to the city, and did not get back on the run until Tuesday afternoon.

Captain Foster and Mr. Pilcher, with commendable enterprise, have chartered the roomy new tug GERTRUDE, and are endeavoring to take care of the Fairhope business while the steamer FAIRHOPE is laid up. They are running on the same schedule as the Fairhope and looking after the interests of the traveling and shipping public as they did when running on her.

The COURIER contemplates the publication of a series of articles showing just how the single tax as applied at Fairhope works in specific cases. To make them especially interesting and instructive we will give particular attention to those who object to their rents. We intend to take up at least one such case in each issue, giving an illustration of a holding and the improvement upon it, citing the rent paid and the advantages covered by it, and contrasting it with the cost of holding a similar place under ordinary circumstances where the land would have to be purchased and taxes paid on land and improvements.

Don't get your wife up early when you want to go to town—just get a hot lunch at the Bayside.

Captain Foster and Mr. Pilcher went over to New Orleans last week hoping to find a steamer suitable for the Fairhope trade which could be chartered to run while the steamer Fairhope was laid up, but did not succeed in finding any. While in New Orleans they hunted up Mr. Herbert Brenon, who with his wife, made an extended visit last summer with Mrs. Brenon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Oberg living near Fairhope. Mr. Brenon is a popular actor, regularly engaged in one of New Orleans' leading theatres, and, in addition to his nightly work on the stage, conducts a school of acting which takes much of his time during the day. He extended many courtesies to Captain Foster and Mr. Pilcher and was very glad to see someone from Fairhope, in which he is much interested. Mr. Gus Oberg was there visiting him at the same time.

Don't you know that the Fairhope Mercantile Co. is selling feed for less money than anyone in Fairhope? Try it and see.

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Doctor Greeno, has been confined to the house, most of the time for a week or more with the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Swift have both been ill for some time, but are better, though Mr. Swift is still confined to the house.

This issue of the COURIER had to be made up without the personal supervision of Mr. Gaston, who is kept at home with an attack of the grip.

W. W. Foltz, of Chicago is having plans made for a very handsome residence in Fairhope. He was a visitor last winter, and has now concluded to make his winter home here.

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Judge Buck and daughter, Mrs. Abbott, are enroute to Minnesota, after a pleasant month in Fairhope. The Judge presented the Library with a copy of his unique book, "Indian Outbreaks" which is a valuable and interesting addition to our store of books.

Word has just been received from D. E. Gooding, who purchased the P. A. Olsen improvement at Fairhope last fall and has since been trying to sell his property at Fruitdale, that he has effected a sale and expects to be down soon and to be followed by his mother and sister as soon as he can make adequate arrangements for them.

Jesus Beltran, a Mexican who came here with the Mulkey family, disappeared in a mysterious manner last week and has been heard of but once since. He appeared on the Tuveson place Wednesday evening, evidently unbalanced mentally, and was given food and lodging. He said the soldiers were after him, and was evidently in great fear. He disappeared before the family arose the next morning. His friends are greatly worried concerning him, and are searching the woods. Later—The wanderer was found and taken to Mobile for examination.

Capt. Lawrence buys lumber at the mills. See his stock at the wharf.

News has just been received at Fairhope of the total loss by fire on February 3, of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, near Barnet, Miss. The news was received from Miss Alice Patterson, who has been with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson for a number of weeks. Their host of Fairhope friends will join the COURIER in extending sincerest sympathy in their loss.

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Mr. Edgar E. Bartlett, publisher of the Rockford *Register-Gazette* (who with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Irvine will be very pleasantly remembered by Fairhopers from their stay here last winter) writes: "Mrs. Bartlett and I regret very much our inability to revisit Fairhope this season, as we have only the pleasantest recollections of our stay there last year."

Mr. W. C. Kempton, who visited us a few months since en route from Massachusetts to San Franscisco, renewing his subscription adds: "I have just read that rental controversy. And it proves how essential it is to have the full management in the hands of *real single taxers*. While any one can hold corporation land without putting it to its best use, his tax is too low and any single taxer knows that.

With the local political contest over, let everybody "talk Fairhope" now and do all he can to help build up our town. Whatever our differences of opinion may be we know that Fairhope is the best place on earth to live. Anybody who runs down his town or attempts to discourage intending settlers, is not only foolishly working against his own interest but is a public ehemy and should be made to feel that he is recognized as such.

The School Garden Meeting

Which was to have been held in the Hall on Feb. 11th was postponed on account of the weather, to Saturday, Feb. 18th at 2:30 o'clock. It is hoped that all who are interested in the school will be present to discuss the plans already made and to help formulate others that this work may be made a great success and our school keep pace with the best in the country.

A large plan of the grounds will be on exhibition and the grounds are also staked off so any one can see the plan as far as perfected. Some seeds have already been donated by the Department of Agriculture at Washington through Congessman A. A. Wiley and that is one of the ways in which the residents in and about Fairhope can help on the work and save expense.

The work will begin as soon as the weather permits.

Mrs. S. H. Comings, Chairman. Pro. Tem.

Lincoln's Message.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 12, 1905.—Herbert S. Bigelow, in his pulpit at the Vine Street Congregational church today chose a text from Lincoln's message to Congress, Dec. 1, 1862.

"One generation passeth away and another generation cometh but the earth abideth forever. It is of the first importance to duly consider this ever-enduring part."

It is plain that men have not duly considered this ever-enduring part. These words of Lincoln and the words from the book of Ecclesiastes which he quotes, hint at a truth which the great thinkers of all ages have dimly perceived, but the importance of which has not been clearly seen until recent years.

Humanity is a procession. A few years from now, the present population will be extinct. But fresh millions will have followed. The faces are ever changing. But in one respect they are alike. Each generation is dependent upon the earth. If the earth should pass away with the generation which inhabits it, what would become of the children of the future?

It is of the first importance to duly consider and estimate this ever-enduring part, the earth.

Let us imagine a beginning. The first generation arises upon the earth. The earth is free. All must live. All must live on the earth. One has the same right as another to fish in the streams, hunt in the forests, or till the soil. In respect to the earth, all are equal.

How is it now? The present generation dies. The new one arises. This last generation is just as dependent as the first upon the free use of the earth. The same earth is here to receive it. But something has happened. Human laws have been passed. The makers of these laws did not duly consider and estimate this ever-enduring part, the earth. According to these laws, about ten per cent. of the deceased generation were the acknowledged owners of the earth. These owners made wills. These wills read as follows: "We, the dead, under sanction of human law, decree that a certain few of the next generation shall own the earth, and that they shall inherit from us the right to live upon the fees which they are hereby empowered to collect from all the rest."

The Dutch, when they arrived on Manhattan Island, did not find it free. The Indians were there before them. With a few strings of beads, however, they purchased the right to live upon the earth.

In 1825 Jacob Astor arrived. The men who bought out the Indians sold him a farm about Fifth avenue and Twenty-first street. Today that farm is worth thirty-five million dollars. In the next few years a hundred thousand babies will be born on Manhattan Island. A dozen of them will be the heirs of this Astor. When the hundred thousand arrive they will all of them be little land animals unable to live without the use of land. Yet they will discover that laws passed by dead men have ordained a few to be the owners of this land which is the necessity of all, and that the rest are virtually born into slavery.

"Though the sovereign people of the State of New York consent," said Henry George, "to the landed possessions of the Astors, the puniest infant that comes wailing into the world in the squalidest room of the most miserable tenement house becomes at that moment seized of an equal right with the millionaires. And it is robbed if the right is denied."

The value of the bare earth is the common inheritance of each new generation. Justice requires that each individual should be secure in the possession of his share of it. This can be accomplished by requiring that each individual shall pay to the state and not to the Astors, the rent to the ground he is permitted to occupy. Until ground rents are by this method made common property, the right of private property cannot be protected and liberty cannot be fundamental. Lincoln was right. We must duly consider the peculiar character of the earth and our relation to it.

Some Things Are Settled.

There are a few things about Fairhope which should be considered settled and the sooner the better it will be for all concerned.

Among these we would mention: That the final authority on all matters pertaining to administration, rests and must rest in the majority of the resident members of the Corporation, and that no right of non-member lessees, can be recognized save as contained in the written lease contracts mutually entered into between them and the Corporation.

That Corporation and lessees are mutually bound to the essential provisions of the lease, which are that the lessees shall pay annually what the right of possession of their holdings is worth and that the Corporation shall pay the state and county taxes of lessees, and expend the remainder of the rentals in good faith for their benefit.

There is abundant room, and always will be, for difference of opinion about the value of the land or the wisdom of expenditures, but for lessees—members or non-members—to object to the carrying out of the provisions of their contracts is to convict themselves either of weakness in entering into contracts which they did not understand, or of dishonesty in striving to overthrow contracts into which they have voluntarily entered.

We say that these matters should be taken for granted, because they are fixed in the constitution and charter of the corporation, which cannot be changed except by three-fourths vote of the members, which there is no possibility of securing on these essential features and in the lease contracts extending for ninety-nine years, which every individual lessee may demand the enforcement of in the courts, if refused by either party.

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Miss Lyon comes thoroughly prepared for her work, having graduated from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn in '99 and after one years work as director of the art department of Drew Seminary returning to Pratt as a graduate student in 1900-2. Since then she has been teaching in Athens, Ga. and Atlanta.

In the school, she will teach raffia work, clay modeling, wood work, card board modeling, shuck work, hat making or basketry as may be desired. She will give a special course for teachers if a sufficient number wish it.

The industries which are usually given in women's classes are: embroidery (white) pinhole, French, Hardinger, etc. Lace making—needle point, bobbin, etc. Raffia—braiding and knotting for hat making; Rugs—pulled and Navajo and Turkish and Japanese knotted; Basketry—Raffia and Indian, rattan and willow; Woodwork, with carving both in wood and leather.

The Art Course includes both an elementary free hand and mechanical drawing—and an advanced course—perspective drawing, elements of design and color harmony.

It is impossible just now to give Miss Lyon's prices but we are assured they will be very low to accomodate all who may be in the least interested and the larger the classes, the lower the tuition can be made.

Miss Lyon will be here three weeks, so much can be accomplished that can be made profitable later on and the work can be continued by correspondence.

Specially low rates for board and rooms will be made to teachers taking any of these courses if application is made soon.

As it would be a great help to Miss Lyon to know before she leaves Atlanta what material will be needed we would ask all interested to designate what kind of work they are likely to take up.

Address all comunications to Mrs. S. H. Comings,
Fairhope, Ala.

Henry George Anniversary.

Henry George's twenty-fifth anniversary will be commemorated Tuesday—not the anniversary of his birth or his death, but of the publication of "Progress and Poverty." Among the members of the committee in charge of the memorial dinner are a Justice of the Supreme Court, the Comptroller, the democratic candidate for mayor in 1901, the treasurer of the democratic national committee, three millionaires, two clergymen, nine authors, two poets, five lawyers, two publishers, and several publicists.

In the quarter of a century since Mr. George wrote his best-known book little legislative progress has been made toward carrying into effect his theory that all taxation should be laid upon land, and that all other forms of property, including real-estate improvements and buildings, should be exempt.

His theory of taxation has won most favor among men of modest means, neither rich nor poor, who fear that a continuance of the present economic situation will extinguish the middle class in a pecuniary sense and leave only the rich and their employees. What progress has been made by Mr. George's ideas has been in industrial and not agricultural communities. This is rather curious, for the single land tax would be collected almost entirely from city property, unimproved farming land having little rental value.

Personally Mr. George was a most lovable man, free from guile, unsuspicious, truthful and courteous. Whatever may be thought of his theory of taxation. he deserves to be classed among the great American educators. He opened the mental eyes of thousands of his fellow-countrymen and taught them to think.

New York World.

The Single Tax Conference.

Remember the Single Tax Conference to be held at Fairhope, March 8 to 12. 1905.

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Full particulars in COURIER of February 10. If you havn't seen it, send 3 cents in stamps for copy.

DEAR MR. GASTON:

"I always find time to read the news from the Colony and am pleased whenever I read of any accessions to its numbers. My favorite aircastle includes Fairhope in its scenery and I'm glad an increase in the size of the paper is justified. For myself I trust the COURIER will remain the organ of the Colony and not attempt to represent the single tax movement as a whole.

ANNIE E. HARDON.

Professor Bellangee's Address.

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day and night to such an extent that I was told there had not been a lock on the street door for twenty years. The proprieter is a hustler and plucky to a degree but as fast as his income increases his land rents go up and the owner of the land gets the increased profits. He has the peculiarity of standing whenever practicable with one foot up on something and his neighbors assert that he is afraid to put it down for fear that he will have to pay more ground rent.

One gentleman told me that he had known every business man on the best street in Denver for twenty-five years and that there was not one of them who had to pay rent that had in that time been able to earn a competence but that several with good businesses all the time were actually poorer today than twenty-five years ago. With the owners of the lands it had been different. They had become for the most part wealthy. And so all through the north the people are contending with the private land-lords and the public lend-lords for a chance to have the public services that they actually need.

But here in Fairhope I find men who insist that the public services shall be kept down to the minimum in order that private individuals shall keep a part at least of the unearned increment that attaches to the public lands which they are permitted to use. They are willing to go without the needed public services in order that some should get a part of the unearned increment.

Now some one is badly twisted. If the land is not to be rented for the public benefit but for private gain the rents should go to the owners of the land who are undoubtedly those who have bought it with their own money. That is to the members of the corporation who have paid for their memberships. If it is to be rented for the public benefit then all the rent should be taken. The public should demand all the public services that the full rental value of the land will give.

Take for instance our telephone system. It may seem a little costly to those who have not enjoyed such privileges but when once it is fully installed and an instrument in every house no one would do without it. In fact it is already a necessity to some. Instead of finding fault because we have it the complaint might much more properly be made because any are unable to have it. I am in favor of the whole expense of everything

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except the instruments being borne out of the public treasury. Even these might be furnished with proper regulations as to their care.

Some of us are badly twisted. Either the Executive Council is wrong in trying to convert all of the unearned increment into public service and have been too radical or else the protestants are too conservative. There is practically no complaint that they have discriminated or tried in any way to shield themselves. Even the charge that they wished high rents in order to raise their own salaries, is a complaint of which every one of the protestants is heartily ashamed and the fear of the exercise of arbitrary power on the part of the Executive Council when taken in connection with the provisions for the initiative and referendum has been dissipated by discussion and study. If the Council has been permitted to exceed the bounds of prudence in expenditure it is because the complainants have slept on their rights. The door is wide open for the fullest use of the initiative and referendum.

So in this discussion we simply brush aside as irrelevant and childish all considerations except the one paramount issue of whether we shall take all the unearned increment and have all of the public services they will provide or leave a part in the hands of those who have the best sites and deny ourselves those public services.

Everywhere you go you will find some people who seem to think that anything is good enough for them. You will observe this spirit manifested in their dress, demonstrated in the appointments of their homes and illustrated in the choice of their associates.

But the founders of Fairhope considered that nothing was too good for her people. They have ever intended that all who settled within her borders should have every public service that could be distributed impartially and that none should enjoy privileges either small or great without fair return to the public which makes those privileges valuable.

I have thought of Fairhope as the pioneer of a new civilization that should give to all equality of opportunity and individual freedom of action. It has been and ever will be the star of my hope, the brightest vision of my dreams and the highest inspiration of my ambition. These discussions will only lead to a clearer comprehension of her fundamental principles and a more unselfish devotion to the justice that they embody and I have full faith that her future will be as glorious as her past.

I am anxious to get acquainted with all Michigan single taxers who are intending to locate in Fairhope to practice what we preach next July a d unite now in a Michigan Single Tax Colonization Association. Address and get more particulars to John W. Pickering, 1 Lyman Place, Detroit, Mich.

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Uncle John's Jottings

At a meeting some time ago of the common council of the city where I reside an application was made for a license permitting a non-resident dealer in oriental rugs to come into the city and carry on an auction sale of his wares for two or three weeks. A local auctioneer, who was to do the selling, represented the applicant and asked that the license be granted. A number of patriotic speeches were made by the councilmen, all of like import and to the effect that our merchants must be protected from these transient sales of goods. The license was refused. Now here are some of the effects of this action which never occurred to the participants—(I say nothing of the ethical question of the rug owner's right to come into the city and engage in a legitimate business, but confine myself to the effect, from a purely business point of view, upon residents of our city): The owner of a vacant storeroom was prevented from renting his property for the rug sale; the auctioneer was refused permission to accept employment offered him; the business of a hotel or boarding house was curtailed to the extent of the patronage that would have been given by the rug merchant, and perhaps assistants while in the city; our grocers and others were hindered from selling the food required for the stranger or strangers, and many things he or they would no doubt have bought during their stay, and, finally, those of our citizens who would have been buyers of rugs during the sale were arbitrarily prevented from making what they would have considered desirable purchases.

This short but true story of an actual occurrence may serve as a brief study in political economy. The gist of it is that the benefit, if any, secured to a few of our citizens by protecting them against competition of the rug merchant was at the expense and to the injury of other citizens.

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How far do the people of Fairhope generally accept and practically carry out the Spencerian dogma, "Every man has freedom to do all that he wills provided he infringes not the equal freedom of any other man"? The proposition embodies the grand principle that every man should mind his own business! Do the people of Fairhope do that? All the good single taxers there do, I am sure. A study of the single tax is apt to make one intensely individualistic, hence inclined to attend to his own affairs and accord to others the right to do likewise.

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If an editor who does'nt know what socialism is, calls a man a socialist whom he doesn't know to be one, for the purpose of injuring him with people who don't know what socialism is, but are bitterly prejudiced against it, what difference is there in moral turpitude between that editor and a pickpocket?

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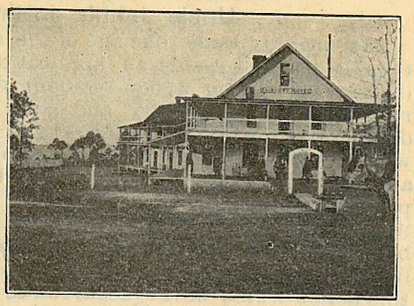
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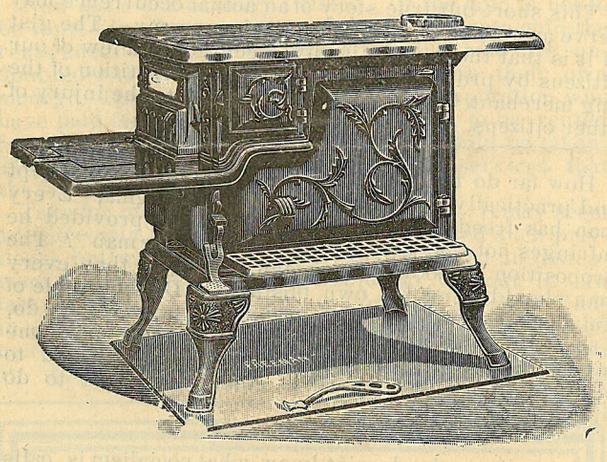
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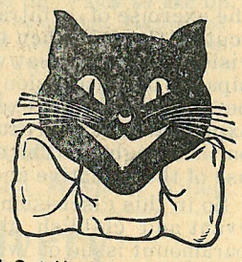
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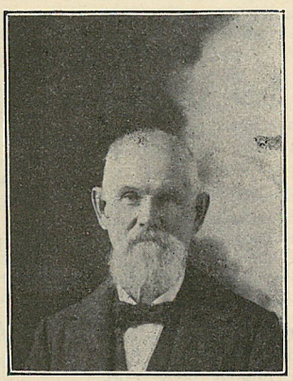
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Another Election.

Mr. G. W. Wood presented his resignation as Superintendent of Public Health on being elected Secretary last week, and a special election was held on Monday evening to fill the vacancy.

C. K. Brown was elected on the second ballot, by 25 votes to 21 for Mrs. Graham.



"Father" Brown needs no introduction to those interested in Fairhope. He has been for years one of our most active and interested citizens, adding almost every year to his investments in Fairhope property.

He was a member of the Council for a couple of terms before, so is familiar with the business of the Corporation. His election is a victory for the so-called "conservative" element.

Contrary Policies Will Bring Contrary Results.

Those who have confidence that to take the rental value of land for public use, will bring results which will indicate the wisdom of the policy, should have equal faith that the contrary policy will bring contrary results. It is the firm conviction of the COURIER that all other influences combined have not done so much to stimulate the rapid yet constant growth of Fairhope—in such marked contrast to other near by towns—as the fact that the increasing value of her lands has been taken for public use, and not left to be collected for the private benefit of the fortunate possessors of the choice sites. This policy has not only given a fund for the public benefit which enables Fairhope to have advantages not enjoyed by any other towns, but it has to a very large degree kept unimproved lots open for new comers wanting to improve them. This ease with which sites could be secured, has been the most potent stimulus to the building activity which has kept carpenters constantly employed, which has enabled a number of men whom the COURIER might name, to develop from common laborers into mechanics in the last few years, and which has enabled mechanics to reduce their hours of labor from ten to nine and then to eight, and at the same time raise their wages, from $1.50 and $2 to $2 and $2.50, and some we are told even to $3 a day.

Should reactionaries, in well-intentioned ignorance, refuse to allow the rents to keep pace with the increasing land values, the result will inevitably be to check this growth. No power on earth can stop the advance of land values in a community where population increases. If not taken by the community they will be taken by individuals, and when collected by individuals not only is the community robbed of that which is rightfully its own, but those who want sites will find it hard to get them; improvement will be checked; mechanics will be only partially employed; and soon only the best workmen will be in demand at all and a "long train of evils" be ushered in.

The COURIER has little fear that the people of Fairhope will ever be foolish enough to weaken upon the policy which has made her prosperous and famous, but if they ever do so, even temporarily, the result will as certainly be to the discredit of those responsible for the change, as results to this hour have vindicated the wisdom of the policy hitherto pursued. And our mistakes should be as valuable for education as our successes.

COME TO THE SINGLE TAX CONFERENCE.

If you want to have "the time of your life" come to the Single Tax Conference at Fairhope, March eighth to twelfth.

In addition to having opportunity to study the "only Single Tax Colony" at short range and become personally acquainted with those who are the pioneers in this most practical plan for bringing immediate results, you will have the pleasure of meeting and hearing others active in the cause from various parts of the country, and to participate yourself.

We feel that we can guarantee fine weather at that time; trees will be budding, flowers blooming, birds singing and "all nature smiling."

Come and enjoy the occasion with us.

Let us know of your coming a few days in advance, if possible, addressing Mrs. R. F. Powell, chairman entertainment committee.

Compliments The Booklet.

Mrs. Howland's English friend, Mr. Evacustes A. Phipson, sends her a letter to him from Mr. Ebenezer Howard, author of the noted work "Garden Cities of Tomorrow," which has been the inspiration to the organization of the Garden City movement, frequently mentioned in these columns. He said in part:

London, Jan. 16, 1905.

E. Phipson, Esq.,
151 Strand, W. C.

Dear Mr. Phipson:

"Very many thanks to you for sending me interesting little book on Fairhope.

"I must say I like the tone of the Pamphlet very much and to a very large extent agree with what is said on its principles, from pages 23 onwards. It should prove a most useful experiment.

"I must get into communication with these people."

Yours very truly,

EBENEZER HOWARD.

The Fairhope correspondent of the Mobile *Item* refers to the rival parties in Fairhope politics, as the "high-renters" and "low-renters." Those who object to the late appraisement may class themselves as "low-renters" and we suspect the phrase accurately describes their attitude, but the term "high-renters" will hardly be accepted by the other side. They are not striving for "high" rents; but rents to cover the actual reasonable value of the land. None would be readier to admit than they, that to take more than the real value would be an outrage upon the individuals required to pay it. But they are also convinced that to take less would be to rob the community of that which is its due.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Spring is here.

Strawberries will be a little late this spring.

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Capt. Lawrence buys lumber at the mills. See his stock at the wharf.

Mr. J. M. Northcutt spent over Sunday with his Fairhope friends.

W. S. Baldwin has been having quite a serious time with the grip.

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Mr. J. J. Thompson, of Des Moines, is with us again for a short visit, arriving on Wednesday evening.

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Mr. J. H. Hill one of our Des Moines visitors, has been pressed into service and is assisting on Mr. Black's new building.

Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Frank Creswell's aunt, is considering building a nice cottage, if she can get a lot to suit her near the beach.

Mr. Wm. Geske, our St. Louis visitor, started home on last Saturday morning. He hopes to return later to make his home with us.

Our winter visitors take great interest in our elections and other colony meetings The public is never excluded from any of our meetings.

It is safe to say that the Constitution has been studied more of late than in a long time. This is well. It can be studied by everyone with profit.

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Mr. Israel Lancaster is to address the Progressive League next Sunday afternoon on "Some Mistakes of Henry George." It is certain to be an interesting session.

The genial Robt. Tyson left us on Tuesday morning last, after a pleasant visit of several weeks. We are always glad to have him with us and sorry when he has to go.

Lumber—The Sch. Mineola, Capt. Lawrence, came in last night with a cargo of dressed lumber. Call and inspect it.

Miss Rathburn and Mr. Wells returned last week from their northern trip, glad to get back home and escape the severe cold.

Secretary Wood has secured a very convenient room in the Coleman corner building for his office. He should be provided by the corporation with a good desk for his official use.

Our spring line of men's shirts is in. We can show you as pretty a line as you can get in any city; the goods are right and the prices are right; don't fail to come in and see them. Mershon Bros.

There is very little formality about the conduct of affairs at Fairhope. New officers have no formal introduction into office, but simply take their places when elected and get busy at once.

Mr. C. E. Sargent and wife of Centralia, Ill., arrived on Wednesday evening for a short visit with Mr. Sargeant's father, who is spending the winter here for his health, which has been greatly improved.

C. M. Cutting of Synarep, Wash., says if any of our dissatisfied people would like to exchange a good Fairhope property for a good stock ranch in Washington, to kindly refer them to him. He was in Fairhope four years ago.

Pastor Shupe of the Christian Church, has, with his accustomed liberality, consented to have Bolton Hall, the famous New York Single Taxer, occupy his pulpit, at the morning or evening session or both, of the Sunday during the Conference.

Two of the corner posts of the tower supporting the water tank and wind-mill were decayed to such an extent as to be dangerous. The decayed portions were taken off and new "feet" spliced on. The work was cleverly done by Messrs. Jefferson and Stites.

Captain McDermaid and his son Daniel, have fitted up the fine cruising yacht Zephine with an eight horse power gasoline engine, which drives her about eight miles an hour. Several parties of their friends have been indebted to them for pleasant trips on her.

C. S. Hancock, of St. Elmo, Mobile county, was a visitor last week. He has quite a large farm there, and after traveling nearly all over the earth asserts that the Alabama climate is the "finest ever." He was pleased with the location and evident prosperity of Fairhope.

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Some liberal-hearted single taxer and friend of Fairhope in New York city has forwarded $300, through Lawson Purdy to Mrs. Powell, to be used in the interest of the coming single tax conference. It has been unanimously agreed to use the larger part of it to enlarge the present hall in order to provide a place of assemblage sufficient in size, it is hoped, for the sessions of the conference. The Council has taken the matter up vigorously and the material is being assembled as rapidly as possible for the extension. The plan contemplates building to the west thirty feet, with a width of twenty-seven feet. This will be seven feet wider than the present building, but just as soon as possible it will be brought out to the same width. When all is done, this will give us a hall 27x70ft., which, comfortably seated with chairs, will accommodate a very good audience. When we are ready to go ahead with a real "auditorium" the building ought to find ready sale for a store building or ware-house at a good price.

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"He who will hear, to him the clarions of the battle call."

"And they who fight with Ormuzd, though they may not know each other—somewhere, sometime, will the muster roll be called."—HENRY GEORGE.

Abner J. Smith, late editor and publisher of the *Baldwin Times*, sends in his subscription to the COURIER, as he wants to keep posted on doings throughout the county. He says "I am now out of the newspaper business. If you want any commuications on farming, let me know."

Frank D Butler, a well known South Water street, Chicago, commission merchant and one of the old guard of Chicago single taxers, made Fairhope a short visit, accompanied by Mrs. Butler, since last issue. He visited us once before, about five years ago, and was much pleased with the improvements made since that time.

L. P. Custer, the well known St. Louis single taxer, says: "I think your position on the subject of membership in the Colony as a prerequisite to voting on the question of assessment of rentals, is correct." He also says of the Courier: "It's all right." Mr. Custer hopes to be with us at the conference, but is not certain yet.

Chas R. Eames, of Elgin, Ill, writes: "While I was not favorable to a weekly publication, yet I will admit that the paper's more frequent coming keeps one's interest active with regard to colony affairs. It certainly is of especial interest to me at present because of the forthcoming of the Conference. I trust the attendance will be large and representative. It will certainly be of great value to your community unless the visitors are unfavorably impressed."

"I owe more to Henry George than to any other man, living or dead. He has given me hope by showing that it is within the power of man to abolish enslaving poverty. He has strengthened my faith by showing me that were it not for our ignorance of natural law we should find the bounty of nature sufficient for all her children. He has given me a purpose in life, something to work for which is eminently practicable, capable of immediate and progressive application, yet fundamental in its character, appealing to the loftiest patriotism and the purest religion."—Herbert Bigelow.

A Breach of Faith.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

"It is evident you cannot accede to the demands of the objectors in the matter of rentals without first paying off the members who paid their subscriptions in order to support a Single Tax Colony or settlement as an object lesson to the world. Whether the effort be a success or a failure it will be an object lesson which cannot fail to be useful to all of us. But to divert it from its original purpose of an experiment in the application of Single Tax principles would be a breach of faith." Yours sincerely,

Toronto Junction, Ontario. S. J. Chubb.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

February 22. Washington's birthday, but we have no time to celebrate it. Never was there such a busy community as this. There are not days enough for all of our business, club and society meetings. I mean business clubs and business societies. We are called out to these so much that we have no time to stay at home and enjoy ourselves. * * The Fairhope School of Philosophy has initiated a useful work: the cultivation and development of such talent, literary, dramatic, musical, scientific—and shall I add Terpsichorean?—as we may possess. It is an ambitious scheme, but the leader, Mr. Freeman, an Alabama gentleman of unbounded faith in human progress and in the future of Fairhope, is doing everything in his power to make the scheme a success. Let us gratefully acknowledge his work and aid him in every way possible. Tonight he gave us a most excellent paper, thoroughly up-to-date, on the subject of food, showing what foods yielded most and at the least expensive rate, of the basic elements of nutriment. Miss Herring led the program on the power of thought. It was given without notes, except a few headings, and was a helpful and timely lesson, but delivered, I thought, as was Mr. Trenholme's, in too low a tone for the auditorium—at least for an audience that, in the rear of the hall, gave a rather unquiet, not to say uncourteous attention. Probably some of them cared more for Terpsichore than for Minerva, and their little toes ached for the entrancing "two-step" that follows in the social part of the program. And while I am criticising I will add that some of the young dancers, to my old-fashioned taste, need instruction in the proper position for the round dances. Certainly it should not suggest the strenuousness of the Laocoon, nor that the lady had fainted and was just being carried out to the pump! I am told that it is the Point Clear style, but do not yet quite believe it.

Mr. Trenholme's paper was a dramatic presentation of the life of the prehistoric man. It was preceeded by an extemporaneous introduction that showed scientific research and an able grasp of the subject. The facts of the cave man's domestic life were taken, in part, from the famous "Story of Ab," a novel laying its scenes among our ancestors, the cave men. Dr. Borst gave a very instructive address on the geography of Poland, illustrated by a map drawn by himself.

We certainly have reason to congratulate ourselves on the work being done by the F. S. P.

UNCLE JOHN'S JOTTINGS.

I was greatly shocked upon reading, in the COURIER of January 27, the resolutions and memorial addressed to the Single Tax Corporation of Fairhope by objecting tenants. It looked at first as though a difficulty had arisen that might be of incalculable injury to Fairhope and the cause it represents. After reading the whole controversy, however, and giving the matter some calm consideration the pain of the first impression was

considerably modified. That the affair is exceedingly unfortunate seems true, but I cannot think that permanent injury will necessarily follow. With thoughtless persons there may be for a time a seeming failure of Fairhope's policies, a breaking down of its claim to be making good theories work, but harm from such inconsiderate view must be of limited extent and short duration. There is nothing in the pronunciamento of the objecting leaseholders to call in question the merits or practicability of the Fairhope plan. What is shown is either utter failure on the part of the objectors to understand the conditions under which they became lessees, or an unwillingness to live up to them. The first, the fundamental requirement of the Fairhope plan, the requirement without the carrying out of which there would be no good reason for Fairhope's existence, is that *the full rental value* of the land shall be annually assessed and collected in lieu of all the usual taxes, and be spent for the common benefit of all residents. The only question that might reasonably arise is that of fixing the true value, and with regard to this question the methods of the Executive Council seem as fair, painstaking and, one would think, satisfactory as could be adopted.

Deferring for the present further comments, though the subject strongly invites more extended treatment, I shall anxiously await future developments and in the meantime I desire to express the earnest hope that the trouble will be speedily settled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Fairhope Should Not Be Interfered With.

EDITOR COURIER: Though I have not taken a stand for the single tax as the best way of regulating land use and abuse, I think the Fairhope Association should not be interfered with in its effort to demonstrate the feasibility of its policy. For this it was organized and notice to all the world given of its purpose and plans.

Let us who desire social reforms to our notion get together on our own ground or have the fairness to cooperate with the other fellow's notion while on his ground.

The adverse conditions under which efforts at political and social reforms must be made requires more than ten years to show whether the idea is good or practicable. Let the "Fairhope Idea" be fully tested along the lines and wishes of its promoters and members. The eye of the reform world looks toward Fairhope for a solution of one or more of the great social problems. Should it succeed, those with a different "idea" will be encouraged to develop it also by means of a colony of their own establishment.

Regretting that the Executive Council is urged to collect less than a full and fair rental for land uses, I am hopefully yours, T. E. MANN.

Gladbrook, Iowa.

Our School Garden.

Letter from the chairman of the Massachusetts Horticultural society, Boston, Mass., to Mrs. Howland:

"Your letter concerning school gardens received. Will send you a number of illustrated reports on the subject, which will answer some of your questions and many more you might ask.

"The pupils, boys and girls in equal numbers, work in the garden two hours a week, Monday afternoon from two to four, in school time, also after school and Saturdays if they choose and ask permission.

"They are able to do most of the work themselves after instruction. They learn from one another, some being skillful from the beginning.

"The girls are as much interested as the boys, generally more so.

"Flowers and vegetables are cultivated, according to choice. I suggest the kinds of flowers that are surest to blossom longest as pretty sure to give the most satisfaction. My reports will indicate what they are.

"The products of the garden are not sold, but taken home for food or decoration. Truly yours,

HENRY L. CLAPP.

George Putnam School.

Treasurer's Report For 1904.

At the adjourned annual meeting the treasurer's report for 1904 was presented as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance received from 1903	$ 171.63
Memb. fees and donations to the land fund	508.80
Rents	1520.67
Wharfage	1237.06
Tuition of non-resident pupils	37.50
Telephone and switchboard connections	26.00
Water use	.75
Use of bath house	2.00
Land improvements sold	4.00
Sale of sundries	5.73
Wood sold	11.75
Stumpage	36.91
Money Borrowed:	
Advances toward school-house	120.00
From Str. Fairhope	200.00
From Mr. Watros	100.00
Chicken pie supper	12.35
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Land purchase	$ 335.64
Wharf warehouse and repairs	581.95
School-house, teaching, etc	629.13
Taxes	392.90
Highways	433.21
Officers' salaries	335.65
Telephone system	457.42
Rent refunded	5.00
Repairing organ	5.00
Books and box for treasurer	7.00
Care of hall	10.00
Booklets and express on same	10.90
Corporation license fee	17.60
Care of Fairhope Public Library	21.75
Surveying and platting	29.12
Lumber for sundry uses	67.13
Purchase of improvements on new school site	75.00
Cutting wood and logs	25.75
Expense on well	97.99
Printing and postage	87.15
Expense of Hoyle suit	256.60
Watros' loan repaid	100.00
Sundry small items	18.59
Total disbursements	$4000.48
Total receipts	3995.15
Balance Overdrawn	*5.33*

The Open Shop.

Extract from an address of "Billy" Radcliffe, Youngstown, Ohio.

* * There is something wrong I will admit, but it is not this little open shop which you want to close; it is a deeper, wider wrong which must be recognized and asserted if the workingmen are to receive the moral strength, that is due them.

Henry George says: "It is the great denial of liberty to work." Let us see. Here are a lot of shops—places where men can work and produce wealth. Carpenter shops, blacksmith shops, machine shops, iron and steel shops—all kinds of shops. We look them over and we see that one after the other they have all been made by labor, produced, brought forth. They are all personal property, they belong to some person or persons, in that they have been made by these persons or

bought from those who made them; the conditions—labor's side—may not have been fair, but that is the cause of some deeper wrong, and it is the wrong we should seek out and right it.

A LITTLE SINGLE TAX.

All these shops I say are the product of labor, they are private property; but let us look again, look deeper. Can't we see like the shops, places where men can work and produce wealth, even produce the shops, the machines, all, everything of wealth? Yes, it is the land, the source of all wealth, shop, the first great shop,—but how is it? Is it an open shop? No, it is closed, closed by monopoly—look at this shop again, this great shop, the land. See how it compares with all the other shops; they were all man-made, they were property, because they were produced by man. But this great shop, the land, was it made, produced property? No, it is God-made, created; it was not produced. It is not, cannot be property. Here you are, here is your fight, here is the shop to open.

The right of every man to work when, where, for whom and for what he pleases, the moral principle is denied right here, denied not against one trade, but all trades; not against union men only, or non-union men only: not against workingmen only, but against all men—workingmen, business men, all men, here you are: "An injury to one is the concern of all." "Every man has freedom to do all that he will, provided he infringes not the equal liberty of any other man." Henry George says: "It is the shutting up by monopolization of natural God-given opportunities for work that compels men to struggle and fight for the opportunity to work, as though the very chance of employment were a prize and a boon."

Yes, the first shop, the

GREAT SHOP IS CLOSED

and we find some people who see nothing better than to close the little shops. But they can fight on, and on, and on, along that line and find they are butting their heads against stone walls. Workingmen fighting workingmen, business men fighting business men. Cross, cross again, double cross. No bunch of gamblers ever worked a more perfect skin game. The landlords on top always, and all of us electing a lot of boodling politicians who, paid by the people to give us just laws, take pay from the monopolists to tie the people up tighter and keep the land question out of politics.

Open the big shop, land, and no man will want a job. Jobs will hunt for men, wages will no longer go down, down, down,—but they will go up, up, up, and the workingman will be king. The single tax will do it, even the landlord will then become a wealth producer and help to raise wages. Will the single tax work? Yes, and so will the landlord when we get the single tax.

Only by single tax can man's rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness be made good.

Only by the single tax will we have equal liberty, free production, free land, free men.

You people who think you want the closed shop are mistaken. Just mistaken, that's all. The closed shop you already have. What you want is the open shop. Free the land and you free the people.

EXTRACT FROM BIGELOW'S SERMON.

Cincinnati, Ohio. Feb. 19, 1905. At the Vine street Congregational church, today, the pastor, Herbert S. Bigelow, read a letter written by the president of a college for the education of young men for the ministry. The president had been asked to permit a meeting of the students for the purpose of considering the proposal to substitute a tax on land values for the general property tax. A similar meeting had been sanctioned in the University of Cincinnati and in many of the

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churches. The refusal of the president of this particular college was a surprise and the excuse offered was remarkable. He said: "I wish to state that the ——— College cannot make propaganda for Single Tax principles. The study of Sociology I want to promote among the students but not such ideas as may mislead them into partisan politics."

Without giving names or dealing in personalities, Mr. Bigelow commented on this letter as follows.

"The study of sociology to be of any practical value must include economics, or the problems of the production and distribution of wealth. To study economics without considering the land question and the question of taxation, would be like studying English literature without considering Shakespeare.

If one were to eliminate from the study of sociology everything which might lead to partisan politics, what would there be left worth knowing about the subject?

A school of Divinity should be a school of Humanity. Every theological seminary should have a chair in sociology and the instruction of this department should be practical and deal with present day problems.

It is in the conduct of great corporations, in the legislation that creates them, in the political struggles where men scheme and strive for subsidies and tariffs and franchises; here are the great temptations of our age; here, where power is greatest we see immorality in its ugliest and most dangerous forms; here men lose their souls in the scramble for illegitimate gain and the glitter of their guilty successes puts morality in the shade and throws a glamor upon knavery in high places. Thus, the work of the preacher is nullified and the moral foundations of society are sapped and ruined. The preacher is not equipped for his task as a teacher of morals if he is ignorant of these great problems of our modern civilization.

It is sometimes said that it is the function of the preacher to commend correct principles of conduct, leaving individuals to apply these principles as they see fit. This is an apology for ignorance or cowardice. Shall the preacher take refuge in a cloud of abstractions just when his counsel is most needed? It requires no courage to preach morality in the abstract.

We are all thankful that Henry Ward Beecher was not that kind of a preacher. He did not try to preach in such vague way as to leave men in doubt about his personal opinion of slavery. He was concrete. There was edge to what he said. He meant that men should understand him. He was no mere church politician. He was a preacher in the true sense—a prophet, a crusader. He was robust and manly. His definiteness was the test of his sincerity. There was a mighty moral uplift in such preaching. It was fortunate for his fame and for his country that he did not waste his time delivering nebulous sermons about goodness in general, and dodging the real moral issue of his day. Life is too short to spend it in "patching fig-leaves for the naked truth."

But it is said we must keep out of our seminaries and pulpits everything that might lead to partisan politics. That is, when questions have been raised to the importance of politicsl issues, we must drop them. We must remain silent when light is most needed. We must be forever abstract and academic. The live questions are political. We cannot trust ourselves to discuss them. This view brings the ministry into contempt. Our theological seminaries have a great responsibility. They should have noble ideals. They should seek the truth and fear no man. They should look calmly into every question which effects the well-being of the race. They should be jealous of their high calling and resent the suspicion that any consideration of policy or party could seal their lips or narrow the scope of their thought.

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—JAMES DUNDAS WHITE in *Land Values*.

Fred Pease, Belview, Minn., sets an excellent example in renewing his COURIER subscription and accompanying it with a new subscription. He says: "I enjoy the paper very much and wish I could be with you, and think in time I may be able to. I have no single tax company here at all but can get lots of arguments and that helps some."

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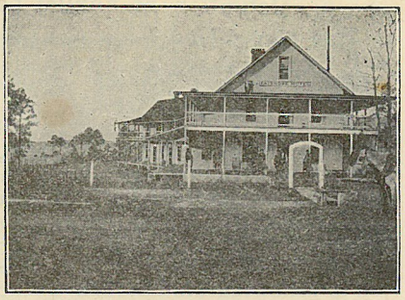
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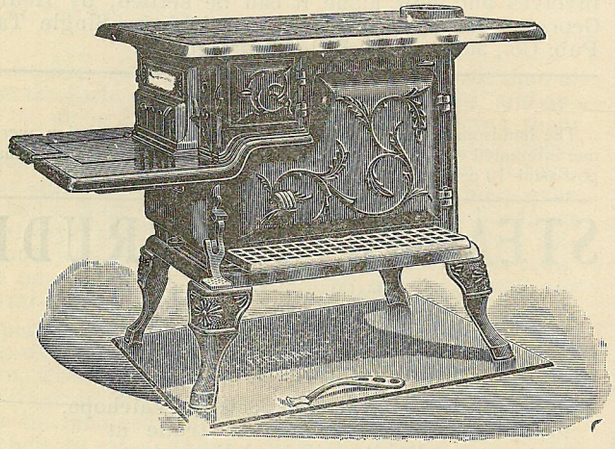
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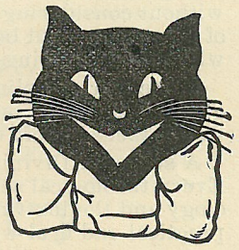
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The Fairhope Plan in Danger.

Mobile *Register*, Feb. 27:

If we make the right inference from the several articles that appear in the FAIRHOPE COURIER of last Friday we form the opinion that the single tax colony of Fairhope, in Baldwin county, which has a national reputation as the only community conducted on the principles of taxation of land values advocated by the late Henry George, the community to get the benefit of any general improvement in such values, is in danger of failure because of its success.

Paradoxical as this statement may seem, it can be explained, and, we believe, proved to be true. In agreement with the theory of Henry George, rentals are assessed and collected in Fairhope by the Fairhope association, and are based upon the rental value of the land. It is declared that with the growth of the community the rental value of every piece of land owned by it increases—not merely by the actual improvement of the piece itself, but also by reason of the growth and improvement of all the lands of the community, due to increase of population and enlargement of industry, trade and commerce.

Fairhope has had an almost uninterrupted career of prosperity. True enough, the difficulties have always been great and the people have had to work hard under unfavorable conditions, but they have accomplished much, and the town shows the effect of the working of the Henry George theory. As the Fairhope COURIER puts it:

> It is the firm conviction of the COURIER that all other influences combined have not done so much to stimulate the rapid, yet constant growth of Fairhope—in such marked contrast to other nearby towns—as the fact that the increasing value of her lands has been taken for public use, and not left to be collected for the private benefit of the fortunate possessors of the choice sites. This policy has not only given a fund for the public benefit which enables Fairhope to have advantages not enjoyed by any other towns, but it has to a very large degree kept unimproved lots open for new comers wanting to improve them. This ease with which sites could be secured has been the most potent stimulus to the building activity which has kept carpenters constantly employed, which has enabled a number of men whom the COURIER might name to develop from common laborers into mechanics in the last few years, and which has enabled mechanics to reduce their hours of labor from ten to nine and then to eight, and at the same time raise their wages from $1.50 and $2 to $2 and $2.50, and some, we are told, even to $3 a day.

This statement is sustained by the general outward appearance of Fairhope and by the declarations not alone of interested townsmen but of visitors who have gone to Fairhope and made careful investigation of the results of the working of the single tax theory. It is a fact that Fairhope is in "marked contrast to other near by towns," and that it has "advantages not enjoyed by any other towns," and these advantages cannot be attributed either to the location or to the superior intelligence and ability of its inhabitants, save as far as intellegence and ability are shown by the adoption of a rule that has worked to the general profit.

By reason, therefore, of the growth of the community and of the wise use of its earnings from rentals, the values of land in Fairhope have increased. This is strictly in accord with the theory upon which the building of the town was based, and, as far as the past experience of Fairhope goes, would prove that the theory is one of the best ever invented for the upbuilding of a community.

But here, at the climax of the growth, and when success seems most pronounced, a new obstacle has arisen. A number of the people who have been benefitted by the success of the experiment in single taxation, are discovered to be opposed to paying rent on a higher valuation than that heretofore in force. They should gladly hail each rise in rental charges as proof of their own well being, as well as of the success of the colony, but such is the weakness and shortsightedness of human nature, that these objectors consider only the sums of money they are asked to pay and ignore the general prosperity that has put them in position to be able to pay what is demanded. In effect, at the crucial moment, they show lack of sincere belief in the single tax theory, and desire to get into the same old rut from which Henry George sought to rescue them.

The Fairhope COURIER sees clearly what will be the result if the opinion of these unfaithful members of the colony shall prevail. That paper says:

> Should reactionaries, in well-intentioned ignorance, refuse to allow the rents to keep pace with the increasing land values, the result will inevitably be to check this growth. No power on earth can stop the advance of land values in a community where population increases. If not taken by the community they will be taken by individuals, and when collected by individuals not only is the community robbed of that which is rightfully its own, but those who want sites will find it hard to get them; mechanics will be only partially employed; and soon only the best workmen will be in demand at all and "a long train of evils" be ushered in.

It may be that what the single taxers are now contending against is that individual or personal selfishness that has ever proved more strong than the spirit of cooperation. Experiment after experiment has been made in community work, and often the greatest success has seemed to be assured; but, after a while, there has come the spirit of rebellion against making personal sacrifices for the common good. When the enthusiasm that inspired the originators, the settlers, so to speak, has cooled, the disintegration begins—the new generation fails to live up to the old ideals, and division and failure come as the natural consequence.

Division of opinion has now come in Fairhope. Let us hope that the actual, material gain of each member of the community from the operation of the theory on which the colony is based, may be of sufficient influence to keep the major part of the colonists together, and cause persistence in following the principles which are, theoretically at least, perfectly sound.

We have always had doubt of the practical worth of those principles, but we are not anxious to say "we told you so." Much rather would we record an immense development at Fairhope and the extension of its doctrines and practices, since, if those doctrines and practices can be perpetuated, they will, as has been shown at Fairhope, produce most desirable results.

The Shepherd-Schurman-Wolcott place, has again changed hands. Mr. Wolcott, who recently purchased it at auction sale from Mr. Schurman, having sold again at a moderate advance to a Mr. Ames, a new-comer.

Miss Mercedes Russell, of Chicago, who spent the winter, a year ago with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Thomas is with her again and will probably remain during the summer.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. T. J. Holman, county commissioner from this, the third district, was in this vicinity the first of the week, looking after the interests of his constituents, particularly in regard to the matter of roads. While here he authorized Mr. Call, overseer on the Silver Hill road, to purchase some much needed road-working tools. He expressed himself as very much pleased with the progress made by Fairhope in the last few years and assured us he would gladly do anything properly within his power to assist us in our developing work.

Mr. M. E. Mogg departed for Chicago, with reluctance, on Monday morning. On the Sunday prior to leaving he chartered the steamer Gertrude for an excursion to Fort Morgan, which proved a delightful treat to all. The day was an ideal one. The following were among those who took the trip in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Mogg and family: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller, Mrs. Embree and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. M. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Unger and children, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Ford, Mr. Loveland and Mr. Clemens.

Mr. F. Lieker, our German visitor, and pocket book manufacturer and apostle of the "simple life" left us on Friday, February 17, intending to take the Mallory Line steamer to New York, thence to Liverpool, Hamburg and Berlin. He left with the full purpose of returning, which he hopes to do by next fall, bringing with him his wife and other German single tax friends. We hope he will.

Mrs. S. R. Patterson came over from Mobile on the Wednesday evening boat, to spend a day or two among her friends and look after her interests here. She is looking and feeling well and quite pleasantly situated in Mobile.

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Let everybody clean up their premises and in front of them, that we may "look our prettiest" to our visiting friends.

Dr. H. B. Maurer, a zealous singletaxer of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited us a couple of days this week and will probably be back to attend the Single Tax Conference.

It is to be hoped that there will be a lull in local political activity for a little while, the officers of the Colony left to attend to their official duties and the members to their personal affairs.

Among our much appreciated visitors arriving since last issue are Mr. Thomas Hunt and his sister, Miss M. B. Hunt, of Kennedy, O. Mr. Hunt is one of the veterans in the single tax cause in Ohio and has long been interested in Fairhope, being a subscriber to both the boat and the land funds. It is a pleasure to us to have such friends with us, and we are glad to say the pleasure seems to be mutual.

The Register Editorial.

The editorial on Fairhope in the Mobile *Register* of last Monday, re-printed in this issue, and which is the wholly unsolicited expression of the views of the editor, is particularly significant at this time. It cannot but be read with pleasure by friends of the single tax, and especially those who are interested in the Fairhope plan for applying the single tax principle.

The position is that of an unprejudiced observer, with ample opportunity for knowledge of the facts in the case, yet far enough removed to be free from local prejudice. The significant features of the article are: that Fairhope is recognized as a success; that its success is due to its policies and vindicates the claims made for them; that the opposition is founded in the unwillingness of individuals who profit by its policies to submit loyally to them; and, finally, that it would be a misfortune to the public in general for the Colony to be interfered with in its work. The editorial might well be styled an "appreciation" of Fairhope, and as such is most gratifying to those who have been actively identified with it. It is, in itself, ample reward for years of earnest endeavor.

We are glad to assure the *Register* that its hopes for the continuance of the Colony along the lines which have brought its success thus far are fully justified, and no fear need be entertained but that it will be continued in business "at the old stand" and under the same policy for many years yet to come.

Conference Announcements.

This will be the last issue of the COURIER before the Single Tax Conference begins and we regret that we cannot give in full the program for the various days, but so many of our friends whom we hope to have with us and to be able to hear, have left the matter of their attendance in doubt, that much will have to be left for decision when the speakers are actually on the ground.

We are glad indeed to be able to announce that the famous lecturer and author, Bolton Hall, will postively be here and arrangements have been made to have at least three addresses from him. As now planned he will lead a discussion on Thursday afternoon, on "Education under the Single Tax." Sunday morning, May 12th, he will speak in the Christian Church, on the "Lord's Prayer" and in the evening, probably at the hall, on "The Vengeance of God."

Sessions of the Conference have been planned for Thursday afternoon and evening, Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon and evening. Wednesday evening will be given to a general reception and sociable, and on Friday evening the ladies of the V. I. C. will present the program announced elsewhere in this issue. The ladies have also in mind the having of a picnic dinner on the beach, one day during the Conference. Some visiting Single Taxer will address the Progressive League on Sunday afternoon.

Among Single Taxers of whose presence we are practically assured and from whom it is hoped to hear, are Dr. Montague R. Leverson of Brooklyn, New York, now at Magnolia Springs; R. H. Cage of New Orleans; Wm Ryan, Philadelphia; R. F. Powell, Philadelphia and Fairhope; Warren Worth Bailey, Johnstown, Pa.; W. I. Boreman, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Col. Daniels, Washington, D. C.; H. B. Maurer, Brooklyn. One session, probably Thursday evening, will be devoted to a presentation of Fairhope as a Single Tax Colony, its value as a practical demonstration of the benefits of single tax policies and its effectiveness as a propaganda force. A paper will be presented by Mr. Gaston and opportunity for discussion be given as at every other session.

Attractive music will be a feature at the sessions, furnished by the popular Fairhope Orchestra, Mrs. Pilcher and Major Lockwood and others of our musicians.

Later announcements will be made by hand-bills.

An especial invitation is extended our neighbors and friends in the surrounding country to attend the sessions. There will be good moonlight then and all meetings are sure to be interesting and profitable.

The Chautauqua Assembly work that is to follow the Single Tax Conference will begin Tuesday the 14th. Col. Daniels, the distinguished lecturer and scientist of Washington and Miss Lyon of Atlanta will be with us during the entire session. S. H. Comings will speak on Industrial Education and other topics and Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb Comings will lecture on Physical Education and kindred subjects. A more detailed program will be given next week.

Fairhope Place For Sale.

Pursuant to the COUIER's offer made some time since, we hereby advertise for sale the improvement of Mr. Jno. Smit, in Fairhope, for $825, fixed as its actual present value by a committee chosen by Mr. Smit and the COURIER, comprising Messrs. Bancroft and Massey. This is a very desirable property consisting of a house of six rooms and good barn 34x34, chicken houses, rabbitry, peach trees, strawberry beds, etc, with lease of four acres of land all cleared and in cultivation. Located across the street from new school grounds and within ½ of a mile of center of town. Good reasons for selling.

Yet Another Election.

Our last "regular weekly election" occurred on last Monday evening in obedience to a petition to have submitted to a vote of the members, the question of declaring the office of Superintendent of Industries (and a member of the Executive Council) vacant, and if declared vacant to elect a successor, also to vote upon the question of appointing a committee to collect the ballots of resident members unable to attend in person.

Mr. M. V. Watros is the incumbent of the office named and he has been away from Fairhope several months, several parties stated prior to the voting, that they had heard from Mr. Watros recently that he expected to be back in a few days and still expected to make his home here, and that his devotion to the interest of the Colony was unquestioned.

The proposition to declare the office vacant was defeated by a substantial majority. That providing for the appointment of a committee to collect the ballots of sick members carried.

Most Deplorable Incident.

Following the election occurred a most deplorable incident which the COURIER deeply regrets not only the occurence of, but its neccessary duty as the local newspaper to record.

This was a personal assault by Dr. R. A. Hail upon Prof. J. Bellangee The circumstances leading to it were as follows: After the result of the election was declared, Mrs. Howland rose to a question of privilege, and took occasion to criticise quite severely the writer (unnamed) of the Fairhope items, in the Mobile Daily *Item* of the day previous, in which Colony affairs were presented in a way which could not but be offensive to those referred to by name and by implication, and injurious to the Colony.

Mr. Bancroft followed in the same strain and Prof. Bellangee took the floor to continue the discussion. He had said but a few words when Dr. Hail, who had previously stated that he did not write the article or know who did, but approved of it, leaped from his chair and made a fierce assault upon the Professor.

He was seized immediately by the gentlemen nearest and restrained before any damage was inflicted. The audience, composed about equally of ladies and gentlemen, was, of course, thrown into confusion, and calls for an adjournment were made; but Mr. Bellangee held the floor and President Brown resolutely insisted upon order, which was finally secured. Professor Bellangee concluded his remarks and was followed by Mr. Gaston in the orderly manner in which Fairhope meetings are wont to be conducted.

The next morning, soon after seven o'clock, as Mr. Bellangee was standing on the north side of Fairhope avenue, in company with Secretary Wood, Dr. Hail crossed the street and assaulted him again, striking him on the head with a very effective "billy" in the shape of his coin bag, which he was carrying to the store, knocking him down and then choking him until persuaded to desist by Mr. Berglin.

As Dr. Hail is a man of tremendous physique, considerably over six feet tall, weighing in the neighborhood of 200 pounds, and more than twenty years Mr. Bellangee's junior, the latter could not have offered effective resistance had not his Quaker training and the whole trend of his character, made the idea of physical contest repugnant to him.

We are glad to say that Prof. Bellangee's injuries will not, it is believed, be permanent or serious.

Two warrants for assault with intent to murder were served upon Dr. Hail on Tuesday and the preliminary hearing has been set for tomorrow (Saturday) before Justice Littlefield.

As the matter is now before the courts, where it should and can only properly be settled, the COURIER will refrain from comment, further than to say that it sincerly trusts the unfortunate occurance will not be permitted to reflect discredit upon the peace and order loving people of Fairhope, who deplore it more than any others possibly can.

From Professor Bellangee.

EDITOR COURIER:

So many have written to me inquiring as to the "true inwardness" of the recent disagreement regarding the rent schedule, that I am constrained to ask. the privilege of replying through the COURIER, not assuming, of course, to be authoritative, but simply giving my own views for what they are worth.

It seems to me that the protest of the renters should be taken in good faith, subject only to such modification or discount as is fairly attributable to human weakness in general.

There is just as much human nature about the people of Fairhope as there is anywhere else and it is not confined to either side of this controversy. Personal ambitions and antipathies, the evil influence of selfishness and the complications that result from hasty and inconsiderate speech or action can scarcely be eliminated in a few months by the single tax or anything else. Under a dispensation of heredity that visiteth the sins of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation we can scarcely expect perfection in the human application of a principle even though that principle be divine.

Both sides to every controversy are sure to err in a measure and bring in matters and issues that are not pertinent and which impede rather than help to a wise solution.

But the real disagreement after all, in my judgment, is over the rent question and the position of each on that point is determined in a great measure by individual bias, and habit of thought.

For instance, there are some, perhaps, who are really cranky and unreasonable in their insistence that all of the unearned increment should be taken and they are opposed by those at the other extreme who desire (from whatever motive) that little or none of it should be gathered. Certain it is that among the leading protestants are found some who have opposed every assessment that has been been made during the last five years and can be relied upon to oppose every one that will be made in the future. Then there are those who have cheerfully paid every assessment that has been made heretofore, that did not approve of the last one and whose undoubted loyalty to the single tax did not hinder them from hastily signing a protest whose terms and implications they afterwards regretted. In fact I think it is perfectly safe to say that a large part of those who signed the protest are ashamed that they allowed it to contain anything like a personal reflection upon the members of the Executive Council.

The whole question therefore boiled down to its last analysis is the same one that crops out in human nature wherever and whenever it attempts the application of a principle. There are all grades of radicalism in the temperance work. There are all shades of opinion concerning the tariff schedules among those who believe in protection.

Among those that call themselves free traders, by far the larger part insist upon a tariff for revenue. Even those who talk eloquently about the golden rule and really believe in it, usually expect the other fellow to look out for himself when he makes a bargain with them.

So, while this is a single tax town and owes its prosperity to the single tax sentiment of the country, some

are afraid to trust themselves wholly and implicitly to it. They cannot see all that it will do for us, and they are timid. They see the rents rising constantly, and they "do not know where it is going to stop." They can see that the rising of rents does not stop immigration or improvements, but they feel sure that it will. They cannot show where the policy has injured anyone in the past, but they are afraid that they will get scared in the future.

Now this is just the point of difference:

Some are sure that the harm will come by not taking all of the unearned increment, and others are afraid of taking too much.

Even if selfishness were entirely eliminated, which it is not reasonable to expect, there would still be room for differences of opinion as to amounts to be taken.

Then to give the matter just consideration requires a good deal of earnest thinking but one can criticise without much painstaking investigation and one can suspect evil without knowing one thing about the matter.

But those who criticise unjustly will if they honestly investigate change their minds, and doubt when finally dissipated becomes the forerunner of devotion; so I look upon this agitation as a healthy omen and an opportunity to make plainer those points that have not been clearly understood.

One of the worst obstacles in the way of the experiment of Fairhope, is the fact that none of us has been able to see far enough into the future to know what is wise for us personally and almost without exceptions we take more land than we need and have made unprofitable improvements which we cannot dispose of to an advantage. Of course the single tax should not be held responsible for that but most of us do not like to accept the blame ourselves, and we find it more convenient to charge it up to Fairhope than to Providence.

But fair and free discussion ought and I believe will, make clear what is due to personal influence and what is justly attributable to the method in use here.

J. BELLANGEE.

A Friend in Pennsylvania.

My Dear Mr. Gaston:

Your very welcome letter is received, also booklet, for which accept my thanks. I have familiarized myself with its contents and am very much impressed.

I have read various articles in the *Commoner* and other papers by Professor Bellangee and other writers, and am delighted to know that you are imbued with the spirit of progress.

Nothing like being permeated with the idea that lies nearest the heart, it must bring its triumphs. I am able to find others who are impressed with the grandeur of Fairhope's project, and I am only waiting until duty releases me, when I hope to travel southward and meet with Fairhopers in oldfashioned hospitable southern style.

I like the ring in the clause of your letter: "We want to keep our schools not only up to but ahead of other towns of like size." This is the true spirit of progress. Nothing like educational advantages to call in desirable residents.

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Forty Fort, Pa. _____ J. H. Schuman.

Mr. Finney, the aged father of Mrs. Captain Foster, who, with his wife, spent the greater part of the last year with Captain and Mrs. Foster, and had recently gone back to his home at New Orleans, died in that city on last Saturday and was buried on the day following. Mr. Finney was a very excellent old gentleman and the news of his death was heard with great regret not only by his family but by the many friends he made while in Fairhope.

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DIALOG....."The Happy Pair"...Mr. and Mrs. Thomas

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SONG..... ..... "The Boer Republic" ....Van Bavel Brothers

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SONG..... "I Want to Go to Mauro" Mr. Wm. Dealy

Letter from Mr. Tucker.

Fairhope's good friend from early days, Rev. Gardner L. Tucker, of Houma, La., writes the following personal letter, which we are sure he will pardon our publishing:

Houma, La., February 25, 1905.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I am sorry that you are no longer Secretary. All cannot fail to admire your generosity and public spirit in the matter

I earnestly hope that Fairhope will remain *bona fide* Single Tax.

The "wide open" and "close shut" controversy in your early history was safely weathered, and the liberal spirit prevailed. I draw a good omen from that, and prophecy the victory of true liberaism in this matter. True liberalism, as I conceive it, means adherence to the fundamental principles of the single tax. In this case as in many, liberalism has the appearance of conservatism. It is the only safe policy. If it be not adhered to, the other path leads backwards and not forward,—to landlordism. With every wish for the realization of our fair hopes, I am sincerely your friend,

Gardner L. Tucker.

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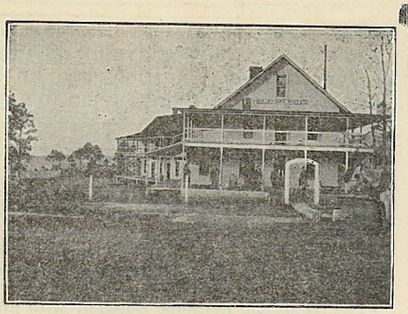
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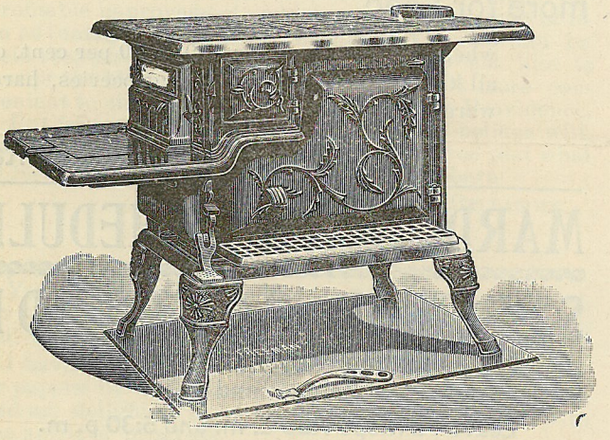
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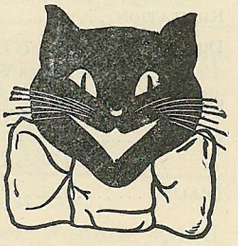
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FAIRHOPE.

Read before the Conference Thursday Evening.

'Tis so, the greatest cause may lie in books
Where seers pay homage as in darkened nooks,
But courage, strength, and right, a cause to gain,
Must rise embodied on the marshalled plain.

For truth is best revealed, in rounded whole,
When earthly form encompasses its soul.
The mortal sense sees best the mortal thing,
Best hears the song that mortal voices sing.

But every truth that has exalted earth
Grieved pageantry by its too humble birth,
As if, though taking form, it form despised
For fear that form and not that truth be prized.

Then ask and wait for answer. Does, perchance,
In Fairhope sockets lurk the royal glance
Of Justice, newly born in humble state
To show once more how lowly come the great?

'Tis yours to hope that hope shall be fulfilled,
That you on southern shores may safely build
New shape for Justice, whence her potent soul
Will summon nations to a muster-roll.

A wide dominion waits successful quest,
The fruits of triumph have their own sharp zest;
But in the hard beginnings, too, are joys
Which conquest deadens and which feasting cloys.

And so, if yours no laurel nor an arch,
If others lead your cause on longer march,
Know this, you wrought when very close to God
Where none safe censure, if but few applaud.

Last—Fairhope must be great or it must fall,
Not Rome-like, great or falling, but in all
Of honor that the good earth holds for man
It must be great. It must—and yes—it can!

E. J. SALISBURY.

THE SINGLE TAX CONFERENCE.

The Single Tax Conference opened on Wednesday evening the eighth, as per announcement.

Rain in the early evening, kept away some but a large audience gathered in the hall, to welcome the visiting brethren.

The Fairhope Band played several inspiring selections, and President Brown then in a short address, announced the purpose of the Conference, and extended the hearty greeting of Fairhopers to their visiting friends.

Mr. Thos. Hunt, of Kennedy, Ohio, responded on behalf of the visitors in a brief address which was full of good thought, well clothed, and was followed by Dr. M. R. Leverson, of Brooklyn, in a few words of greeting, after which Bolton Hall delivered a very entertaining and instructive address on "Education and the Single Tax". Mr. Hall's address was highly educative in itself and was most heartily received by the audience. He presented the single tax idea in various ways, some of which were new to his hearers—even those who live in a "single tax town," and most effectively.

After Mr. Hall's address, the band played a couple of selections and a general social time was indulged in, in which the visitors and our Fairhope people had an opportunity to become personally acquainted.

A telegram from R. F. Powell, saying that he would start for Fairhope on Saturday, to annouce his land to be turned into the Colony and propose Mr. Fels for membership, was read, and received with enthusiasm.

Mr. Gaston read the following letter from Ella Wheeler Wilcox to Prof. Bellangee:

La Casa Loma, Redlands, Cal., Mar. 1, 1905.

So sorry my dear Mr. Bellangee I can not be with you. I was called out here to oversee the production of mp play "*Mizpah*" which has proven a great success. So great—I hope to be able to invest a little sum in Fairhope by and by.

We have not time or space to report in this issue, the meeting of Thursday evening. A committee on resolutions was appointed, consisting of Bolton Hall, Dr. Leverson, Thos. Hunt, Arch. Crosbie, Wm. Ryan, J. Bellangee, F. L. Brown and E. B. Gaston, to report on Saturday evening.

Mr. M. H. Palmer, of Saint Louis, is with us for the Conference.

Louisiana Single Taxers are represented by Mr. M. S. McMahon, of New Iberia, who is taking an active interest in the Conference.

William Ryan, the hustling secretary of the Central Single Tax Club, of Philadelphia, is taking an active part in the Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Wills of Germantown, Pa., (a suburb of Philadelphia), are here for the Conference. They have been much interested in Fairhope for several years and are very pleasant people.

The presence of Thos. Hunt of Kennedy, Ohio, who, with his sister, has been with us for a couple of weeks, is highly valued.

The able, zealous and genial Bolton Hall of New York, whose name is a household word among single taxers, is with us and we are enjoying his presence to the utmost, and, incidentally, working him to the limit. Besides his address on Wednesday evening, we are to have two addresses from him on Sunday. In the morning he will speak in the Christian church, by the kindness of Pastor Shupe and his congregation. The subject will be "The Lord's Prayer." On Sunday evening at 7:30 he will speak in the hall, on "The Vengeance of God."

Another important Sunday address will be that of Archibald Crosbie at the hall at 3 p. m., on "The Ethics of the Single Tax." This will be largely the address delivered by him some time ago before the Progressive League, and which was then characterized by many as one of the best they had ever heard. It is hoped that he will have a much larger audience than on the former occasion.

On Thursday afternoon, owing to a disarrangement of other plans of the committee, Dr. Montague R. Leverson, who has a national reputation as an authority on anti-vaccination, and from whom our people wished to hear on that subject at some time during his stay, was given the hour, and presented a very interesting address on vaccination from his standpoint.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Strawberries are coming on rapidly.

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Miss Alice Herring went over to New Orleans to meet a brother there and was there during Mardi Gras.

The preliminary trial of the cases against Dr. Hail was postponed at his request until Tuesday, March 14.

Will Stimpson has a good stock of building material on hand. Call and see him when you are ready to build.

The frame is up for the nice two-story cottage which Mr. Littlefield is building for Mr. Blank on Magnolia avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sumner are having a visit from Mrs. Sumner's uncle, Mr. A. S. Bowker of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Father Knowles and Mrs. Bancrott are enjoying a visit from their son and brother, C. L. Knowles, of Atchison, Kan.

Remember the Courier office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

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The Fairhope was put into commission as a barge and towed over by the Gertrude on Tuesday in order to accommodate the crowd going to Mobile for the Mordi Gras celebration.

Dr. Clara Atkinson, who has been in Minneapolis since early last fall, and who has so many friends and is so sadly missed by them when absent, hopes to be home some time next month.

Mr. Robert Wallace, of Atmore, who has been in Fairhope for several weeks, boarding at the Lawrence house, was called home Wednesday morning by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his wife.

Mr. J. J. Mogg arrived from Chicago on the third, and as usual, did not come alone. He brought with him his nephew, Mr. M. E. Quackenbush and wife, of Crete, Ills., and Mrs. Mary Ahrens, of Chicago.

Mr. Duintjer moved from the Brown cottage back to his farm this week, his daughter, Mrs. Scriven has accepted a position in Mobile with Mrs. Ross, whose advestisement appeared in last issue of the Courier.

London Hill, an aged and highly respected colored man, living on the high bluff between Fairhope and Montrose, died on last Saturday. "Uncle London" and his wife, "Aunt Ellen" will be remembered by many Fairhope visitors.

Mr. George Sauer, of Marshalltown, Ioa., and his daughter Miss Susie, who spent the winter with us two years ago, spent a couple of days with us this week, and will probably spend some more time with us before they return north. They have been spending the winter at Citronelle.

Mr. Berglin has sold his butcher business and shop fixtures and rented his shop to Messrs. Thos. Wilson and Chas. Nelson, who will continue the business. Mr. Wilson will, we understand, have direct charge of the shop. He has been in the business for years and is deservedly popular with Fairhope people, whom he has served hitherto from his wagon. We are glad to report that the change will not mean leaving Fairhope to Mr. and Mrs. Berglin, who retain their residence adjoining the shop. Mr. Berglin has accepted a position with the Standard Trust Company of Birmingham. He will probably go on the road for them.

Meeting for Worship.

A meeting for worship after the manner of the Society of Friends is held at the residence of Archibald and Elizabeth Crosbie, Fairhope, on Firstday (Sunday) mornings at eleven o'clock giving opportunity for christian fellowship in the freedom and simplicity the truth as it is in Jesus requires.

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Justice Littlefield issued warrants, Wednesday evening for Jeff Middleton of Daphne and Joe Morgan of near Fairhope, the latter a colored man. Warrants were sworn out on complaint of Capt. Loftus of the steamer Carney. The colored man resented the language used by the white man before colored women on the boat, and the white man attacked the other with a knife, cutting him in several places.

The arts and crafts classes which have opened under the guidance of Miss Frances H. Lyon of Atlanta are arousing a good deal of interest. There is a morning and an evening class Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and an afternoon class Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. It has been thought best to charge only the nominal tuition fee of $1, which will include all the classes, that all who want to may attend. An arts and crafts association is being formed under whose auspices articles will be placed on sale in the town. All who register in the classes will be entitled to membership free and will be asked to contribute during the year at least one article for sale. Those who wish to do so can join the association on payment of $1, no articles will be received from non-members. It is hoped that all those who are interested in this practical side will visit the classes in the Christian Church.

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The editor being so busy this week has given several of his correspondents a chance to be heard in this issue and they talk very much to the point.

E. J. Blanchard, of Chicago, renewing his subscription adds: I am glad indeed you have made the Courier a weekly. I enjoy every bit of it.

"The Courier is O. K. may it help to speed the time when in the words of Congressman Baker of N. Y.: "A man will not be compelled to take a civil service position or starve." E. H. Miller, Seattle.

Mr. A. C. Staples, of West Branch, Ioa. is here to participate in the Conference. He is an old time single taxer and a friend and neighbor for years, of our Mr. Arch. Crosbie, with whom and his wife, he is stopping.

We have received several copies of the *Detroit Reformer*, an Afro-American paper published at Detroit by Frank H. Warren. Mr. Warren is a good single taxer and gets a good deal of single tax matter into his paper.

Mrs. C. V. Harbottle of Syracuse, N. Y., says: "The COURIER is read with much and ever increasing interest. Mrs. Howland's letters always have a bright note of interest and I feel assured she will find some way out of the nest of 'June Bugs.' "

Our good friend Wm. Morphy, whose financial assistance just at the right time helped us to secure the five acre tract which bears his name, is somewhat worried over the rent controversy. He writes: "If Fairhope is to go back on single tax principles she will, of course, forfeit the interest taken in her welfare by so many friends and well-wishers who have lent a helping hand because it was THE single tax town of the United States."

"Shall we," he adds, "have to think of her as a 'has been'—the town that used to be a single tax colony?"

No, no, Brother Morphy. Don't take our little differences so seriously. We are sure there is no cause for serious alarm lest Fairhope be diverted from its original purpose.

Jno. Woods, Passaic, N. J., renewing his subscription to the COURIER says: "I trust the time will soon come when it will be a big daily. My compliments to those Fairhopers who are dissatisfied with your single tax experiment and are sighing for the flesh-pots of Egypt. If they would just step outside your boundary they might easily get the pots but they'd have to hustle like blazes for the flesh. Yours is an experiment and you are succeeding "making good theories work". Their system has been tried, and we all know that their brand of civilization is not by any means what it is cracked up to be"

The Birmingham *Ledger* says: "there are rumors that the single tax colony down at Fairhope is not harmonious. The colony has prospered wonderfully, as all colonies do that are managed for the good of all. Human nature will not long work for the common good, however. Greed invariably comes to destroy harmony. Some see where they could do better for themselves by selfish methods and they prefer to break up the general good rather than leave and set up for themselves." Even with these comments the Fairhope Colony continues to prosper in illustrating a grand idea of government. It is hardly fair to say that in every case human selfishness arises to destroy all harmony when the common good is involved. We confidently believe that the Fairhope Colony will eventually demonstrate a great principle of government. Certainly it is ruled by common sense and moderation —Mobile *Item*.

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Col. C. L. Greeno who holds the beautiful lot across the bridge next to Mrs. Stromberg, writes from Los Angeles: "I think Fairhope is a better place for me to spend the winter months than this. While I am enjoying myself and see many things that are new and interesting as it is my first visit here, yet I do not like it as well as Fairhope." He adds that he hopes to improve his Fairhope lot soon.

A Blessing In Disguise.

My Dear Mr. Gaston.

I have been very much interested in the controversy over the action of the Executive Council, and I was fearful that it would give the opponents of the single tax an opportunity to say that it was proving a failure in the place where it had been put to the fullest test but I think now that it may after all "prove a blessing in disguise, as it will cause those who opposed the increase in rents, to study the question more carefully, that is providing they are sincere; and it will only serve to make Single Taxers more determined to prove that their theory will work and is working.

The Courier gets better every issue. I look for it every week and after reading it, I pass it on. I enclose M. O. for $1.00 to pay from Dec 1904.

Yours truly,
A. E. Haslam.

From W. L. Ross.

Editor Fairhope COURIER:

The charge has been made that Fairhope is not democratic because the whole community is not allowed to decide and administer its policy. It is claimed that a policy not supported by a majority of the community ought not to exist.

If a free trade club invited protectionists to vote on its policy and administration we would not call it democracy; we would call it foolishness. The same is true of Fairhope. Its members are single taxers but many living on its land are not. Others are hostile to the plan because it kills their private speculation in land.

The right to the use of the earth is an individual right. It existed before organized society. It is the business of the majority to secure this right to the individual not rob him of it.

But the majority denies us this right. Its laws say we shall not have it. The members of Fairhope Colony have not the power to grant the people living on colony land the privilege of choosing their own land policy. The laws of the state allow one policy and that policy is private ownership of land.

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation is simply a land company. Under existing laws the land had to be bought. The Colony is forced to be a landlord in form, but it is not one in reality. Landlords pocket the rent. The Colony gives it to the community. It secures the equal right of all to the use of its land. It does this in the best way it can be done until the people become wise enough to establish it by legislation.

The heart of the matter is this: Fairhope is a growing community. The ground rent is low but it is rapidly rising. There are people living on the land not enough in sympathy with the single tax to keep from getting hysterics every time the rent is collected.

The whole question is whether these people should be allowed the privilege of voting part of the rent into their own pockets, or whether equal rights to land shall be maintained by the rent going to the community where it belongs. It is a question whether the wolf of landlordism shall steal in again clothed in a sheep skin called democracy.

W. L. Ross.

Phila. March, 4, 1905

From a Wisconsin Friend.

Wautoma, Wis., January 26, 1905.

Editor FAIRHOPE COURIER:

For some time past I have been trying to avail myself of the opportunity of writing you a good long letter:—there are so many good things I want to say to you and to all Fairhopers. Whether I am entirely a single taxer or not, I recognize the fact that single tax would remedy very many of the evils resulting from land monopoly and speculation. It certainly ought to be very gratifying to all Fairhopers that their cause is meeting with so much favor all over the world. There can be but little doubt that Fairhope—on account of her being the pioneer colony of single taxers and having such favorable conditions of climate, scenery and healthful locality -- may some day become the Mecca of all single taxers, and possibly of all reformers in political economy. Mrs. Harrington and myself have been wanting to visit Fairhope for years; but, alas, there are always some imperative demands upon our time and energy, which have so far prevailed.

As for myself, I am not an entire stranger to your land of winter gardens and early spring flowers. Long before Fairhope was, I have enjoyed your refreshing summer breezes and learned to love the blossoming wild flowers of the South. You may ask why I am here in this distressed, cold country, if I love the climate and conditions so well in the South. To this I may say that people sometimes do things that they wonder at themselves, when it is too late. We may yet find it possible to take advantage of the Mardi Gras excursion rates. Nothing could give me greater pleasure than to be a visitor at your Single Tax Conference. It seems to me that there I could drink at the great fountain of single tax wisdom. Besides, I have yet in Mobile some old and loved friends whom I would delight to see. And though I have not, as yet, seen one of your Fairhope faces, so far as I know, there are many names that have become familiar to me through the COURIER, and to meet them would be to me like meeting some long absent friends. I am in hopes to send the COURIER some new subscribers with my own renewal in a few days. May you and all Fairhopers enjoy the full fruition of your fondest hopes. May special privilege and land monopoly cease. With justice and humanity there can be neither master nor slave. Fraternally yours,

J. W. HARRINGTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorchester are building a small cottage south of C. K. Brown, on a lot purchased of Capt. McDermaid.

Moral Principles of the Single Tax.

LOUIS F. POST, IN *Why?*

The test to which the single tax man subjects all propositions for economic reform, including the single tax itself, is the moral test. Would it be right? Would it be just? Its effects upon individuals or classes, workingmen included, is of secondary importance. For the essence of his philosophy is that any reform which is morally wrong must be economically injurious; and, conversely, that any reform which is morally right can not fail to be economically beneficent. To workingmen, therefore, as well as to others, his primary recommendation of the single tax is not that it would serve their selfish interest, but that it is morally right.

His demonstration that the single tax is morally right is so simple that even a child may understand.

Every man has an equal natural right with every other man to life and liberty. This proposition needs no proof. It commends itself to the moral sense as self-evident. The burden at any rate is not upon him who asserts, but upon him who denies it. And though quibling lawyers, materialistic doctors, and pulpiteers of mammon may chop logic over different degrees of right among men to life and liberty, no one has ever yet been able to show in the baby darling of king or millionaire a better title to live his life and have his liberty, than that which is brought into the world by every wailing babe of the slums. This equal right of each as against all his fellows to his life and his liberty is but a corrolary of the divine doctrine, that all men are brothers and that God is their common father.

Equal rights to life and liberty conceded, equal rights to land is an inevitable deduction. For land is the place upon which all must live, the source from which all must draw sustenance. Man cannot even breathe the air or sail the seas except as he has standing room upon the land. To deny him land except as he may buy or rent from others, lessens his liberties relatively to the liberty of others, and to that extent makes him a slave.

In a society, therefore, in which some are born proprietors and others are born landless, equal rights to life do not and cannot exist. And it makes no difference whether the proprietors have their land by inheritance or by purchase. The effect is in either case the same. Landed proprietors command the unrecompensed labor of the landless; for the landless have at best only the alternative of starving or working for others for the land they need. Their equal right to land being denied, their right to life and liberty is denied. That is morally wrong.

Do not forget the great addresses scheduled for Sunday. Bolton Hall will speak in the Christian church in the morning and at the hall in the evening. Do not miss hearing Archibald Crosbie in the afternoon at the hall. See small bills for particulars.

Any one having a good improvement in Fairhope, who would like to exchange it for a well improved property in a thriving Alabama town, settled largely by northern people, may learn something to his advantage by calling at the COURIER office.

Mr. A. M. Blank and wife, of Chicago, arrived on last Friday to visit Mr. Blanks parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Blank, of Fairhope. They will probably remain throught March.

Mr. Grant Magden of Des Moines arrived to join his wife in a visit to their numerous relatives here. He was accompanied, also, by Miss Grace Doudna.

Good theories are continuing to work at Fairhope.

Bigelow's Sermon.

Herbert S. Bigelow, pastor of the Vine Street Congregational church, Cincinnati, says that Grand Rapids, Wisc, is the best city in the Union. Speaking of some of the cities of the Northwest, Mr. Bigelow said:

Mr. Lincoln Steffens tells us that Rhode Island is the worst state in the Union. I can tell you the best City in the Union. It is Grand Rapids, Wis. There may be a saloon or two there. There may be some gambling and Sunday ball playing and other forms of wickedness which are so heinous to the pharisees. But the city has a right to hold up her head. She has a co-operative telephone company. When plans for this enterprise were being discussed, the Bell Telephone Company tried to decoy the city into its toils. A bribe was offered, not to the council, but to the city itself. The attempt to corrupt the people was made as in Rhode Island, but with a different result. The Bell Company offered every citizen of Grand Rapids a free telephone for three years if they would sign the Bell contract and drop the agitation for a company of their own. There was but one man in the city who accepted the bribe. But for that one man the city was unanimous in resenting the bribe and declining the gift. In this age of corporation domination, Grand Rapids is a beacon light. Cincinnati and other cities have their fifty and ninety-nine year franchises and franchises that are perpetual. The little city of Grand Rapids, Wis., is made of different stuff. She has too much self-respect to submit to the corporation yoke.

A next door neighbor of Grand Rapids, by the way, is the home of some of the favorite investors of the now famous Osage Leases.

A press dispatch says: "Secretary Hitchcock favors extension of leases over 680,000 acres because of vested rights that should be protected, although the leases were wrong in the first place."

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People living here bought stock in these leases at $1 a share. It has been watered nine times, so that for their one dollar they now have ten. On this mixture of oil and water they are receiving a dividend of 3 per cent a month, or 36 per cent a year on ten times the original outlay. This will explain why these vested wrongs have become vested rights. The sanctity increases with a rising dividend.

Wausau, Wis., is another bright spot on the map. This city is practicing what is often urged as the ideal solution of the municipal monopolies problem, namely, city ownership but private operation. Wausau owns her own wires, poles and street lamps and maintains them, but she buys her current of a private power house. This plan has resulted in a reduction of from $80.00 to $43.00 a light, a total saving to the little city of $3500.00 a year. Six years ago, Duluth, Minn. took over the water and gas business. The private owner of the plants had been so notoriously active in politics that they used to call him "Councilman at large". The books of the old company showed that they spent a corruption fund of $50,000.00 in a single year. Duluth has put a stop to all that. She has put this company out of politics by putting it out of business. She has already reduced the rates on both gas and water one half, and she has reduced the hours of labor from twelve to eight a day. Moreover, Minnesota cities have home rule. Duluth has a charter which she made herself and it prohibits the granting of any franchises or the issue of any bonds without the endorsement of the people at the polls.

There is no doubt about it. This great Northwest is the hope of the Republic.

The remodeling of the hall, was not fully completed before the opening of the Conference, but the roof was on, floor laid and windows in, so that it is comfortably usable.

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To be the only subscriber in your town is a condition which you ought not to allow to continue. Surely, if you are doing your duty as a single taxer, you ought to have at least one friend interested enough to take the COURIER, or whom you are enough interested in to send it to.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

March 7th, * * J. W. L. You are still in N. O., and still hope to visit Fairhope before returning to New York. You surely ought to see the marvel of progress, normal and rapid, that a new settlement can make without a real estate "boom" which most people regard as the *sine qua non* of growth in new places. You who are a lover of progress and of all good "causes" should be in the great industrial tide that is setting South—the vast field for legitimate enterprise for the next half century at the least. Northern people are more and more desirous of getting away from the increasing severity of the North where a second glacial period is threatening, if the prophets are to be credited. You should come here and build winter houses and cottages for which there is an increasing demand. You could not make so much money as by successful oil wells; but then, there is no such risk, and you could live while you were building and renting or selling your cottages, as you cannot while hanging on the "ragged edge" of an oil well. I confess I have almost a horror of oil investments. If you find oil you are beset by greedy schemers and speculators, and if you "make" money, reformers like you can not really enjoy it, for you know the land and all it contains is for the people and no one has, or can have, a right to own it, nor to exclusive use of any part of it without paying its rental value to the community which, settling around and about it has made its increased value. This you khow is the Single Tax theory. This is what we are exemplifying here, handicapped by the laws and by the worse handicap of the misconceptions of people who do not seem to understand that a grand and nobly generous motive actuates the leaders of the Fairhope enterprise, and not the desire to make themselves wealthy while others are poor. * * * Yes we have our troubles here. You have a truthful account of them in the COURIER, and you would have had a more graphic description and more severe censure of the disorderly elements, if the chief had given me a free hand; or, had I believed he would, which I could not judging from my manuscript now accumulating dust on the COURIER "copy" hook. I am proud of the spirit of Mr. Bellangee, also, in the same issue.

* * * The Pines rejoices in a second rain cistern built by Messers Bell and Baldwin, and more rain gutters. This should give enough water for the flowers unless the spring dry "spell" is unusually severe,

* * * The weather is delightful now and the prospect for a good time at our conference is cheering.

* * You ask, friend D., if it would be possible to get you a mocking bird. I suppose it might be possible, but I think the mocking bird would not consent.

Prof. Comings is laid up in bed with the grip, just at the most inconvenient time for himself and us.

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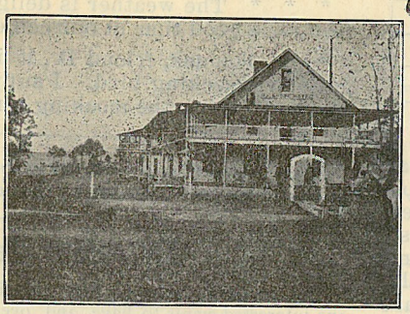
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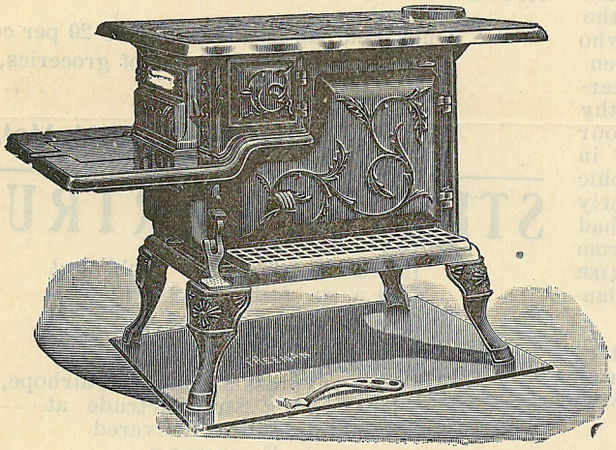
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Practice What You Preach

Benjamin B. Keech in *Leslie's Weekly.*

Have you any plan or notion
As to how this world should run?
Have you made a great commotion
Showing how it may be done?
Do you live as you've directed
In the good things that you teach?
And (to questions you've subjected)
Do you practice what you preach?

It is laudable, I'm sure,
If you've any worthy plan
That, in time, may help secure
Future happiness for man.
But if you belie your teaching
(Please believe it, I beseech)
You would better give up preaching
Till you practice what you preach.

Any one can talk religion,
Any one can talk reform;
But that person's name is legion
Who can't stand and face the storm;
You will find in every instance
That your arguments will reach
To a somewhat greater distance
If you practice what you preach.

Many things are advocated
That will keep the world from sin;
If you feel quite agitated
O'er the subject, then begin
To explain the situation
To your friends, and unto each
Be a living illustration
That you practice what you preach.

THE SINGLE TAX CONFERENCE.

Our report of the Conference in last issue brought us up only to Thursday evening.

The subject for that evening was: "Fairhope as a Single Tax Colony." Mr. Edwin S. Ross presided. Mr. Gaston read the poem entitled "Fairhope," by Mr. E. J. Salisbury of Minneapolis, Minn. (formerly of Mobile), which was published in the last issue of the COURIER; also letters to the Conference from Henry Schakel, a former Fairhoper, and L. P. Custer of Saint Louis.

Willie Dealy followed in a single tax song set to the music of "Dixie," the words being written by A. G. Beecher of Warren, Pa., and made a hit, as he usually does.

Professor Bellangee opened the discussion on the subject of the evening. He told very interestingly of the inception of the Colony undertaking and presented clearly and forcibly its purposes and methods.

Mr. Asa Staples of Iowa followed, humorously showing the fallacy of the "single tax limited," advocated by some, who proposed to take only a portion of land values. He took the opportunity, also, to present to the Colony, on behalf of the author, Mrs. Frances Margaret Milne of California, a volume of her poems, accompanied by a letter from her expressing her warm appreciation of Fairhope.

Mr. Thos. N. Freeman spoke for the socialists of Fairhope, expressing hearty approval of the great step forward being taken at Fairhope in socializing ground rents, and in securing for the people the public services which socialists and single taxers alike agree they should have.

Mr. Gaston being called on, spoke very briefly, emphasizing the fact that while single taxers everywhere were working for local option in taxation, the Fairhope plan was really a local option measure, with the great advantage that it required only the option of a few single taxers and did not need to await legislation. Several of the visitors who were called upon, also made brief remarks. The attitude of all speakers was that of approval of the colony and appreciation of the results accomplished.

It was moved and carried that a committee on resolutions be appointed to report at the Saturday evening session. The following were proposed as members of the committee: Bolton Hall, Dr. M. R. Leverson, Thos. Hunt, Wm. Ryan, Arch. Crosbie, J. Bellangee, F. L. Brown and E. B. Gaston.

Objection was made by Major Lockwood (resident) to having any Fairhopers on the committee, thinking it preferable that it be chosen wholly from among the visitors, but Dr. Leverson and others thought it would be a "very lame committee indeed, which did not include a fair representation of those who were doing so great a practical work at Fairhope" and his opinion seemed to be that of the meeting, as the persons named were unanimously chosen as the committee.

On Friday a delightful picnic lunch was enjoyed by practically all our visitors, as well as many residents. It had been planned to go to the beach, but a cool northwest wind blowing off the bay, deterred some of the more delicate, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross, of the Fairhope House very kindly tendered their broad verandahs on which tables were set and the great variety of delicious viands prepared by the ladies spread. Something over fifty people partook of the dinner. After dinner, while the rest of the people enjoyed themselves in a social way, the committee on resolutions met in the hotel parlor and performed its duty.

On Friday evening the ladies of the V. I. C. presented in the hall, a very interesting program, being chiefly a repetition of that given in the church some time previous, There was music by the band. Piano duos were played by Misses Ola Powell and Frances Gaston and Vera Mershon and Hazel Pilcher. Vocal solos were sung by Messrs. E. S. Ross, Herbert Holmes (of Chicago) and Dr. Sheldon. Miss Ivy Powell recited "The Face on the Barroom Floor." The Van Bavel Brothers, of our Holland contingent, sang in their native tongue, and the program closed with the enjoyable farce: "Taking the Train to Mauro," presented by Mrs. Bancroft, Mr. Trenholme, and Master Clayton Baldwin, with solo, with the same title, sung by Willie Dealy. An admission fee was charged and nearly forty dollars taken in at the door.

On Saturday afternoon the subject for discussion was: "The Single Tax and the Farmers." Rain hindered a large attendance, but there was a very interesting discussion.

On Saturday evening was held the last session of the Conference proper. The comprehensive subject announced was: "The Single Tax; It's Principles, Pro-

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Freeman intends to put out an acre of tomatoes.

Oil 15c per gallon at L. E. Baldwin's, Volanta.

Mrs. Frank Creswell has been quite ill, but is now about again.

Souvenir postal cards at the COURIER office one cent apiece, six for a nickel.

C. L. Knowles departed for his home at Atchison, Kansas, on Monday morning.

When taking a Sunday stroll along the beach, drop into the Bayside Cafe and get refreshments.

Will Stimpson has a good stock of building material on hand. Call and see him when you are ready to build.

Remember the COURIER office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

Mrs. E. Savage arrived on Thursday from Chicago to visit her brother, Mr. F. B. Favor, and try our climate.

Warren Mulkey fell while playing and broke his arm. He is, however, recovering rapidly from the injury.

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Otto Went had a visit this week from a cousin, Gustav Koch, his wife and family, who are located near Swift Postoffice and came over to Fairhope to consult a physician about one of the children.

Mrs. M. Coulter of Burlington, Iowa, has purchased the improvements on one of Mr. Bellangee's lots on Bay View Ave., and will build a neat five room cottage as soon as possible. E. D. Brann designed the cottage and has the contract to erect it.

Fairhope camp, Woodmen of the World, held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening and initiated two new sovereigns, Messrs. John Patterson and Adolph Berglin. The camp is in a flourishing condition and receiving new members at almost every meeting.

Mrs. Cordie Read, who spent several weeks with her husband, at Fruitdale, got back to Fairhope in time to attend the Single Tax Conference, whose sessions she greatly enjoyed. Mr. Read had been counting on coming, but press of work made it impossible to get away, greatly to his disappointment.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. S. H. Comings on Wednesday. March 22, at 3 p. m. The program prepared for March 9 will be given. It is hoped there will be a large attendance. The public is invited. At the close of the meeting there will be an exhibit and sale of the work done by the arts and crafts classes.

Mr George Steenstra and Mr. Thrall have together put out an acre of the famous Holland Clay peas, some of which were grown so successfully by Mr. Steenstra last year. They are claimed to be an extraordinarily fine pea, and if they do as well here as experiments so far indicate, will be a great addition to the crops of this section.

Miss Haworth, who accompanied her brother here several weeks ago, with little idea on her part or his that she would care to stay, has taken a lot of G. W. Wood on Magnolia avenue and has let the contract for a cottage. She says she has been traveling from place to place for ten years, but has found no place where she feels so much at home as at Fairhope.

Captain Foster received many compliments on a landing made the other evening, when he had the Fairhope in tow of the Gertrude. Coming in to the north corner of the wharf, he suddenly shifted to the south corner with the Gertrude, bringing her in on the south side and the Fairhope on the north side, as handily as could have been done by a captain on each boat.

After considerable legal sparring on the part of the attorneys, Messrs. Hall of Daphne and Joel W. Goldsby of Mobile for the state and Jos. B. Cloud of Fairhope for the defense, Dr. Hail waived examination in the cases against him for the assaults upon Prof. Bellangee, and was bound over to the grand jury on Tuesday. The grand jury meets the latter part of this month.

Mr. Franklin Moore and Mr. Richmond were very pleasant Chicago gentlemen who visited us last week, bearing a letter of introduction from our good friend, W. K. Smith of that city. Mr. Moore was a member of the lower house of the Michigan legislature in 1889, when, under the leadership of the late Governor Pingree, a local option in taxation bill failed of passage by only one vote, Mr. Moore voting for it.

Mr. W. A. Baldwin, has brought down from Iowa a fine gasoline engine, a planer and other wood working machinery which he had there, and is erecting a building east of his residence in which the same will be installed and operated. Mr. Baldwin has also in connection with his son, Louis, purchased all the lumber owned by Mr. Barclay at the water-mill on Cow-pen branch, which will be hauled into Fairhope and added to, as necessary, to supply the local demand.

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Meeting for Worship.

A meeting for worship after the manner of the Society of Friends is held at the residence of Archibald and Elizabeth Crosbie, Fairhope, on Firstday (Sunday) mornings at eleven o'clock giving opportunity for christian fellowship in the freedom and simplicity the truth as it is in Jesus requires.

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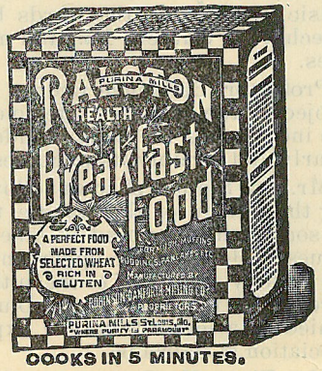
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Mr. J. B. Howarth of Detroit and Mr. Arthur Trenholme of Fairhope were accepted as members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation on Monday evening, the sixth. Mr. Howarth is a prominent business man and well known single taxer who contributes his $100 for the purpose of adding to the land area of Fairhope, and Mr. Trenholme is one of our best young men, coming all the way from Winnepeg, Manitoba, last fall, because of his sympathy with the principles and objects of the Colony, and who desires to actively participate in its work.

Mr. S. E. Gooding arrived from Fruitdale with a carload of goods and machinery last week and went right to work upon the place previously purchased from Mr. Olsen, just south of Mr. Littlefield's. His mother and sister are here now, renting one of Capt. Nichols' cottages until through building for themselves. The small house already on their ground has been moved over to near the Fels avenue front, and will be added to. Mr. Gooding is an ardent single taxer (formerly of Chicago) and deeply interested in our work here, and we are sure he and the ladies of his family will prove very desirable acquisitions to our community.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To many kind friends and inquirers we wish to state: that our dear baby boy Henry George Coleman, who suffered so acutely last summer from an injured spine with its attendant ills,—including hip disease and partial paralysis of the legs—has been entirely cured and restored to his former good health and normal condition by a course of Christian Science treatment, SOLE and EXCLUSIVE, and for this wonderful recovery, and for benefits that we also have ourselves received in the treatment of this supposed hopelesss case, we feel thankful to Almighty God.

Clement L. Coleman.
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"I am reading the paper with increasing interest and wish you success and prosperity;" writes H. W. Mc Farland, Chicago.

Our good friend Col. H. Martin Williams, who has been missing the Courier for several months on account of changing his residence, says he is "pining for news of Fairhope." We have tried to supply his need.

John N. Macomb, who visited us early in the winter wrote March 8th: "I am with you in spirit today, I wish I might have attended the conference. The controversy on the system of full value rents is an object lesson of the greatest importance. Only those who want something for nothing could oppose it."

Mr. Powell says that Mr. Michell, one of Philadelphia's big seedsman pronounced the bulbs which he took with him, (grown by Mr. Schuller) as superior to any he had seen grown in this country, and said that if our soil and climate could be counted on to produce such bulbs, bulb-growing ought to be a great industry for the place.

How Fairhope Impressed a Visitor.

Mr. R. S. McMahon of New Iberia, La, who was one of our Conference visitors, but had not before been much interested in Fairhope to our knowledge, says in a letter written after his return home;

"I believe I am rather in touch with the situation there and realize that the growth of the Colony is due to its system of land tenure, that it is a magnificent success up to the present and that its future welfare contains a promise of freedom for the world.

Nucla: a Single Tax Town.

From "Brotherhood," Burley, Wash.

True co-operators everywhere will be interested to learn of the progress of Nucla, the first Single Tax City of the west, and the second in the world; Fairhope Alabama, claiming to be the first. Ours was incorporated last year under the name of the Nucla Town Improvement Company, with capital stock of $50,000, divided into 5,000 shares of the par value of $10 each. The town lands have been acquired and will be held in trust by the company for the benefit of the citizens of the town. Each share of stock entitles the holder to a lease for 99 years, (with privilege of renewal) of one business lot or two residence lots, but no person will be leased more than a residence block. Each block contains 20 lots of the uniform size of 42x100 feet, or nearly four acres, exclusive of streets. The selection of lots will be granted in the order in which initial payments are made on subscriptions of stock. Rents, adjusted annually, will be the same, according to quality and location, on unimproved land as on the most highly improved.

The aim is to eliminate speculation in land, and that the unearned increment shall go to the citizens of the town. Quite a number of lots and blocks have already been selected and buildings for residence and business purposes are under construction. It is safe to estimate that the population of Nucla, before the close of the year, will number several hundred, and the town possess, within its borders every adjunct, except a saloon, found in any thriving western town.

Mr. Powell's Land Turned In.

At the Council meeting on Monday evening Mr. Powell tendered the Corporation a deed to his place, (the former De La Mare place, less a portion of it earlier sold by Mr. De La Mare) asking in consideration only credit for a balance due on his own membership and a membership for Miss Ivy. It is hardly necessary to say the offer was accepted with alacrity and pleasure. The tract as all who have visited Fairhope know, is a very valuable and desirable one, practically in the heart of the town. The consideration bears no relation to its real value, making it practically a gift to the Colony.

Direct Legislation at Fairhope.

The following resolutions do not seem to have attracted the attention they deserve, though they have already appeared in the Courier. Such things, like the statement of receipts and disbursements annually published, are often overlooked as long as there is no special question of their application.

Whereas, it was the intention of the founders of Fairhope to secure to all residents within her borders perfect justice and equality of opportunity through the application of the single tax principle to the use of her lands, making no distinction between lessees, whether members of the association or non-members, so far as the benefits of her policy may affect them, therefore

Be it resolved By the Executive Council of the association that it will recognize the equal interests of all in all public matters by giving the same consideration to petitions and suggestions from non-members as from members, and in case of a referendum being desired by non-members the same percent required of members to make such reference mandatory will be recognized as of equal force when coming from residents of the association irrespective of membership.

The Council considers such action permissible under the Constitution but does not find itself authorized to refer such matters for final action to any but members of the association.

Resolved further, that public notice is hereby given that the regular meetings of the Council are open to the public, and at such meetings all reasonable suggestions and requests from anyone interested in the public administration of Fairhope will be welcomed and considered by the Council.

The above is extracted from the minutes of January 18th, 1904, page 260 and 261, vol. 4.

G. W. Wood, Secretary.

Fairhope, Alabama, March 11, 1905.

On the 26th of December, 1904, the Executive Council instructed the secretary to present to the members of the Corporation a proposition to admit rent payers,

whether members of the Corporation or not, to participation in determining the disposition to be made of the revenue of the Corporation for the coming year, and to make announcement of such policy at the anniversary celebration.

At a meeting of the Corporation three days afterward (Dec. 29), the action of the Council was ratified by a vote of 25 to 4.

Recorded in the Minutes, Val. 5, pages 47 and 50.

G. W. Wood, Secretary.

The Eyes of the World Upon Us.

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Esteemed Co-Workers:—

The eyes of the world are upon you. Stick to the fundamental principles of the single tax. The unearned increment of land belongs to the people.

Sincerely,

Colorado Springs, Colo. Geo. H. Sinton.
March 10, 1905.

Educational Meetings This Week.

The illness of Professor Comings and the failure to come (also on account of illness) of Col. Daniels of Washington, who was to have taken a prominent part in our modest assembly course following the Single Tax Conference, has been quite disappointing to those having it in charge. However, a series of meetings was arranged for the week, beginning on Tuesday evening with a short address on "The Chautauqua Idea" by Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb-Comings and an address by Dr. Leverson of Brooklyn on "Scientific Legislation." On Wednesday evening Bolton Hall lectured on "Education and Love," and Dr. H. C. Borst spoke briefly on "Infectious Diseases." Thursday afternoon at 2:30 Mr. Israel Lancaster gave an illustrated lecture on "Micro-Organisms."

This (Friday) evening Mrs. Comings speaks on "Physical Education," with illustrations. Tomorrow afternoon Mrs. Comings will speak on "Care and Culture of the Voice," and in the evening Mr. Freeman will speak on "Soils and Soil Fertility."

Citronelle Chautauqua.

With very commendable enterprise Citronelle citizens have organized a Chautauqua Association, have erected a handsome auditorium seating 2000 people, without a post or pillar to mar the view, and have now in session one of the most ambitious Chautauqua assemblies ever undertaken in the South—or elsewhere. Mr. W. F. Brown the efficient Secretary, visited Fairhope a week ago Sunday in the interest of the assembly. The sessions will continue until March 29th. Very low round trip rates including admission to the grounds are made by the M. and O. R. R.

Handsome announcements giving the programs on the various dates may be secured by addressing the Secretary, Mr. W. F. Brown, or the Superintendent, Geo. H. Turner, Citronelle.

We are gratified to announce that after a five mon ths careful investigation of Fairhope, Dr. H. C. Borst and his wife have decided to make their home with us and have purchased the Andringa improvements out Fairhope avenue. This is a place admirably suited to the Doctor's desires, for he would like both to practice his profession and to have a little farm and chicken ranch. Doctor and Mrs. Borst are cultured and charming people, heartily in sympathy with Fairhope's principles and aspirations, and will be a great help to us.

An acetylene gas plant has been ordered for the Fairhope House.

THE SINGLE TAX CONFERENCE.

(Continued from first page.)

gress and Prospects," but time did not suffice to deal with more than the first division. Bolton Hall led the discussion with a very clear-cut presentation of single tax principles and was followed by Major Lockwood on the same line. Dr. Leverson was then introduced to speak upon "Personal Reminiscenses of Henry George," which he did very interestingly and with deep feeling.

President Frank Brown was called upon to talk upon "Single Tax Prospects," but the hour being late and the report of the committee on resolutions being an important subject for consideration, Mr. Brown waived and called for the committee's report.

This was presented by the committee's chairman, Bolton Hall. Introducing the report he said that Mr. Gaston of the committee as first appointed found it impossible to confer with the committee, and it had added to its number Mr. E. Q. Norton of Daphne and Mr. Wood of Fairhope. He understood the resolutions to have been unanimously approved by the committee. They were presented as follows:

Resolved First: That we a Committee on Resolutions of those present at the Single Tax Conference at Fairhope Ala., report that in our judgment the Fairhope Colony has already demonstrated that to pay all public expenses from rental value of the land alone is a practical business proposition, and results, in as far as it can be put in practice under existing laws, in stopping speculation in land, where applied, and in increasing business prosperity. Nevertheless we recognize that without changes in Legislation which should be made, the only application of Single Tax principles that can be had, is the payment by the community from rental value of the land, of all direct taxes, and the expenditure of the balance for public improvements.

Resolved Second: That we believe that Direct Legislation is a valuable adjunct to Fairhope policy.

Resolved Third: That we suggest that Single Taxers every where should introduce the Single Tax into politics by asking candidates for office to pledge themselves to support Single Tax measures.

The report of the committee was adopted without debate.

On Sunday morning Bolton Hall delivered a powerful sermon in the Christian church on the subject of "The Lord's Prayer." The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, a large number of chairs being carried over from the hall and many being obliged to stand. Excellent music was rendered by the choir, assisted by Mr. Ed. S. Ross, and Mr. Herbert Holmes, with beautifully rendered vocal solos. No report could do justice to Mr. Hall's address, which clothed with new meaning to his hearers the beautiful prayer of Jesus. At its conclusion, the pastor, Rev. Shupe, expressed his hearty thanks for the address and declared it had enabled him to understand and appreciate the Lord's Prayer as he had never done before.

On Sunday afternoon, at the hall, Archibald Crosbie presented an excellent paper on "Taxation and the Single Tax," discussing both the ethical and economic aspects of the question. An interesting discussion followed.

On Sunday evening Bolton Hall was again heard by an audience which filled the enlarged hall. His subject on this occasion was "The Vengeance of God;" his purpose to show that the evils from which men suffer are the results of their own wrong-doing, not the will of the Almighty. The choir of the Christian church again furnished the music. At the close of the address the audience, by a rising vote, expressed appreciation of Mr. Hall's addresses of the day and on previous evenings.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

Bolton Hall was the "bright particular star" of the Conference.

The committee on resolutions in view of the small attendence at the conference did not feel justified in making any attempt to frame a general single tax platform.

Dr. Leverson is a delightful old gentleman, kindly, genial and of much ability and with more than the radicalism of youth in spite of his years. We hope to see more of him.

Mr. Thos. Hunt and his sister, Miss Hunt, left us on Tuesday morning, after a most pleasant visit of two or three weeks. They are most pleasant people and we hope will visit us again.

Most of the Conference visitors were guests of their fellow single taxer, Mr. Ross of the Fairhope House, and numerous expressions of satisfaction at the entertainment afforded have come to the ears of the editor.

The Conference was not as well attended as was hoped for, many who had planned to attend finding it impossible to do so when the time came. We are sure those who did attend felt that they were amply repaid for the time given and expense incurred, and it was certainly to our pleasure and profit to have them with us.

It was particularly gratifying to us to know that, without exception, the visitors were pleased with Fairhope. We do not think there was one who did not express himself as finding it beyond his expectations. And this was especially true of those who had opportunities of observation elsewhere throughout the South, for Fairhope is best judged by comparison with other towns.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. W. A. Baldwin has his new wood-working shop enclosed and under roof.

The new proprietors of the Fairhope Livery have added a handsome new surrey to their equipment.

Mr. Littlefield has the Mr. Blank cottage on Magnolia avenue well under way and it already gives promise of being one of the most attractive cottages of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Storer of Cleveland, O, are late arrivals who may decide to locate with us. They have rooms in the Coming's home.

Mr. Herbert Holmes who has many friends at Fairhope, made in former visits, is with us again, this time accompanied by Mrs. Holmes, having been married since his last visit. Mr. Holmes is a fine tenor soloist and always puts us under obligatious by his charming songs.

Last Saturday was the birthday of both Mr. J. M. Pilcher, the popular purser of the Gertrude, and his little daughter Margery. Margery had a pleasant little party in the afternoon, with a lot of her little friends invited in, and the ladies of the family surprised Mr. Pilcher in the evening by turning the usual choir practice meeting into a birthday party for him. Coffee, cakes and ice cream were served.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Abbott of Englewood, Chicago, are making Fairhope their third or fourth visit accompanied by their little daughter Esther. They have many friends here who are always glad to welcome them back. They brought with them also their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Galloway and young son, and Mrs. John Blair. The party are guests of Rest Cottage. Renewing their subscription to the Courier which has been going to them since their first visit here, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott both said they could not get along without the paper and always awaited eagerly its coming.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters.

March 15th * * * Monday most of our visitors with our two new settlers, Miss Herring and Miss Howarth spent the day with our old friends the Nortons at Daphne, the third landing above Fairhope. Mr. Norton met us at the wharf and escorted us to his charming home. After a pleasant visit and conversation in the library the whole party except Mrs. Norton and myself took a long walk by the bay. I think I most enjoyed the visit with Mrs. Norton, who, without flattery is one of the brightest and dearest of women. We talked of various things, and put some of the finishing touches to the lunch. notably the peeling of some three dozen of eggs which we tried to pile up artistically in a pyramid, but they were the most obstinate eggs we ever met, and we had to abandon the task.—The most exquisite part of the lunch was a plate of cream puffs done by the hands of our hostess. I am going to learn how to make them if it takes all summer. We sat long at the table after the collation, and then adjourned to the long, broad veranda and held a quite spirited "conference".

Bolton Hall and Mr. Norton sat on the steps, Miss Herring between them pulling out the petals of a red "japonica" and laying mosaics with them on her white cap. I constructed one on the top of her fair head, but the artistic design was above her ken. This by-play did not in the least disturb the conference. The discussion was upon taking the full rental value of land under the single tax rule, or something less than that. There was a variety of fine points analyzed. Mr. Hall took quite an active part but for enlivenment he had occasionally to walk in the yard and vault over the wire fence. Mr. Ryan also accomplished that feat and even attempted to climb an umbrella tree "shin up" I think is the technical term. Mr. Norton gave us a piano solo and afterward read a long article by Henry George in an old number of his paper, *The Standard*.—— There is no time to describe the event properly which should include the good things said by our distinguished visitors, nor to present the points of that veranda discussion which would fill more than one number of the COURIER.

* * * Last night our much esteemed Mrs. Comings opened our modest "Assembly Course" in our new hall. She spoke well as she always does. Dr. Leverson followed with an eloquent discourse on "Scientific Legislation."

Dancing followed and it was the first time I have had the pleasure of seeing our dancers on a nice large floor. Our enlarged hall is a blessing to our community.

R. F. Powell, arrived from Philadelphia on Monday for a few days stay, much to the delight of his wife and daughters and his many friends. Up to the moment of his departure he had hoped to bring with him the famous novelist, H. Rider Haggard, who is in this country with a commission from the English government to investigate the vacant lots cultivation work and colonies of the United States, but an invitation from Pres. Roosevelt to Mr. Haggard, and his party to lunch at the white house, so disarranged Mr. Haggard's plans that he was obliged to forego his visit to Fairhope. He did, however, go over the vacant lots work in Philadelphia very thoroughly and was much pleased with what had been accomplished. It was largely through the influence of our Mr. Joseph Fels, who has been active in England as well as in this country, in endeavors to help solve the great problem of the unemployed by getting the idle hands upon the idle lands, that Mr. Haggard's trip is being made.

Mr. David Unger of Chicago, has joined his wife here nd she will return home with him next week.

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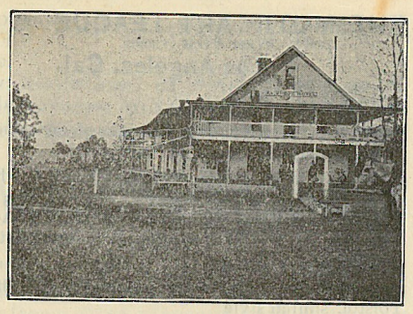
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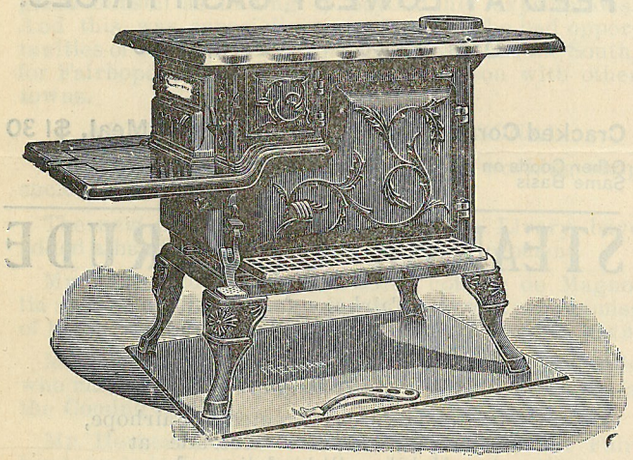
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THE poor little life just beginning,
Was gasping and dying that day.
There was clamor of sorrow and sinning,
In the squalid abode where it lay.
And the mother bent over her baby
And kissed the wan forehead and hair,
With anguish as deep as yours may be,
Though her lips had forgotton your prayer.

'Twas a morning beloved of Summer;
The meadows were fragrant and green,
The rose had a blush for each comer,
And thick was the trees' leafy screen;
But foul was the alley and narrow,
And back from the prisoning wall,
The sun shot his fiery arrow
On foreheads defenseless to fall.

Oh, room for the lamb in the meadow,
And room for the bird on the tree!
But here in stern poverty's shadow,
No room, hapless baby! for thee.
Immortal we think thee, and name thee—
The child of our father above;
But where is the *justice* would claim thee
A share in the gifts of his love?

It is idle as folly, your weeping,
Poor mother! those heart-heavy tears.
Why, who would not covet that sleeping,
In place of your desolate years?
How hopeless they stretch in the distance—
Forever and ever the same;
Each day with its dull hard insistence
Of work and of want for your frame.

"It is well with the child," says the preacher,
"The lambs in His bosom are hid."
"It is well with the child," says the teacher,
"Great Nature the sacrifice, bid.
The poor and the weakly must perish—
So only, the best we attain;
The perfected *type* we must cherish:
The law of progression is plain."

And yet—yes, the struggle is over;
The small shrunken limbs are at rest.
It were well their mute witness to cover—
'Tis a pitiful sight at the best.
And, somehow, the word of the preacher
Sounds empty and vain as we gaze;
And the code philosophic of teacher
May be science—but ends in a maze.

For, look! they were perfect, those wasted
Small limbs, of life's effort denied;
Those lips, of life's goblet untasted,
So ruthlessly hurried aside.
What share in the world's great endeavor
Those tiny weak hands might have wrought!
What force in that brain might forever
Have lived in the realm of thought!

O father! O mother! rejoicing
In childhood's fair promise today,
Can you hear in your spirit a voicing
For creed so inhuman, I pray?
Had priest or philosopher found you
An answer to quiet the heart,
If life in such fetters had bound you,
And mocked with its fullness your part?

Why, look at *your* baby—the treasure!
The rose-tinted, dimpled delight!
Could an anchorite's soul deny pleasure,
Nor thrill at the beautiful sight?
No room in the world's spacious garden
For flower so perfect to bloom?
O Heaven! The blasphemy pardon,
That finds for thy child but a tomb!

OUR FATHER! Oh, well may we falter
To name thee and pray to thee so;
Who turn from thy shrine and thy altar,
Profaning thy image below;
To thy children thy bounty denying,
While heaping the store of our greed,
And, dead to their wrong and their sighing,
Charge Heaven itself with our deed!

FRANCES MARGARET MILNE.

See editorial item on page 4.

Objections to Fairhope

Considered by Bolton Hall.

The objections to Fairhope and the Fairhope plan other than such objections as may be removed by a study and acceptance of single tax principles, may be stated as follows:

The prosperity of Fairhope is not the result of the partial application of single tax, but of the advertising and of the class of people it attracts.

But the advertising is due to the fact that we are at least partly on single tax lines. As we go further in that direction we will get more advertising and bring still more influential people,

The single tax in full operation does not exist in Fairhope.

But the town is young. It raises and spends for public benefit what in other towns goes to the benefit of land owners, and spends a larger sum for public purposes than any other town of its size in the South.

The full rental value of land is not taken in taxes at Fairhope.

It is doubtful if it is possible under any circumstances to determine the full rental value of land: certainly under existing laws the best that can be done is to make an approximation to it. Enough is done to exhibit in part the advantages of the plan and to advertise the town and the principle.

The full rental value of land ought not to be taken in taxes.

Possibly not. As it cannot be fully determined as yet, there is no use disputing about this. Certainly a rental value is taken and more than the rental value is not taken.

The payment of state and county taxes out of the rent of land is a hardship and an injustice to the man who has but poor improvements on his leasehold.

If the partial application of single tax or the advertisement growing out of it has materially raised land values, then the poor man paying taxes of $10 per year is paying less than he would pay if there was no single tax.

Thus—A man has a lot, paying $10 per year rental value. If there were no single tax he would have to pay not less than $100 for such a lot, probably more; the interest on this would be at least $6, and the state and county tax on the $100 lot *and on his improvements and personal property* (assessed, say, at $500) $7 more. And the prosperity of the town and the consequent

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mutton for Sunday. Wilson & Nelson.

B. Van Bavel has a beautiful field of snap-beans.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Christian, of Greenville, Ill., are at Rest cottage for a month's stay.

Mrs. M. E. Mogg, children and maid left for their Chicago home on last Saturday morning.

When taking a Sunday stroll along the beach, drop into the Bayside Cafe and get refreshments.

Mrs. G. F. Clark of Pewaukee, Wis. is visiting the Himrods and McKays, being a niece of Mr. Himrod.

Will Stimpson has a good stock of building material on hand. Call and see him when you are ready to build.

Remember the Courier office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

Mr. C. L. Clemens left for his home at Marshalltown, Iowa, after spending about three months a guest of Rest cottage.

Mr. A. M. Blank and wife left for Chicago on Wednesday morning after a pleasant visit with Mr. Blank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Blank.

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Among our visitors leaving Wednesday morning, were Mr. and Mrs. Quackenbush, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holmes, Mr. David Unger and Mr. Schaeffer.

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Mr. Schaeffer, who left on Wednesday morning, received great benefit from his stay here. He gained twelve or fourteen pounds in weight and his Philadelphia indoor pallor, had given place to a good healthy outdoor tan.

Messrs. E. C. Wolcott and E. W. Yarnelle were accepted as members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation on last Monday evening. These are both excellent young men, in full sympathy with the Colony and very desirable additions to our membership.

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G. W. Wood's schooner "Good Luck" which was out on the beach for most of the winter, is in the water again. E. W. Jefferson, assisted by E. Stites, thoroughly overhauled and repaired her, and put her in good serviceable condition They are very competent boat as well as house builders.

Dr. Borst expects to move about April 1 to his newly acquired property, the Andringa place. We regret that this will mean the loss of the excellent Andringa family, who will leave Fairhope and return probably to Patterson, N. J. We are assured that they leave Fairhope with regret, liking the place and the people, but Mr. Andringa did not find a business opening to suit his desires.

Our local Assembly management deserves great credit for securing Dr. Geo. L. Cole, for a lecture on Wednesday evening on "The Ancient Cliff Dwellers." It was an exceedingly interesting and instructive talk about these ancient inhabitants of our continent, illustrated by superb views thrown on a large screen by a powerful light.

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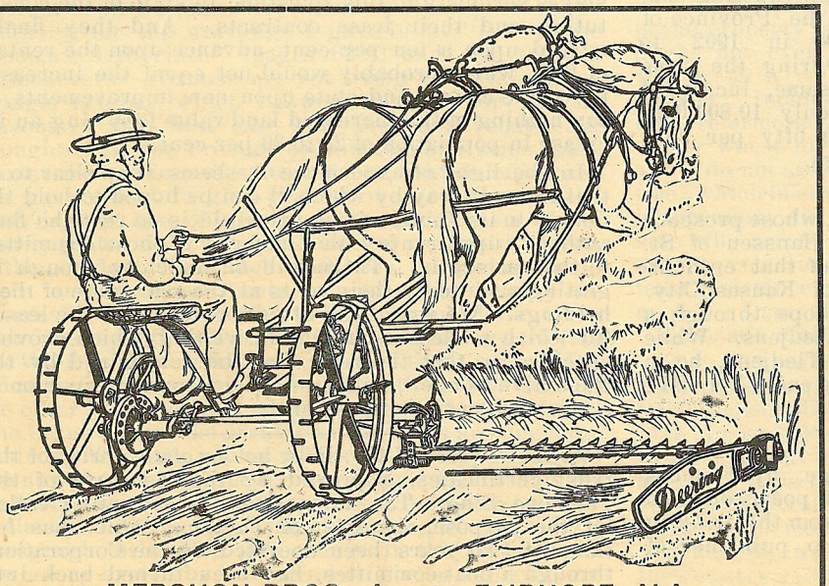
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Jno. Fitzgibbon, of Zaneville, O., sent $1.00 for samples of Fairhope certificates, at par value.

C. M. Brady who lived at Fairhope a year, now at Catlin, Ill., writes that they are planning to spend next winter at Fairhope.

A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday. POPE.

As an illustration of how easy it is for a poor man to get a site for a home, in Fairhope: Chas. Stradling made application for a couple of nice lots on last Monday evening, and his deposit with the application, including the rent to July first, was seventy-five cents.

"I earnestly hope you will win in the fight for the corporation taking the full rentals. If the would-be private appropriaters of unearned increment should prevail, Fairhope wouldn't be worth 30cts, as a superior place economically, however charming its climate may be." L. G. BOSTEDO.

According to the *Canadian Single Taxer* (quoting official figures) the value of farm lands in the Province of Ontario, increased from $604,860,000 in 1902 to $625,000,000 in 1903 or $16,200,000. During the same period the value of buildings upon the same, increased from $236,289,000 to $248,000,000 or only 10,800,000. The land value therefore increased over fifty per cent more rapidly than the value of buildings.

A pleasant visitor during Conference, whose presence we neglected to note was, Mr. Gustav Hanssen of St. Louis. Mr. Hanssen is a step-brother of that enthusiastic single taxer, Herman Tiedjens of Kansas City. His attention was first directed to Fairhope through a copy of the booklet sent him by Mr. Tiedjens. While not so much of an enthusiast as Mr. Tiedjens, he is deeply interested and seemed to greatly enjoy his visit.

Regarding Our Poem

The beautiful poem, on our first page, by Frances Margaret Milne, is from her volmme of poems entitled "For Today" to be issued next month from the printing office of James H. Barry, San Francisco, publisher of the *Star*.

Mention was made in our last issue of the presentation to Fairhope Library, by Mr. Asa Staples of West Branch, Iowa, in behalf of the author, of a volume of the poems bound in advance especially for the purpose. In sending him the volume Mrs. Milne wrote Mr. Staples as follows: "Please say for me to single tax friends at Conference and to Fairhopers, that my spirit is present with them though my body is absent; and that I would rather have attended that Conference than to have witnessed the opening of the grandest Parliament on earth, and would rather visit Fairhope than the most dazzling of cities—even Paris."

All Land Values Should Be Taken

James Malcolm, of Buffalo who was editor of the *National Single Taxer*, when under Mr. Hampton, renewing his subscription to the COURIER, adds: "I enjoy the COURIER every week. It is full of interesting news to all single taxers and to all who are students of colony experiments.

I hope your recent differences in the matter of taking part or all of the ground rent for public purposes will not do you any harm as a colony. I am one of those who beieve that all land values should go into the common treasury and that in the degree the tax deviates from this it fails to conform to the single tax principle. There shonld be no backward step and I trust for the sake of Fairhope that it will be maintained a real single tax community."

How Secure Adherence to Single Tax Principle?

Bolton Hall in this issue states and replies to a number of objections to Fairhope, "other than such," he says, "as may be removed by a study of single tax principles." Mr. Hall calls attention to the fact that the constitution and land leases provide that the rental value should be taken for public purposes, and observes that: "If Fairhope is to remain a single tax colony at all, this must be adhered to." "But, subject to this," he adds, "the renters may be and should be allowed to determine what in their judgment are the rental values."

This seems reasonable, upon the face of it, but the great practical question is: how is the colony to be held to the single tax principle?

Every effort was made by the late Council to get the judgment of the tenants individually and the objecting tenants collectively, as to what the real rental values were, but there is nothing to show in any of the declarations of the objectors that ever really addressed themselves seriously to this question, in spite of the constitution and their lease contracts. And they finally agreed upon a ten per cent. advance upon the rentals of 1904, which probably would not equal the increased tax to the county and state upon new improvements, to say nothing of the increased land value following an increase in population of 25 to 30 per cent.

In the light of experience it seems very clear to us that the only way by which it can be hoped to hold the Colony to its fundamental principle is to rest the final authority upon rents with a majority of those committed to that principle. There will be difficulty enough in getting such to fix their rents at the real value of their holdings. We would call attention, too, to to the leases (to which all lessees assent in writing) which provide specifically that the rent shall be determined by the Executive Council, subject to the general provision of a referendum to the members.

At the request of Mr. Fels, holder of a majority of the trust certificates, approved by the members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation at a meeting called for the purpose, the steamer *Fairhope*, which has for the past two years been operated by the Corporation, through a boat committee, has been turned back into the hands of the trustee, E. B. Gaston. It is hoped to have the boat in operation again soon.

Objections to Fairhope

Considered by Bolton Hall.

(Continued from first page.)

demand for the man's work gives him more to pay the tax with and gives him better value for what he does pay.

The taxation of land values keeps some rich people from settling in Fairhope.

But such rich people as may be kept away, can be kept away only because it is not possible for them to speculate in land at Fairhope to any considerable extent. If they were allowed to speculate in our land, they would only tend to strangle the growth and prosperity of the town, the same as they do elsewhere.

The valuations of land rental are arbitrary and sometimes unfair.

This claim might be satisfied, and doubtless will be, by asking each renter to state what he thinks he should pay and also what every other should pay. His own appraisal, the average of all appraisals and the Council's valuation might then be submitted, when requested by any renter, to the vote of a town meeting.

The renters have their rents fixed without having a voice in fixing them.

The constitution and the leases of land provide that the rental value should be taken for public improvements. If Fairhope is to remain a single tax colony at all, this must be adhered to: but, subject to this, the renters may be and should be allowed to determine what, in their judgment, are the rental values.

The renters cannot determine what their money shall be spent for.

This complaint has been answered by a recent resolution of the members, giving the renters the opportunity to determine it.

We have made mistakes, and we shall doubtless make more—that is one of the ways mankind has to learn, and we need the kickers to show us our errors and to help us correct them.

If Fairhope had cost ten times what it has cost in effort and in money, it would be well worth it, simply as calling attention to the single tax.

Even misapprehension is better than oblivion. "Such is the power of Truth."

Interesting Letter From Michael Flurscheim

EDITOR FAIRHOPE COURIER:

Your issues of Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 were of unusual interest to me because they added another proof of the necessity for the warnings I gave in my "Clue to the Economic Labyrinth" (pages 82-83 and 483) to land nationalizers. (Excuse my not using the designation "single taxers," which I always disliked for various reasons.) The first case was the rent rebate bill brought in by the Premier of New Zealand some years ago, at the instance of state tenants, which authorized the government to give rebates in certain cases; the most flagrant case of injustice to the people as a whole, merely gotten up to catch the vote of a certain section of the people. These men had been happy to obtain their land at certain rents in preference to many unsuccessful candidates, who willingly would have taken their places, and once secure in their holdings tried to use their political influence to reduce these rents. Besides their wrong against the state it was one against the other bidders who had to stand aside in their favor. The injustice was the greater as the rents are unchangeable for 999 years and as values are rapidly rising. I see now that you are facing the same dangers and see no better way for you than the line I proposed for New Zealand. I think the constitution ought to contain a paragraph forbidding any change in the land laws of the colony except by a referendum giving a three-quarter majority of all the citizens. I proposed this figure under the supposition that there will always be at least one quarter of the people who do not own any land, or so little that their advantage as beneficiaries in the rental income of the community will be greater than their loss through increase of rent. If this is not likely to be the case in Fairhope, make the majority required for a change in the land laws of the Colony one of nine-tenths or more, and give all the inhabitants a vote. If you do not take some sort of precaution now the day is sure to come when the result of all your work will be overthrown through personal greed. The landholders will gradually find, as they have done all over the world, that it is better for them to have the workers at large sustain the government by their labor, while they enjoy without stint the tribute claims which the possession of God's earth enables them to extort from their fellowmen.

In which way the exact assessment is made is a question of practical experience in which your ten years' work is more likely to give you the right clue than all a mere scholar might write; but the principle that the full economic rent ought to be collected, quite independent of the needs of the community, ought to be put beyond the possibility of attack by interested greed. In my chapter on land, which I sent as a loan to Mrs. Howland, you will find that I am not very partial even to the use of the fund so collected for general public requirements. It is one of my objections against the "single tax," that it tries to gain the masses by the advantages accruing to them through an improved system of taxation. I have shown how small is the advantage thus gained by the poor worker, who would be much better off if the income from the land were used for old age or invalidity pensions, for instance, leaving the question how to raise the funds for the administration of the community quite apart. The people would evince quite a different interest in land restoration in this sense than for the so-called "single tax."

The land belongs to the people as a whole and the rental ought to be paid out to the owners pro rata. Each citizen ought to get his full and equal share of this common fund. Whether the money is paid out in cash, in the form of an insurance as I propose, or otherwise, is immaterial, but certainly we ought to treat the question how to raise a public revenue for general public expenses quite independently. We might choose to collect an income tax; we might put heavy taxes on tobacco and acoholic drinks (higher on tobacco than on alcohol, even; for the smoker is a greater nuisance to his fellow man than the drinker), or we might raise an income through a custom tariff, etc. It has nothing to do with the principle we are fighting for, that the land is the property of the whole people in equal parts, and ought not even be confiscated for public expenses, which, as a rule, are not benefitting all the people equally. Incidentally I may remark that though most land reformers are free traders, there are some certainly whose ideas on the subject tend the other way, and I do not see why we should not leave such a question, which is entirely apart from the land problem, to independent discussion. It would draw many to our side who are now kept apart because they are more ardent protectionists than land reformers. The line of least resistance ought always to be followed by preference. I am, dear sir, yours fraternally,

Coronado, Cal. MICHAEL FLURSCHEIM.

P. S. There are about 16 million families in the United States and the rental income of the unimproved land is about 3000 million dollars a year, which would give almost $200 yearly income to each family. Now let us assume that the man who earns a dollar a day on the average, pays as much as $30 a year as his share of custom duties and other taxes—which is far above the mark, as his food, the most important item in his budget, and the timber of his home are both produced in the country and are not made very much dearer by the tariff—do you think he will fight with the same enthusiasm for the saving of these $30, which might, after

all, find their equivalent in lowered wages, as he would for his share in the national rental of $200, which could almost pay his simple food bill and thus sustain him in efficient strikes for higher wages? I do not. M. F.

NOTES BY THE EDITOR.

The Fairhope constitution cannot be changed save by a vote of three-fourths of the members.

Mr. Flurscheim is very clear that the full economic rent must be collected for the public benefit and his figures as to the total land values of the United States and what the share of the average family would be, are startling. We would be glad to have his authority.

As to his proposal to pay each his pro rata share of the land values, finding other sources of public revenue, we do not look upon it with favor. The rental value of land belonging to the people in common, as he shows, is the proper and obvious means for payment of common expenses. The alternative sources of revenue he suggests are objectionable, because not based upon benefits received by the individual from the community, as the land value tax is; would not "stay put" where they belonged: would discourage production and thereby decrease opportunities for employment and for the satisfaction of human wants.

Mr. Chubb Expresses Sympathy

S. J. Chubb of Toronto Junction, Can., thus humorously comments upon the complaint of Fairhope lessees over their rents:

"I desire to express my deep sympathy with your people in their troubles and hope they may be successful in disposing of their overburdened property, and that some of them may find their way to this town where their presence will assuredly increase the prosperity which already prevails among some sections of the community, even extending to those living in distant or foreign parts, who, having wise foresight, invested in Junction property in the days of gloom and discouragement, and are now reaping their reward in the rapidly increasing rents (coming to them) which have in many cases doubled, and even trebled within the last few years."

Would Compel Corporation to Collect Full Value

Editor COURIER:

I desire to say that I endorse all the letters on the subject of the recent tax controversy published in your issue of Feb. 14, '05, but particularly the one written by T. E. Mann, from Gladbrook, Iowa, for the reason that his position as to his stand on the question of single tax is mine exactly. The fact that for several years I have been a subscriber to your paper is an evidence of my interest and good will and so in addition to what has already been said I would suggest that in order that the question which has caused so much controversy and uneasiness should not again arise but be settled at once and forever, that your articles of incorporation be amended in such manner as to make it mandatory upon the corporation to assess and collect the full rental value of the land and then expend it for

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The constitution and leases do now so provide. The only proper field for discussion is as to what is the rental value and for what shall the rentals be spent.—ED.

A Sudden Death

On last Friday evening Mr. C. W. Anderson, died almost instantly from heart disease, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sumner. Mr. Anderson was a friend of the Stephens, and Sumners, from Geneva, O., who came down with his wife early in January. Mrs. Anderson left with the remains of her husband for Geneva on Saturday morning.

Personal and Local

Mr. Ned Dougherty of the COURIER staff has secured one of the beautiful Colony lots on the new street laid out just north of the Swift tract, and has let the contract for a cottage on it.

Mr. Gelink of Birmingham is at the Fairhope House, and is so much pleased with it and with Fairhope that he is staying much longer than he anticipated. A large party of our young people, with Mrs. Powell as chaperon, were his guests on a sailing party to Daphne yesterday.

A jolly picnic on Fairhope beach last Saturday was participated in by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Powell and daughters Ivy and Ola; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Brown and family; Mr. and Mrs. Gaston and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ross and their guests, Messrs. Schaeffer and Gelink; Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft, and Henry Gunnison. The scene was at the beautiful natural amphitheatre near the north line of the Colony land. The occasion was largely in honor of Mr. Powell, who left on the evening boat for his work in Philadelphia, after an altogether too brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mershon entertained a large company at their beautiful home on last Friday evening. It was primarily a reception to Chicago visitors, of whom the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mogg and Mrs. M. E. Mogg, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holmes, Mrs. John Blair, Mr. Galloway and son, Mr. and Mrs. David Unger, Mrs. Embree and daughter Rachel; also Mrs. Magden, Mrs. Doudna and Miss Grace Doudna and Mrs. Knox of DesMoines. Of resident Fairhopers the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Pilcher and Miss Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield and Misses Iva and Bessie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cresswell, Mrs. Coulter, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston and Miss Frances, Dr. and Mrs. Page, Dr. and Mrs. Mershon, Miss Effie Mershon. The evening was devoted to conversation, story telling, a few recitations and delightful music, instrumental and vocal. Delicious refreshments were served.

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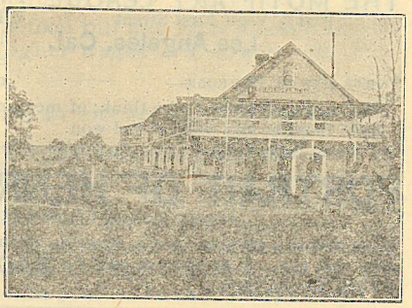
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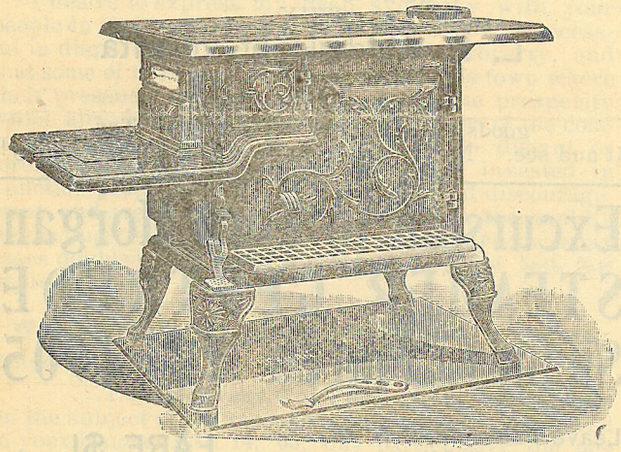
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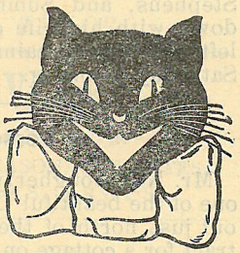
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Frances Margaret Milne.

WITHHOLD not thy hand from the sowing,
If morning or evening be thine;
Thou knowest not what the outgoing,
When richly the harvest shall shine.
There is joy in the deed for the doer,
That only the spirit may know;
And faith hath a recompense truer
Than guerdon of earth can bestow.

Withhold not thy hand from the sowing
Tho' dark and ungrateful the soil;
In a cleft of the rock may be growing,
Unseen, the fair tree of thy toil;
And the seed that the wind, in deriding,
From thy hand ere its planting hath torn,
In a far sunny vail may be biding,
To burgeon in beauty some morn.

Withhold not thy hand from the sowing,
Tho' poverty's captive thou be;
And fainter, and fainter is glowing
The rainbow of promise to thee.
By thy fellowship dread in their anguish,
Hast thou not a message to tell
To thy brethren in prison who languish,
That Hope may again with them dwell?

Withhold not thy hand from the sowing,
Tho' Fortune her favored doth own;
Thou—idle and careless—unknowing
The lives for thy ease that atone;
Oh, canst thou be dead to their sorrow?
Bestow not thy pity's poor dole!
Nor think, from *such* largess, to borrow
Nepenthe to quiet the soul!

Withhold not thy hand from the sowing;
'Tis Truth shall inspire the tongue,
Tho' toil's cruel rivets are showing
Where fetters of ignorance clung.
Still, still, do the lips of the lowly,
O Justice! exalt thy pure name!
Tho' they stammer as babes, they thy holy
And perfected praise shall proclaim.

Withhold not thy hand from the sowing,
Tho' the lore of the ages be thine;
Let the Past be a beacon but showing
Where upward the path should incline.
Awake from thy calm and seclusion!
Divine is the work thou mayest share—
To clear from the mists of delusion,
Forever, Thought's ambient air.

Withhold not thy hand from the sowing!
When darkens earth's sun to thine eyes,
And, past all mortality's knowing,
The veil of the future shall rise,
What welcome shall angels be singing?
Oh, think! it is thine, if thou would!
That anthem for Heaven's high ringing:
"For his brethren he did what he could."

Why Millions Starve

London, the greatest and richest city of modern times, is now appearing before the world in the humiliating position of a receiver of alms for her starving poor. Subscription lists have been opened, and even the people of Canada have been appealed to on their behalf. The great landlords of the city have, according to the papers, given generously, but the need is pressing and the destitution is dire. The clergy beg subscriptions and implore the Allfather to send means to keep His poor from starvation.

Could irreligion do worse? God has supplied the earth with all things necessary to a healthy, happy living for everyone, conditioned only on their working. The destitute in this case are not the idlers, except so far as their idleness is compulsory. The great landowners who claim the soil upon which the city is built, wring in rent millions of pounds every year from the workers, and for this they give no return but permission to live, or starve, in London.

This is the cause of the poverty, and the few pounds they hand back as charity but salves their consciences; it does nothing to right the wrong. The Duke of Westminster gets an income of over £500,000 a year from his London estates, mostly from the poorest class of workers and the dwellers in the slums, and he is but one. No wonder the people remain poor, for they are the landlord's poor, not God's poor. Until the annual rental of the land of London is taken for the use of the people of London there will always be the millionaires who need do no work, and their inevitable consequences in the shape of thousands overworked and under fed, many more in destitution or driven into vice and crime.

The single tax is the only practical way in which this can be done, and, as Pastor Hetzel once told a land speculator, "It will work and make the landlords work too."—*Canadian Single Taxer.*

The Fairhope Base Ball Club of Brooklyn

Mr. R. J. Williamson, an enthusiastic Brooklyn single taxer and friend of Fairhope, writes us as follows regarding above-named Club:

"The Fairhope Base Ball Club, named in honor of the Colony, has been organized and will play games on their grounds every Sunday afternoon during the summer.

The grounds are located at 39th St. and 13th Ave., Brooklyn. The members of the club are young men from 18 to 21 years, and was last year known as the Chester Base Ball Club, playing at the same grounds—and often had a large attendance of spectators. At my suggestion they adopted the new name and it is my intention to present them each week with from 20 to 50 copies of the FAIRHOPE COURIER which they can dispose of for their own benefit. I am fully aware that this is a rather unique way of advertising an economic truth, but I am of the opinion that just as good a way of presenting the single tax idea as any is to let people read how the theory works in practice."

Mr. Williamson is going to send us the names and positions of the players and we have asked him for a club picture, which we will reproduce in the COURIER.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mutton for Sunday. Wilson & Nelson.

Mr. S. J. Rawson, of Atlanta, Ga., is stopping at the Fairhope House.

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When taking a Sunday stroll along the beach, drop into the Bayside Cafe and get refreshments.

Baldwin and Bell are putting in a well at the Fairhope Improvement Company cottages on Fels Ave.

Spring hats—full line of muslin underwear just arrived—lawns—shirt waists—finest lines in Baldwin county. Mrs. Anne B. Call.

Miss Lillie Gass and the younger children of the family, were over from Mobile from Sunday to Tuesday.

Mr. Grant Magden took a little trip over to Pensacola and was much impressed with the fine harbor there.

Will Stimpson has a good stock of building material on hand. Call and see him when you are ready to build.

Remember the Courier office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

Nature is arrayed in her spring suit. Better order you one of Steenstra, the tailor. More styles and shades than there are colors of our flowers.

A picnic supper at the Magnolia platform on the beach was enjoyed by a large company on Wednesday evening. The editor was too busy to go, much to his regret.

Heinz pickles, olives, catsups, baked beans, mustard dressing, India relish and everything in this line of pure eatables found only at this store. Mershon Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen of Chicago. are visiting Mrs. Stromberg and Dr. and Mrs. Greeno. Mr. Allen is a member of the large publishing house of Stromberg, Allen and Co.

Mrs. Joseph Reader and son left for Milwaukee, Wis., Thursday morning, after spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Thompson of Waterhole. They were much interested in Fairhope.

L. C. Wolcott and family and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer and daughter left Fairhope this week, the Wolcott place having been recently purchased by Mrs. Aimes. The day before their departure two quarts of strawberries were picked, being the first reported this season.

Mrs. Mary E. Mead fell down the stairs at her cottage on Saturday night last, and sustained very painful injuries including a scalp wound which bled profusely and required several stitches to close, blackening both of her eyes, and numerous bruises.

Messrs. Foster and Pilcher finding it unprofitable to run the tug "Gertrude" in the "Fairhope's" place returned her to the owner on Saturday last. It has been a very great convenience to the Fairhope public to have the boat operated in the direct service, and the enterprise of Messrs. Foster and Pilcher in undertaking it, was highly commendable. We are very sorry that it did not prove profitable.

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Want Column.

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We have just time to announce a flying visit from Fairhope's famous friend, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, and her husband, Mr. Chas. Wilcox, who came in last evening and left this morning. Will give their visit further mention in our next.

Mr. S. A. Davison and wife of Alpena, Mich. stopped at the Fairhope House on their way from Magnolia Springs to Mobile last week. Mr. and Mrs. Davison were so well pleased with Fairhope that they returned on Monday night, bringing with them Mr. M. Davison and wife of Flint, Mich., and Mr. W. H. Davison and wife and son Arthur of Alpena, Mich., all of whom say: they are going to stay with us a while.

A very pleasant dinner party was given by Mr. Henry Creswell, and his daughter Miss Minnie in honor of their guests, on last Friday. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Abbott and baby daughter Esther, Mrs. Ahrens and daughter Martha, Mr. Galloway and son Arthur, Mrs. Coulter and Mr. Brann.

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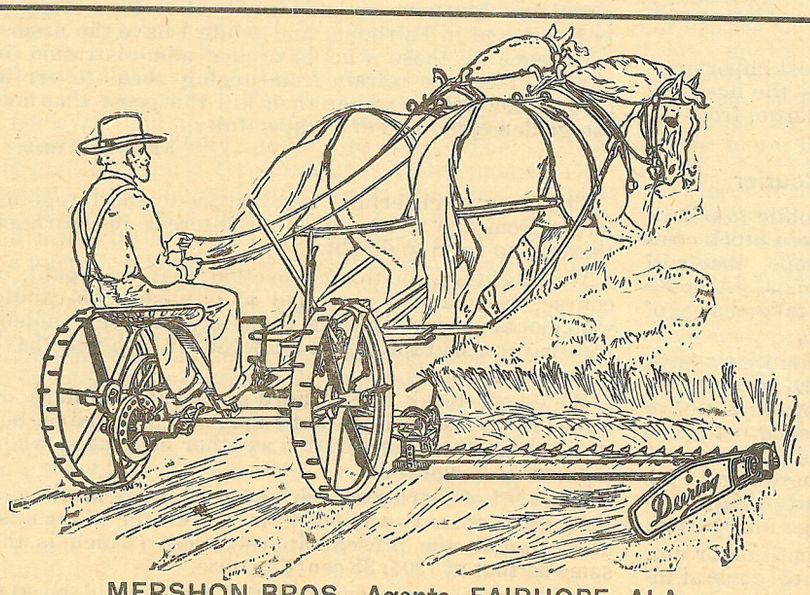
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Friend Norton of the *Daphne Standard* had an extended article on Fairhope in his last issue, to which we intended to give some attention this week, but being called to Bay Minette early in the week, we failed to get around to it. We are promised in this week's issue his views as to what is needed to make a success of Fairhope, which we may consider with the former article in another issue.

To Have an Ice Plant

We are glad to announce that arrangements have been practically concluded by which Fairhope is to have an ice plant just as soon as it can be built and put in operation. The proprietor will be Dr. W. H. G. Rowe, late of Cotuit, Mass. He visited us to look over the situation a few weeks ago, and having satisfied himself that there was a good opening here for an ice plant returned east to complete his arrangements for the necessary machinery.

Dr. Rowe returned on Saturday evening last, accompanied by his young daughter, Dorothy.

At this writing—Tuesday evening—he has only to secure the site and satisfy himself as to the water supply, about both of which we are sure there will be no trouble. The machinery will be of the very latest pattern and of five tons daily capacity.

This will be an acquisition of the greatest importance to Fairhope and we confidently believe the business will be greater than expected by Mr. Rowe, from the start.

Promised Opposition to the Courier

The Fairhope correspondent of the Mobile *Item* says that: "steps are being taken to organize a stock company to start a real newspaper in Fairhope, that will report the news in a non-partisan manner. A noted reform editor is solicited to come and take charge of the paper."

A *newspaper* pure and simple, would doubtless have taken pleasure in exploiting under scare heads, some recent happenings at Fairhope, which would not have reflected any credit upon the parties concerned, (and which by the way we note the *Item's* Fairhope correspondent failed to mention) but having more regard for the peace and good name of the community than newspaper sensations, we allowed them to go unreported.

Whether the Courier shall have competition or not, it will always be glad to publish news of general interest and will appreciate having its attention called to any it may overlook. Its columns will also always be open to articles discussing any phase of local questions in a proper manner.

Thinks Farm Land Rents too High

Fitzgerald, Georgia, March 2, 1905.

Friend Gaston:

I have been very busy making up lost time since returning home, or I should have written before. I was very sorry, but not much surprised, at the spirit of antagonism manifested on the rent question in Fairhope, and I would like to say a few words upon this subject. I believe a majority of the resident members, and perhaps a majority of non-members are in favor of the Fairhope plan as set forth in the constitution, differing only as to what constitutes the full rental value. As to rents being too high, I believe there is ground for dissatisfaction. While my opportunities have not been sufficient to enable me to speak positively with reference to village holdings, I can say most positively with reference to country holdings, that they are too high, *much too high*, if the association has in view the furnishing of opportunities to farmers, dairymen and truckers not to be secured elsewhere. This I stated in a letter to Wm. Stimpson, on request for my views, after my first visit to Fairhope, and I cautioned Fairhopers to guard the membership lest the spirit of greed should predominate to the injury of Fairhope's best interests. I am a dairyman farmer, making a specialty of cheese making, but two visits to Fairhope have convinced me that I cannot afford to accept your offer of free land. When the growth of Fairhope and the energy of her people shall have established it as an intensive farming community, it will be time to regulate rent rates upon that basis. The argument that because bonuses are offered for certain holdings, therefore rentals are too low, is lame from all points of view. The most that this could prove is that the offerer believes that the holding in question is rated *relatively* too low, proving nothing as to absolute rating. To place the rentals, and endeavor to hold them, at the very highest speculative figure means disaster and ruin, while to place them at their real value is quite sufficient to prevent speculation of any consequence. I was told by one Fairhoper whose enthusiasm had befogged his reason, that there was no speculative value in Fairhope. If you wish to call the increased value that comes to Fairhope land from the difficulty of securing land elsewhere by any other name, that, of course, is your privilege—but to me a spade is a spade. I am intensely interested in Fairhope, and while I have the utmost confidence in those who have her administration in charge, I cannot refrain from urging them to err in favor of low rating rather than kill the goose that lays the golden egg. Very respectfully,

Fred C. Ford.

The Courier cheerfully gives space to the foregoing letter from one whose genuine interest in Fairhope there is no room to dombt.

We might say in this connection that we would, of course, been equally as glad to publish such candid statements on the subject from any of our resident rent-payers, had they been tendered—which none have been.

We do not think friend Ford's estimate of values, or any other individuals, is to be taken as conclusive, but to be given due consideration as other estimates, when the matter is again up.

The rent of Fairhope land, suited to dairy farming, a little more than two miles from the center of town is, according to the present appraisement (which is the same as that of 1904) 35 cents an acre.

The rent on forty acres at this rate would be $14. $1,000 would, it seems to us, be a very low taxable val-

uation on the land and on the improvements, stock and other personal property necessary to utilize this amount of land in dairy farming, the tax on which (which the Colony would be forced to pay) would alone, at our present rate of 14 mills on the dollar, exactly equal the rent, leaving the Colony nothing for the use of the land nor for other benefits which the Colony affords.

As to the effect of speculation in land elsewhere, upon the value of land in Fairhope, it seems to us just as much a genuine factor in fixing land values as our good climate, our fine water, our schools, our intelligent people, or anything else which tends to attract people to Fairhope; and it does not contribute to a "speculative value" so far as Fairhope is concerned.

If it were not taken into account in Fairhope rental valuations, speculation in land would very soon manifest itself here, for individuals would take and hold Fairhope lands in order to profit thereby.

There need be no fear, it seems to us, of a spirit of greed prompting to too high rentals, for the rent fund is a public fund, which has to be paid by individuals. These individuals may err—even a good majority of them—in their judgment of what the values are, but it is inconceivable that they should have any selfish motives to make them too high. That would only be to sacrifice themselves individually for the common good, which ought not to be expected, even of Fairhope people. The spirit of greed might easily, however, prompt to making rentals too low, which would permit individuals to profit at the expense of the community.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

A few days ago my sister and I went to make calls—a thing we rarely can do. It is the first of a series to the unpretentious homes of Fairhope, if our purpose holds. They are worthy of being "written up" for any journal; but to the many friends who like these Letters, and who are eagerly watching the progress we are making here, they will, I trust, be acceptable.

To commence, then, with the two homes first visited: those of Thomas N. Freeman, and of Mr. and Mrs. DeWolf on oak avenue.

The first is a little two-room cottage, so much longer than it is wide as to suggest to me the old-time traveling Daguerreotype gallery. It is only a temporary bungalow, I believe, as the family home is in the northern part of the state where they expect to spend a part at least, of their summers. We found no one at home but Mrs. Freeman, Senior, who welcomed us graciously, and entertained us with reminiscences of the southland where she was born. Her son is, evidently, the "apple of her eye," and he is worthy of the distinction. She is a sweet-faced old lady, and quite gray. The kindest and gentlest spirit irradiates her countenance. One pleasant thing she said will interest educators. It was that from his early boyhood she had always studied and read with her son, taking her book out of doors for the purpose whenever his work was of a nature to permit study. The idolized "Tom" came home before we left, and he showed us his plantations. He can, no doubt, teach us much about how to manage this soil, having made a study of it. We saw the acre that is to be devoted to tomatoes, as the last COURIER stated. His theory is to plow deep and put fertilizer deep. So much I remember. If he can grapple with the "blight" which devastates nearly all our tomato patches, he will be a benefactor indeed. His late lecture on soils and soil fertility was very interesting and certainly instructive.

Inside this little home, which was crowded with furniture, and pictures, many done by Mrs. Freeman, there was that air of peace and happiness that one does not find in palatial homes, as a rule.

Very near the Freeman place is the tasteful little home of the Gills. The only one at home was the little girl who was far too much occupied with keeping her dolly warm by an improvised stove in the yard, to give us much information on any subject.

A little further on we called at a very small cottage all ensconsed in the "piney woods," and the balsamic odor was inspiring. This is the new home of Mr. and Mrs. De Wolf. We found Mrs. D. feeding her happy flock of sleek, red-combed Brown Leghorns. They have a very neat little house, but also the free range of the dense forest of slender pines. The interior of the cottage is very artistically arranged. Paintings in oil and in water colors done by Mrs. De Wolf decorated the walls. Before the lace-draped double window lay a half-finished raffia hat, for she is a pupil of our charming arts and crafts visitor, Miss Lyon, whose classes are doing much for our young women. Mrs. De Wolf shows in her face that she has the secret of happiness. As I looked into her eyes and listened to her I wondered if she were not a disciple of Epictetus. I do not doubt that there is real happiness in that little cot in the pines.

* * * You should see the pair of mocking birds build their nest "way up" in the rustic, yellow jasmine trellis. They are all surrounded with those odorous blossoms. As they bring and fashion into the nest dead pine needles, bits of string or thread from the old raveled out awning of the kitchen door, to watch them is delightful. And, by the way, did you know that the mocking-bird often sings in the dead of the night? I was mentioning this yesterday to Mrs. Coulter, one of our new builders on this avenue, and the best authority here, I think, upon ornithology, who told me that the midnight singing of this southern mocking bird is well known in bird lore. O, that there were were time enough we could spare from the hard work of life to study the delightful things all around us! How wise would we be if we would only "take time" for the nobler things of life. Here is a quotation from George Eliot:

"The age culls simples, with a broad clown's back
Turned broadly to the glory of the stars."

Miss Frances H. Lyon of the Arts and Crafts Society left us last week. During her stay with us she has worked indefatigably with her classes in raffia work, basket work, embroidery, lace-making, etc. Several of our ladies are wearing lovely raffia hats which she taught them how to make. * * I could not attend her classes for lack of time, which is regretted, for then I, also, might have been wearing a hew hat—a luxury not enjoyed by me for the last six years, except the paper one trimmed with a pampas plume, which was too "loud" for any but home use. However, there are things more needed than new hats, flowers, for example. * * The wistaria on my pine tree is a glorious object at this moment. The great bunches of purple flowers climb higher and higher every year, being now within about four feet of the top of one of the tallest pines. The vine is large, winds round and round the trunk, and envelops it in a deadly grip.

To return to Miss Lyon. She is educated, refined, unaffected, progressive; as beautiful personally as she is charming in manner, and made us all her friends and lovers. We look forward to the pleasure of having her with us again. She held her lectures and lessons in the Church of the Disciples, which kindly opened its doors to her and her work.

A much appreciated letter from the author of *Poems of To-Day:*

San Luis Obispo, Cal., March 18, 1905.

Dear Mrs. Howland:

Your very kind note has just come to hand, and I want to tell you what a great pleasure it has given me.

For my little book to be so welcomed by Fairhope and its guests is more to me than even a personal welcome could be—for my *For To-Day* is the dearest child of my brain, and do not all mothers more fondly covet welcome for a child than for themselves?

Yet I would I had been there myself, too—what an uplifting influence the atmosphere of Fairhope and the Conference must have been to those escaped for the time being from the rush and turmoil of this lower life.

You must enjoy your calling as librarian in such a community. I have been in charge of the free public library here for the past six years and more. It is quite a good sized library for the size of the town—4,000 inhabitants. There are, of course, a small proportion of people interested in vital questions of the day—but it makes me sad sometimes, and sometimes almost indignant to see the leisure and the native intelligence that so many waste on the most ephemeral reading. But if there is anything which Henry George's teaching has impressed upon me for daily guidance, it is the divine beauty of patience and the need of it we all have in our intercourse with one another. No doubt I try the patience of others, too—we all have our own ways of doing that, I suppose.

With cordial and affectionate thanks for your kindness in writing, and for the generous appreciation of my little gift, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,
Frances M. Milne.

Important Letter from a Pioneer

My dear Gaston: I became a single taxer with the first issue of Henry George's *Standard* which was either in 1886 or 1887 and it makes my heart sad when I look back to see how little real headway we have been making in establishment of our principles in general legislation. I will venture to say that Fairhope is doing far more good for the cause than all the fine lectures of all single tax speakers put together. The greatest flaw and weakest place in Henry George's writings was his law of interest and his defense of the same. Some points which I am about to make have long been pent up in me and I have never had a chance to explode before single taxers.

Henry George in defining his law of interest, says in Progress and Poverty, that interest is due to the inherent increase in capital. I say there is not any quality of increase in any form of capital. Furthermore I say that unless labor is constantly expended upon capital, such capital deteriorates and goes to waste. Henry George cites the case of a man who loans a plane to another for a year; he should not only expect a plane after a year's time, but a board also, as interest.

Why? Why should he? In this age when most people are veritable "jacks of all trades," why should it not be better to first make the plane and then plane the boards and save one board in a year's time? Then Henry George cites the heifer. The heifer becomes a cow and after a while the cow has a calf, Mr. George says there is an inherent increase in nature. I deny this. Let us examine this proposition closer. May the heifer increase without the use of land? No! land is a necessary factor in the production of cows and calves. Will not the land rental determine the compensation of the owner of the heifer, and furthermore if any labor is necessary in this cattle business, does it not follow that whatever in the production of cattle is not due to land and its forces is certainly due to labor? There is not the slightest cause for any interest whatsoever.

Again Mr. George cites the case of wine, which improves with age, an accumulation of value which he says is due to the element of time; but I say that this element of time may not be enjoyed without labor and the use of land. Let us see: Wine cellars are built on land and therefore rent arises. Some labor is certainly

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necessary, for years, to look after this ageing process and for which labor must have wages. So, in distribution of aforesaid wealth, whatever does not go to the rent fund, must certainly go to the wages fund.

Now I will make a supreme effort to make myself understood. What is the cause of interest in our present social arrangement? Or, what was the origin of interest in the beginning? When did interest begin? For argument's sake let us imagine a small island with one person on it. Suppose I were the first man; that the climate was nice and berries, nuts and fish were plentiful, and I did my own berry-picking and fishing and got along perfectly happy. Suppose now that you, Mr. Gaston, came next to this island; that we met and I told you that the island was mine, and you accepted my claim. I told you that if you would pick berries and catch fish for both of us that you could live with me on said island. Don't you see that your accepting my terms established private property in land and also a cause for interest on other forms of property which may be exchanged for land. The one is the parent, the other is the child. Private property in land is the cause for interest on other forms of property. The father's name is landlord and the child's name is lendlord. I declare that because you may invest money in land and get a return is the cause for interest on capital; because, as long as you may invest money in land and receive a return, you will be able to demand interest on other forms of capital, because the one can be exchanged for the other. (In the present system land is considered as capital along with human productions.)

But, with private property of land abolished, the origin of interest is also abolished; and I do declare, that thereafter, everything that does not go to the rent fund, will of necessity go to the wage fund.

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Dr. Clara E. Atkinson, who spent the winter in Minneapolis, Minn., arrived on Monday evening for a several weeks' visit with her relatives and host of friends, who gave her a most cordial welcome back. The Doctor hardly ever returns to Fairhope after being away, without bringing some one with her and this time was accompanied by her friends, Mrs. McDavid and her niece, Miss Bessie Hall of Minneapolis, who are both much charmed with Fairhope and already feeling much improved by our delightful spring weather.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Skinner of Des Moines spent from Saturday evening till Monday morning in Fairhope. Mr. W. D. Skinner is vice president and manager of the Hawkeye Insurance Co., with which neighbor A. Swift was connected for many years, and being in the vicinity, he took the opportunity to call on him as well as other Fairhope friends.

Mr. J. Herbert Brenon the popular actor and dramatic critic of New Orleans writes Mr. Pilcher that he wants to visit Fairhope next month and would like to organize a dramatic class, to give a play in which he would, of course, play the star part. This would be an exceptional opportunity for our young people to get a dramatic drill which would be of the greatest advantage to them and to the community. We are authorized to announce that a meeting in regard to the matter will be held on the evening of April 17th, when Mr. Brenon will be present. Further information may be secured by calling at the COURIER office or on Mr. J. M. Pilcher.

A large number of the Fairhope people are in attendance before the circuit court and grand jury at Bay Minette, this week. Among them: Mrssrs. Bellangee, Wood, F. L. Brown, Berglin, Call, Gaston, Dr. Mershon, Dr. Hail, Dr. Borst, Gunnison, A. H. Mershon, Massey, and Hill; Mrs. Powell and Daughters: Iva and Ola.

Mr. David Unger, one of our Chicago visitors, entertained very pleasantly last Friday evening the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mershon, Mr. and Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Church, Mrs. Cottle, Dr. and Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Galloway and son, Mrs. Knox and Mrs. Blair.

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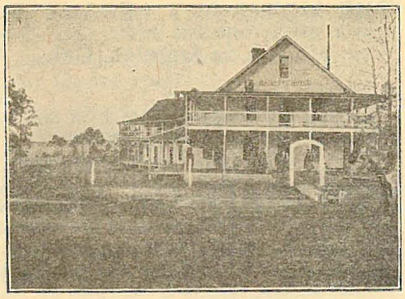
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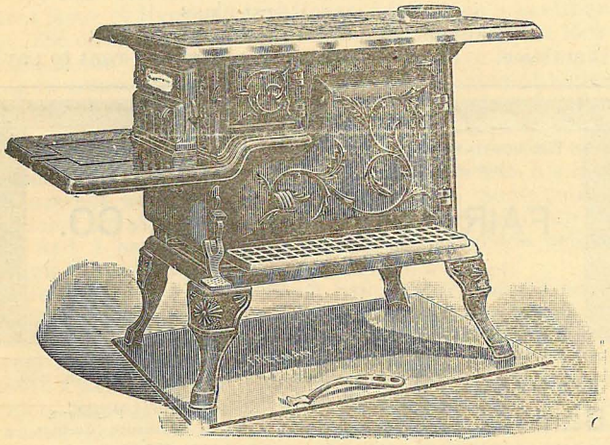
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TO-DAY

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But what have we done to-day?
We shall give out gold in a princely sum,
But what did we give to-day?
We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,
We shall speak with words of love and cheer,
But what have we done to-day?

We shall be kind in the after while,
But what have we been to-day?
We shall bring to each lonely life a smile,
But what have we brought to-day?
We shall give to truth a grander birth,
And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,
We shall feed the hungering souls of earth,
But whom have we fed to-day?

NIXON WATERMAN, in *The Harvester.*

Mr. Wm. Ryan to Fairhope's Critics

Editor COURIER

The more I think of the objections raised to the plan at Fairhope the more I am convinced that they are raised from other causes than the true interest which a single taxer might take in keeping Fairhope true to Single Tax principles.

What these causes may be I do not know, perhaps they have come from aggravated disagreements with Fairhopers but it is quite certain that men who have been interested in the single tax movement for years and who say that Henry George advocated only the "abolition of all taxation save upon land values" and not the taking of the full rental are making such statements knowing they are not true or (a hardly conceivable thing) they do not know what Henry George advocated. In all of his writings Mr. George makes it plain that the single tax is proposed in order to restore to men equal access to nature's bounty, by taking for the benefit of all, all that it is worth for the privilege of holding land.

The one statement which the objectors to Fairhope's policy of taking the full rental, reiterate every time they are heard, is a quotation from Progress and Poverty, Book VIII, chapter 2, page 404. This is quoted by Mr. Parker in his letter to the *Standard* Daphne, Ala, Feb. 24th 1905 and is quoted by the *Standard* editorially in the issue of March 24th. It is as follows "We may put the proposition into practical form by proposing to abolish all taxation save that upon land values." Here they stop and you would be led to believe that was all Mr. George advocated.

In fact Mr. Parker says, "This statement is not satisfactory to some of our latter day single taxers, who after loudly calling attention to the fact that they are not to be classed with a certain publican, gravely inform us that we must take the full rental value of land or we do not have the single tax."

Without going to any other chapter of the same book let us quote Henry George, page 401: "We have weighed every objection, and seen that neither on the ground of equity or expediency is there anything to deter us from making land common property by confiscating rent." Page 403. "*We may safely leave them the shell, if we take the kernel.* It is not necessary to confiscate land; it is only necessary to confiscate rent."

Page 403 and 404. "What I, therefore, propose, as a simple yet sovereign remedy,.....is---*to appropriate rent by taxation.*".

But let us take the quotation and the lines following it and we shall see it in its true light. Page 404: "Now insomuch as taxation of rent, or land values, must necessarily be increased just as we abolish other taxes; we may put the proposition into practical form by proposing:—

"*To abolish all taxation save upon land values.*

"As we have seen, the value of land is at the beginning of society nothing, but as society develops by the increase of population and the advance of the arts, it becomes greater and greater. In every civilized country even the newest, the value of the land taken as a whole is sufficient to bear the entire expenses of government. In the better developed countries it is much more than sufficient. Hence it will not be enough merely to place all taxes upon the value of land. It will be necessary, where rent exceeds the present governmental revenues, commensurately to increase the amount demanded in taxation and to continue this increase as society progresses and rent advances. But this is so natural and easy a matter, that it may be considered as involved, or at least understood in the proposition to put all taxes on the value of land. That is the first step, upon which the practical struggle must be made. When the hare is once caught and killed, cooking him will follow as a matter of course. When the common right to land is so far appreciated that all taxes are abolished save those which fall upon rent, there is no danger of much more than is necessary to induce them to collect the public revenues being left to the individual land holders."

This shows clearly that Mr. George proposed to take the full rental and the proposition which the objectors quote as being the single tax as proposed by him is really as he says only "the first step, upon which the practical struggle must be made."

But what can be the object of these men who quote only part of George and try to give it an altogether different meaning from the explanation which follows it. They say they have the best interests of Fairhope at heart. But every argument they use seems to be merely to confuse. For example let us quote from the editorial in the *Standard* March 24. "Even should it be true that the people of Fairhope do not want this system, who has the right to force it upon them? By what right is Fairhope Corporation dictating terms upon which certain of its fellow men shall occupy this land? Its sole claim to such right is in having a paper title to the land; a title which all true single taxers deny as being valid."

This is playing upon popular ideas, but the premises for the argument are sometimes hidden, sometimes half stated and some are fallacious.

First: Everyone who knows anything of Fairhope and her working plan, knows that the reason for Fairhope's existence is the fact that at present we can have no approach to single tax principles as a law without a change in legislation and the only application of the principle that can be made is for a group of people to buy land and administer it as landlords, excepting in this, that the rental derived shall be expended first to pay all state and county taxes and the balance be expended for the benefit of the community.

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Herman Stemerdink came over from Mobile on Sunday morning and remained over Monday to do some mantle tile work at the Powell home.

Mrs. E. A. Brooks, of Belforest, was a pleasant caller at the Courier office this week and got a booklet and some papers to send to a friend.

Mr. B. H. Bingham's is one of the unpretentious cottages on Fairhope Ave., but the place is kept up so neatly that it is one of the most pleasing to the eye.

Mr. Steele, of Montgomery, representing the International Harvester Co. was in town the first of the week. Mershon Brothers represent his company here.

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The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. C. L. Coleman instead of with Mrs. Bessie Call on Thursday, April 13th at 3 P. M. An interesting program has been prepared. The public are invited.

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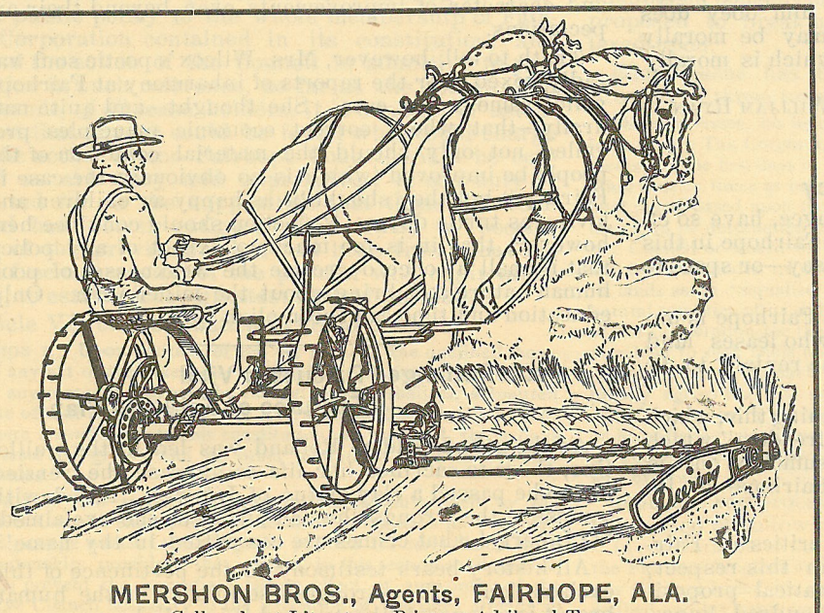
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The following pupils have a record of perfect in their school attendance for March: Volney Mathison, George Wilson, Arthur Gaston, Irene Lawrence, Helen Call, Jesse Stimpson, Ford Patterson, Uhlma Hail, Bertha Parker, Oget Olsen.

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The Fairhope Society of Arts and Crafts, is now holding regular guild meetings for work at the home of the president Mrs. S. H. Comings, on Monday p. m. from 2 to 5 o'clock, and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock. The membership is divided into Craftsmen, Apprentices and Associates. Craftsmen are those over 16 years of age, who must place one article at least of their own handiwork on exhibition and sale each year. Apprentices, those under 16, and Associates, those who help to support the society, but do no work. Only Craftsmen have a vote in the affairs of the society. The Society now numbers 25 Craftsmen, 15 Apprentices, and only four Associates. The membership fee is one dollar, and yearly dues of 40 cents payable quarterly for Craftsmen and Apprentices. For Associates the yearly dues are one dollar. So far but four guilds have been formed; for hat-making under Mrs. T. N. Freeman, for basketry under Mrs. F. DeWolf, children's work under Miss Celeste Shepherd, and whittling under Mr. S. H. Comings. Other guilds will be established as the work progresses. All the work of the society that has been offered for sale, has so far been taken at once, and many orders are being received for hats and baskets. It is planned to have a permanent place for exhibition and sale soon. Those desiring membership may apply any time to the president, or to the secretary Miss Ivy Littlefield. Those joining the society will be taught the various arts taught by Miss Lyon during her stay with us. The society has also the sale of the popular Palmetto hats; these with the other products of the society can be seen at any of the guild meetings.



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Wm. Ryan to Fairhope's Critics

(Continued from 1st page.)

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation is organized under the laws of Alabama and holds title to the land it owns under those laws. These titles are the only ones recognized by the state and are legally valid. This is the only way Fairhopers can have land upon which to demonstrate the practicability of the single tax.

Fairhope does not dictate terms upon which its fellow men shall occupy this land and does not force its system upon those who do not want it. The lease through which it lets its lands is a free contract and no one is forced to sign it, It is a mutual agreement; the terms and conditions are known to each party; the lease holder agrees to the policy and accepts the ground subject to an annual rental which will take as near as possible the full rental. Should he become dissatisfied with his agreement the Corporation will allow him to let go of his land. Where is the force or dictation? But if he wants to hold on to what the Corporation had agreed to do for him and does not wish to keep his agreement, he violates his contract and must be forced to obey it or Fairhope will go out of existence as a single tax demonstration. Her right to make him obey does not come from her paper title which may be morally wrong, but from the right of contract which is morally right.

WILLIAM RYAN.

Philadelphia, March 28.

Fairhope's Undemocracy

Our friends Messrs. Ryan and Bellangee, have so effectively replied to recent criticisms of Fairhope in this issue, that little is left to the editor to say—or space to say it in.

We shall only consider the claim that Fairhope is undemocratic in not admitting every one who leases land to equal participation in determining the rentals to be paid.

Other reasons might be cited for declining this, which would comport with the "law of equal freedom" which is the foundation of democracy; but a sufficient one is that it is absolutely necessary to hold Fairhope to its single tax policy.

We know that Mr. Norton with other critics of Fairhope, contend that there is no danger in this respect; but it is the simplest kind of a mathematical proposition, that with hardly one person in a hundred knowing or caring anything about the single tax and all equally free to come to Fairhope and participate in determining its policy, the single tax would inevitably be thrown overboard—perhaps not immediately, but very soon—and the tenants vote to retain for their individual benefit, the land values which the founders of Fairhope had unselfishly provided should be taken for the benefit of all—and not only for all now here but all who might ever come.

The value of Mr. Norton's judgment on this point, may be fairly measured by his statement in his last issue, that "such a proposition" (that of raising local revenues from land values alone) "if submitted to the citizens of the city of Mobile WOULD BE ADOPTED BY A LARGE MAJORITY."

There is not the slightest reason in the world to think that such would be the case. On the contrary judged by previous experience, the very people who would be the most benefitted by such a policy, would be its bitterest opponents.

Brother Norton's suggestions as to how to make Fairhope a success may be well-meant, but they are of no practical value, and in the meantime Fairhope is a success.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox's Visit

We had only space to mention last week the flying visit of Fairhope's famous friend, Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox and her husband, Mr. Charles Wilcox, en route from California to their home in the east. They came in on the *Carney* on Thursday evening and left on Friday morning. Having been thrown three days behind their schedule by washouts on the way, they felt it impossible to stay longer. No notice of their coming had been received, so we could not give them the reception we would have been glad to give one who has been so deeply interested in Fairhope and done so much to make its work known. Fortunately Mr. Stimpson, who was on board the *Carney*, had his horse and buggy waiting for him, and he took them on a short ride about the Colony before sunset; and a few of our people who could be easily reached called upon them at the Fairhope House in the evening.

Mrs. Wilcox is as engaging personally as her writings are bright and interesting; and Mr. Wilcox is a most genial gentleman. They both expressed themselves as most favorably impressed with the location and development of Fairhope, finding the place in size and character of improvements even beyond their expectations.

Truth to tell, however, Mrs. Wilcox's poetic soul was sadly vexed over the reports of inharmony at Fairhope which came to her ears. She thought—and quite naturally—that where correct economic principles prevailed not only should the material condition of the people be improved (which is so obviously the case in Fairhope) but they should be as happy as children and loving as turtle doves. Reflection should convince her, however, that it is too much to expect of any policy that it shall at once overcome the weaknesses of poor human nature and bring about the millennium. Only education and time can accomplish this.

Prof. Bellangee Discusses Vital Features of Fairhope Plan

As the gifted Madam Rolland was led to the guillotine, there to sacrifice her life to appease the frenzied mob, she passed a clay statue of Liberty. Filled with a sense of the wrongs she had suffered, she exclaimed: "O Liberty! what crimes are committed in thy name!"

All history bears testimony to the pertinence of this exclamation. The strongest sentiment in the human breast is a love of liberty, and it is only by an appeal,

either genuine or false, to that passion that human hearts can be swayed to violent action. Not alone in righteous causes has it been invoked, but the cry of liberty has been as much the shibboleth of the selfish demagogue and the guilty plotter and the deluded enthusiast. France reeked with the blood of her innocent citizens at the blind behest of liberty-maddened patriots, and in our own country it was with the cry of "sic semper tyranis" that the assasin sped the bullet that pierced the heart of the best ruler the world has ever known.

Madam Rolland's exclamation feelingly expressed the disappointment of an injured soul; but had her epigram been dictated by philosophy as well as emotion it might well have been rendered: "O Liberty! what crimes and blunders are committed in thy name!"

For it is the passion for liberty, and that only, that can lead any considerable body of men to acts of either injustice or folly. They will act singly along selfish lines, but collectively they must be persuaded or beguiled into the belief that common interests are to be served, and all history proves that such delusions have been common. Hence the pertinence of that other oft-quoted epigram: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Vigilance not only towards an aggressive oppressor, but vigilance as well towards unwise conclusions and false reasoning on our own part.

It was the design of the founders of Fairhope to establish here a system and form of civilization that should give greater liberty and more perfect freedom to our people than is afforded elsewhere, and we cannot too carefully study every step in its solution. Nor can anything be gained by introducing factional strife or personal crimination. Those who would use such methods are in danger of confusing principles. The quality of goods is never settled by their labels, though those who would use them are often deceived thereby. No people can be free who cannot judge of principles and methods on their merits, and no one is free from danger of making mistakes who has not the patience to investigate and the tolerance to be fair. There is no slavery so base as enslavement to a false idea or precept of prejudice. But ofttimes it is by calling names and wholesale denunciation that passions are engendered and public sentiment created that is opposed to true liberty and is destructive of the best interests of the people.

As one looks at the provisions for referring all matters of public policy to the whole membership of Fairhope Corporation contained in its constitution, and reads of the action of the Council in admitting to participation in such reference, so far as the constitution will permit, of all lease holders, it is a matter of astonishment that anyone could be found who would charge that the action of the Fairhope Council could be construed as arbitrary and oppressive. It can only be accounted for on the supposition that those who complained had not investigated sufficiently to become aware of the provisions that had been freely made to obtain free expression of the popular will, or, in other words, to establish the greatest liberty possible.

Article VII of the constitution reads:

SECTION 1. Upon petition of ten per cent. of the qualified membership any act of the Executive Council, legislative or administrative, or any measure proposed by the petitioners, shall be submitted to a vote of that membership at the time set in said petition; provided, that where amendments to this constitution are proposed, thirty days notice must be given, and on other matters at least twenty-four hours notice.

SECTION 2. No measure of general legislation passed by the Executive Council shall be in force until thirty days have elapsed after its passage without the filing of a petition for its submission to the membership; provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the immediate taking effect of any order of the Executive Council necessary to the execution of measures already in force.

SECTION 3. Upon petition of twenty per cent. of the membership entitled to vote on elections of officers, the question of the dismissal of any officer, however elected or appointed, must be submitted to a popular vote.

This article, together with rulings of the Council extending its provisions as far as possible to non-member lease-holders, gives to the residents of Fairhope greater liberty and greater power over public affairs than is possessed by any other community in the United States and extends the privilege of liberty as far as it is possible to be done by the Council or resident membership.

Someone has made a fearful mistake in denouncing the Council as arbitrary, etc., and certainly a still greater mistake has been made in impugning their motives. There is not a word or a line in any of the official documents or utterances of the founders of Fairhope or of those who have so far administered its affairs to justify the charge of selfishness.

Such charges can only be founded on suspicion or on action supposed to be incompetent or unwise. The first should not be indulged in and the others should be proven before they are made the basis of charges or crimination. That one can be no friend to the Colony or to the colonists who would promote unfounded suspicions or stimulate personal animosity.

But liberty is not license to follow caprice or changeable whims. True liberty can only be guaranteed to all by the application of immutable principles founded on justice. Those principles it was sought by the founders of Fairhope to incorporate in her constitution and, in conformity with that constitution, in the provisions of her leases. The constitution was formulated by the founders of Fairhope with great deliberation and devoted study. Of those who are now members of the Corporation who had a share in its preparation, all, I believe, are resident members and have identified themselves fully with her life. The form of the lease was likewise elaborated with the greatest care and with the advice of high legal talent to make it conform to the terms and spirit of the constitution.

These leases, when signed, become as solemn a compact as can be made between Fairhope Single Tax Corporation and the individuals who reside upon her lands. In no instance can their provisions be abrogated without affecting the interests of every member and every lease-holder. There can be no question of changing their provisions in one case without the unanimous consent of all parties affected, unless it be proposed to break a solemn contract deliberately entered upon.

Each lessee has bound himself to obligations expressed in these terms:

The said lessee, his heirs or successors, shall pay to the said Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, its successors or assigns, in equal payments, on the first days of January and July of each year, or at such other time or times as may be fixed by the said Corporation, an annual rental based upon the value of said land, exclusive of improvements, to be determined by the said Corporation through its Executive Council or Board of Directors, as provided in its constitution and by-laws, under its avowed principle of so fixing the rentals of its lands as to "equalize the varying advantages of location and natural qualities of its different tracts and convert into the treasury of the Corporation for the common benefit of its lessees all values attaching to such lands not due to the efforts or expenditures of the lessees." And the said lessee for himself and his heirs hereby expressly agrees that the said annual rent shall be determined by the said Corporation, upon the principle just stated and in manner now or hereafter provided by its constitution and by laws, and shall be expended by said Corporation under the provisions of the constitution and by-laws.

And the reciprocal obligations of the Corporation are expressed as follows:

In consideration of the payment of the rents herein provided for, the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation agrees with the said lessee to pay all taxes levied by county and state upon the land herein described and his improvements thereon; and on receipt of the County Treasurer's receipt for taxes paid by him upon the personal property

held upon such lands—moneys and credits excepted—to give him a certificate of equivalent amount, receivable from bearer at its face value on future rent charges, or in discharge of any indebtedness to the Corporation.

And the said Fairhope Single Tax Corporation further agrees in consideration of the covenants of the said lessee herewith evidenced, that no part of the rents paid by him upon the land herewith leased shall be appropriated as dividends to its members or any other persons, but that all shall be administered as a trust fund for the carrying out of the principles and purposes of the Corporation as expressed in its charter and for the equal benefit of those leasing its lands.

And the said Corporation still further agrees that in the distribution of the benefits which it is its purpose to secure for residents upon its lands, no distinction shall be made between individuals, whether members of the Corporation or not, but that with the exception of the rights of members as participants in the government of the Corporation, all shall be treated with strict equality.

Every membership in the Corporation represents $100 voluntarily donated for the purpose of providing the opportunity to such as wish to use lands of the Corporation on the terms above given and every lease given by the Corporation contains the signature of a lease-holder who has obligated himself to pay the rents as above specified, to be assessed as above provided, and to make the Executive Council his agent for such assessment.

Not the slightest coercion has been used to secure signatures to these leases. Everyone has been given the greatest freedom to choose whether or not he would become a lease-holder. No abridgment of freedom has been made in procuring those leases, but since the rentals become the property of all the lease-holders and do not become that of any one of the land owners to any greater extent than of any land user, no change or abridgment of the rentals from what is provided by the leases can be possible without changing the interests of every other lease-holder and destroying the equality among them which is established by the contracts thus solemnly made.

I wish everyone interested in Fairhope would examine carefully the terms of the leases, the provisions of the constitution and the rules provided for a free expression of public preference and determine for himself who is acting in best faith, those who would live fully up to the mutual contracts already made, or those who attack these contracts after having voluntarily entered thereon?

I, as one of the promoters of Fairhope, and I think I can pledge the cooperation of all others of her friends, will welcome any plan which can be adopted that will supplement the provisions already made and secure more certainly to the residents on Fairhope lands that perfect liberty and equality of opportunity which it was the design of its founders to give to them; but I will ever resist, by every means at my command, any abridgment of those rights. J. Bellangee.

Chas. Nelson of Brooklyn, who says he is "a 100 per cent. Single Taxer," accompanies his renewal of subscription to the Courier with an order for five booklets.

Harold Sudell of Philadelphia renews his own subscription and accompanies it with another, and says: "I enjoy reading your paper very much and watch with great interest the very gratifying progress of the Colony."

The "Fairhope Base Ball Club" of Brooklyn played its first game of the season on Sunday, March 19, with the Brooklyn Boys' School team and won hands down. We hope it is an augury of their success throughout the season.

E. Z. Ernst, the veteran Labor Exchange organizer of Olathe, Kansas, would like to learn of bargains in tracts of land in Alabama or Florida, suited for colonization purposes.

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The first local ball game of the season was played on the Massey grounds on last Saturday, between the Silver Hill and Fairhope teams. It was a good game and resulted in a victory for the home team by a score of 7 to 10. Tomorrow the same teams play at Sonora.

Mr. G. H. VanWinkle wishes to correspond with single taxers of means who are willing to invest money in manufacturing industries to be established in Fairhope or other single tax colonies that may be established. Address G. H. VanWinkle, 12 Winthrop St., Rochester, N. Y.

L. L. Abbott writes since his return to Chicago that his last visit to Fairhope was even more satisfactory than former ones and that "the friends who were with us have already expressed their desire for a future visit and are greatly interested in Fairhope and the theory on which you operate."

Fred Burgdorff is one who has been wanting to come to Fairhope for years, but can find no purchaser for Cleveland property (owned in fee simple) which he can afford to accept. It has depreciated greatly in value in a few years, because an undesirable class of people have located in the vicinity.

Mr. L. E. Ames, who purchased the Wolcott place, kindly remembered the editor with a quart of fine strawberries from his garden. Mr. Ames came from Nebraska and thinks if we only had Nebraska soil with our Alabama climate, there would be little else to be desired. He appreciates the fact, however, that if such a combination had existed here we poor folks would never have been able to enjoy it. The price would have put it beyond our reach.

The raising of the east wall of the old part of the Mershon Brothers' building has been completed. This included a considerable feat in taking the old shingle roof off bodily and moving it out to make a shed for teams on the east side of the building, supported by huge brackets. One piece of the roof so moved is eighteen feet wide by over fifty feet long. This job was very capably handled by Superintendent Littlefield and able assistants. When the carpenters get wholly through and Mershon Brothers and their clerks get their stock arranged to suit them on their two great floors, they will have the largest and finest store in Baldwin county.

Wednesday we had one of the strongest blows from the west experienced in a long time. It was about as rough as ever seen at the pier-head. Captain Foster landed the steamer Fairhope in good shape and put off her passengers and express matter and then steamed back to Mobile and the Carney turned back from Daphne, not attempting to make the lower landings.

J. H. Woods and his daughters, Mrs. Freeman and Miss Omah and Alice Woods, of Monmouth, Ill., who spent the winter at Biloxi, came over to Fairhope, before returning north, on the recommendation of their and our friend, Mrs. Mathias. They were so pleased with Fairhope that they regretted not having learned of it sooner, and are going to recommend their friends who are still in the south to visit our town.

Mr. F. G. Lockwood, left us on Wednesday morning with his destination not wholly decided upon. We parted with friend Lockwood with great regret, but we have much faith that the "Baldwin county sand" in his shoes, will bring him back sooner or later. Besides being a single taxer without flaw, Mr. Lockwood is a first-class mechanic in both wood and metal. While here he embellished some Fairhope homes with exquisite cabinet work—notably a mantel and some grill work of red cedar, for the Frank Creswell home, which is as fine as could be found anywhere, also some very fine Oak mantels for the new Coleman home, "Ingleside."

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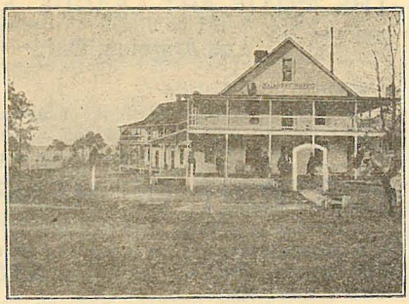
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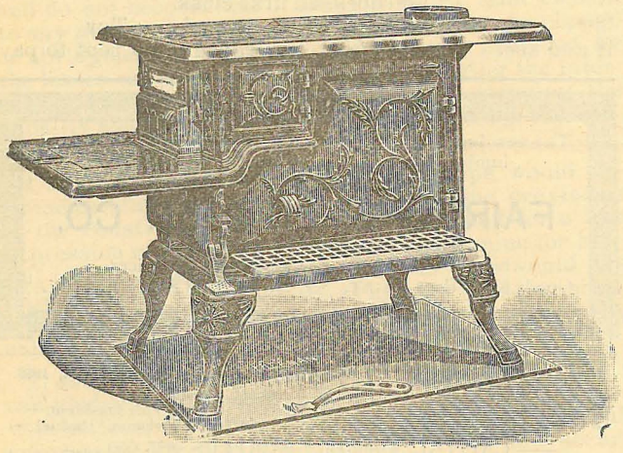
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Wm. J. Bryan on "Equal Opportunity

"Extract from speech at the Progress and Poverty dinner, Hotel Astor, New York Jan, 24th.

"Those who deny the right of children born into this world to equal opportunity ought to be prepared to give some defense for the inequality. I am not prepared to give any such defense. I would not know upon what ground to place it. If I were to look at it from a selfish standpoint, from the standpoint of the parent, I would have to argue from the side of equal opportunity. It does not require a far sighted person to recognize that the parent who leaves to his child equal opportunity leaves him the richest inheritance that parent can leave to child.

"What if he leave wealth, however great the amount? In the first place, wealth is not always a blessing to a child. I may say that great wealth has more often been a curse than a blessing, but if wealth were always a blessing, who of us can guarantee either that that wealth will remain or that the child will well employ it? Wealth takes the wings of the morning and flies away. It is sometimes said that there are not more than three generations between shirt sleeves and shirt sleeves. One generation creates the wealth, another spends it, the third needs it and must go to work again.

"I know of nothing that can descend from generation to generation of so great value as equal opportunity."

Kind Letter from a Namesake.

Brother Gaston:

I like your weekly and enjoy every page of it every week. Shall be glad to pay my part of the extra expense.

And by all means encourage the single tax people who founded your little colony, to rule with a firm hand. Let the kickers move out and seek some other town where the methods they prefer prevail. The agitation, however, willl do good in the long run. We shall all become better informed. Hundreds are watching you, from the outside, with keen interest and sympathetic prayers for your success. Oh, that I could be there with you to help and encourage, by my voice and presence. I trust I shall visit you some day, some sweet day—and know you and Mrs. Howland and others, personally.

May the good angels strengthen your hands and inspire your hearts to do and dare—and—succeed.

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Meadville, Pa. ARTHUR B. GASTON.

The editor is unable to trace his relationship with the writer of the foregoing but he is evidently a "kindred spirit." He is a large lumberman of Meadville, and a personal acquaintance and friend of the late Mrs. C. P. Sykes.

A Fairhoper Makes Comparisons.

A Fairhoper visiting other towns at once finds himself making comparisons. It was thus with the editor at Bay Minette, when attending court there recently. And the thing that struck us most forcibly was the great amount of vacant land. The main street running from the depot to the court-house has not a single building on one side of it, and north, east and west from the court-house the most of the land in sight is vacant lots, covered with unsightly stumps; not even growing oats or potatoes, nor fenced for pasture. We contrasted this with the view from the center of Fairhope, whence hardly a vacant lot can be seen. And this difference is due to the different policies pursued in the towns. In Bay Minette the usual policy prevails, by which the owners of the land reap the benefit of the growth of the place and the activity of its citizens. They are thus rewarded for holding land out of use, and the more rapidly Bay Minette advances, or the greater promise it gives of becoming a place of importance, the tighter they cling to their holdings and the more difficult it is for those who would find places for homes or business there to do so.

Fairhope purposes the contrary policy, which affords no encouragement to the holding of land out of use, but benefits its people just in proportion as they put their land to the best use. The effects of the different policies are noticeable to even a casual observer.

Associate Editor Answers Query.

EDITOR COURIER:

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of a letter from a woman friend of mine in Pittsburgh, in which she says: "I receive the FAIRHOPE COURIER and read every word of it. Fairhope appeals to me. My one doubt about it is: Can it stand prosperity—a great increase of population and possibly friction now and then as to rentals? The greedy, grasping spirit of the times is so strong and selfishness so rampant. One thing I should be enlightened on: Will the rental charged for the use of land *exceed* in amount the rent and taxes now paid by citizens here and elsewhere? Does it exceed it? Will it ever?" Now, Mr. Gaston, I feel that you are better qualified to answer these questions than I am, and as they are pertinent questions that would no doubt be of interest to many of your readers, I submit them to you with the request that you kindly answer them in full in the COURIER at your earliest convenience. With best wishes for your continued success, I remain,

Yours truly,

Allegheny, Pa. M. MCNEILL.

To your friend's query I would say that, not knowing what the present rents and taxes are in Allegheny it would hardly be possible to give a satisfactory answer. On general principles I should say "No," emphatically. And she must remember that, as in all growing towns, rentals decrease with the distance from the business center; and, also, it must be remembered that our aim is to collect the strict rental value, as nearly as the best board of appraisers can determine it; and that every cent of the amount, after paying running expenses, is applied to public improvements. This ought to make us willing to pay ungrudgingly, if anything on earth can. If we do not choose our officers wisely, why there is always the appeal to the people—the referendum as provided in our constitution.—M. H.

Prof. J. F. Duggar, Director of the Alabama experiment station, is anxious to secure the addresses of any parties in South Alabama, growing this year one or more acres of cassava. He is especially interested in learning of any farmers growing this crop with the expectation of feeding it to hogs. We hope any one to whose attention this comes, who is growing cassava or knows of any one else doing so, will communicate with Prof. Duggar.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Pork, Mutton, and beef for Sunday dinner. Wilson and Nelson.

Mr. Black has his cottage opposite Crosswell's completed and neatly painted.

The winter people have pretty well gone now, but the summer people will soon be taking their places.

Hammocks! Hammocks! All prices and all grades. Don't buy until you see our stock. Mershon Bros.

Our old friend E. P. Chaney is working at Seacliff, completing the summer residence of Judge Smith, of Mobile.

Mr. H. A. Church re-joined his wife here last week and they left for their northern home, via Biloxi and New Orleans, on Tuesday morning.

The second game between the Fairhope and Silver Hill teams, played on the Silver Hill grounds last Saturday, was won by the Silverhillians by a score of 9 to 7.

We now have our summer shoes and Oxfords. Don't fail to call and examine our stock; it will please you. Also a line of tennis shoes for young and old. Mershon Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smith left for their home at Norwalk Ioa, on Monday morning, after a winter's stay at Fairhope which they found pleasant and particularly beneficial to Mrs. Smith's health.

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Wisconsin farmers can raise potatoes without commercial fertilizer but Mr. Harrington writes us from Wautoma Wis., that they are worth only ten cents a bushel there. So Wisconsin potato farmers with their rich soil are worse off than ours.

Father Knowles' garden on Fairhope Ave., is a delight to the eye, as it is every season. He makes everything grow—but the weeds. They stand no show at all. His rows of dewberries are a "sight" and will soon be loaded with this delicious fruit.

Professors Dinkins and Bellangee, left yesterday morning to take part in the Educational Conference, at Bay Minette. Thursday to Saturday, inclusive. Mrs. Dorchester, of Fairhope was also on the program but did not find it convenient to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Carter of Traverse City, Mich., stopped over at Fairhope from Saturday evening to Tuesday morning on their way home from New Orleans and Biloxi where they spent the wiuter. They are former townspeople of our Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson.

Stuart Yarnelle is enthusiastic over the prospects of the poultry business at Fairhope. He has been here but a short time and already has 275 strong, healthy chicks in his brooders. He is making a specialty of the white Wyandotte, and has also some thoroughbred barred and white Plymouth Rocks.

Mr. George Lewis and wife of Adel, Ioa., who have beeu with us since Oct, 1st, and have made many friends, left on yesterday morning. They go first to Butler Mo., for a time where Mr. and Mrs. Hancock live who spent a winter with them at Fairhope, and have since retained their interest in the place.

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Postmaster Oswalt has laid off a tier of lots on the west side of his farm and has, we understand, sold a number of them.

Remember the COURIER office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

Mr. and Mrs Summers, who spent the winter in the Miss Cutter cottage, left for their home at Marshalltown, Ioa., last week.

Mr. Pilcher and family are enjoying a visit from his sister, Mrs. Comings, from Charles City, Iowa, who arrived on last Friday evening.

Nature is arrayed in her spring suit. Better order you one of Steenstra, the tailor. More styles and shades than there are colors of our flowers.

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Mrs. Anne B. Call.

Mr. E. C. Wolcott departed for his home in Ohio, on Friday morning last, much to the regret of his many Fairhope friends. We expect him back next fall—and hope he will come prepared to stay, for he is of the type of men needed to help push forward such a town as ours.

Our late visitor, Mr. Staples, writes that he has placed his Iowa property on the market and will come to Fairhope if he succeeds in selling. He also tells of an excellent young man there, a single taxer and a banker, who is very much interested in the matter of coming to Fairhope and putting in a bank.

The Schermer Brothers of Battles, are at work for Mershon Brothers, setting up the car-load of barrels they got in last week, "knocked down." They will also work over a large accumulation of sugar barrels and make regulation potato barrels out of them. They are experts in their line and it is a pleasure to see them work.

Our friend Comings, has again shown his faith in Fairhope and its future, by purchasing the Cutter cottage, in the rear of his new "House of Ten Gables." The Cutter place was taken from the lot on which Mrs. Sykes lived so long, and properly belongs to the Coming's place. We understand the cottage will be somewhat enlarged, and improved, and made a portion of the "Sanitary Home" that will be one of the special features of Fairhopes' progress.

Two of our estimable young people, Mr. George E. Miller and Miss Winifred Stearns, were united in marriage on last Saturday by Rev. E. Springer Oliver. The happy couple left on the evening boat for a short wedding trip which will include a visit to the groom's parents on Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga, Tenn. The bride is the second daughter of our Mr. C. M. Stearns. The groom is one of our best mechanics, a member of the band, and a young man of high character. The COURIER extends hearty congratulations.

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Heinz pickles, olives, catsups, baked beans, mustard dressing, India relish and everything in this line of pure eatables found only at this store. Mershon Bros.

M. H. Palmer returned to his home in St. Louis on the morning of the eleventh, after a six weeks stay at Fairhope. Mr. Palmer is a thorough-going single taxer, deeply interested in the Colony and looking forward to some day making his home with us.

The Steamer Fairhope is at Mobile having her motive power thoroughly overhauled under the direction of her new engineer Mr. E. De Kalb, who was secured in Philadelphia by Messrs. Fels and Powell. Mr. De Kalb is familiar with the Fairhope type of engine and boiler, and very confident of his ability to get good reliable service out of the same when put in order. It is hoped to have her on the run again within a week.

Meeting for Worship

A meeting for worship after the manner of the Society of Friends is held at the residence of Archibald and Elizabeth Crosbie, Fairhope, on Firstday (Sunday) mornings at eleven o'clock giving opportunity for christian fellowship in the freedom and simplicity the truth as it is in Jesus requires.

All inclined to attend are welcome.

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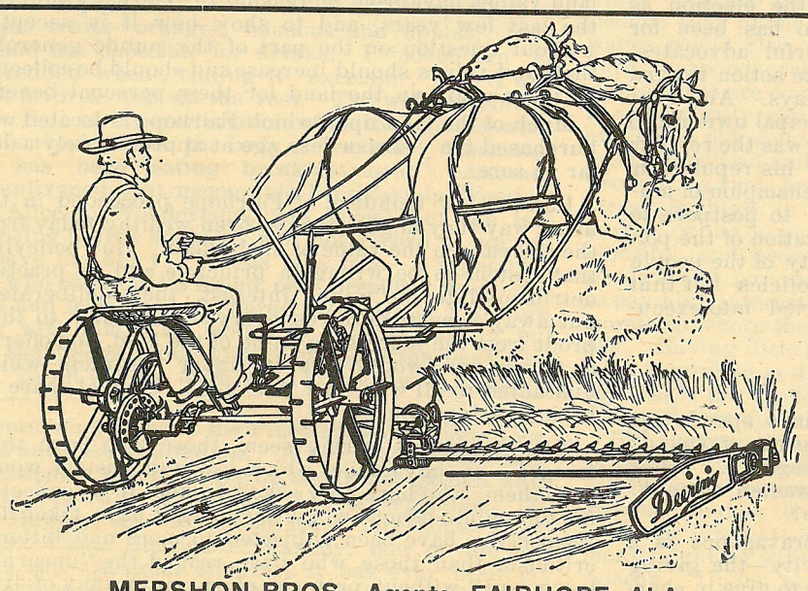
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G. A. Moore writes from Montague, Mass.: "I have been very much interested in the Fairhope booklet. You offer no extravagant inducements and advertise no "boom" or "get-rich-quick" schemes. Your growth seems to be normal and healthy. I expect to see Fairhope myself, possibly next winter."

Our good friend Mr. Joseph Fels was scheduled to leave Philadelphia for London on Wednesday, after a stay of a little more than a month in the former city. It was much to our regret that he could not find time to visit Fairhope while on this side of the water, but if not with us in person, we had ample evidence that his interest in Fairhope is unabated.

Municipal Ownership Victory in Chicago

The cause of municipal ownership of public utilities, scored a great victory in Chicago, in the election as mayor of Judge Edward F. Dunne, who has been for years one of its most ardent and powerful advocates, and whose platform demanded immediate action toward municipal ownership of the street railways. And most significant of the strength of the municipal ownership sentiment is the fact that Judge Dunne was the regular democratic nominee, and that Harlan, his republican opponent, also claimed to be a great champion of municipal ownership, though he wanted to postpone to some indefinite time the actual inauguration of the policy. This shows not only that a majority of the people can be won over to definite reform policies but that when this is done the same can be carried into execution through existing parties.

Wanton Charity

The discovery that a New York woman spends upward of $2000 a year in dressing her dog has started an outcry against wanton and wild extravagance. "How much good could be done with all this wasted money!" is the usual comment. But is that true?

Extravagance is a vice; wanton extravagance is a crime. But still worse is wanton charity—the giving that pauperizes. And hard indeed is it to give in charity beyond a very small amount without pauperizing.

Our problem is not at all what people do with their surplusage. It is what we shall do to prevent these surplusages, to prevent trickery and stealth from misdirecting vast sums from those who have earned to those who have not and could not earn. Earners create no problem of prodigality or extravagence. They know what to do with their money—and what not to do with it.—*Saturday Evening Post.*

From a Single Taxer Unlimited.

Editor Fairhope COURIER:

Enclosed please find $1.00 for which kindly extend my subscription.

Since I have been receiving the paper weekly, I have felt a deeper interest in Fairhope and its work. I sincerely trust nothing may happen to interrupt the application of the Single Tax unlimited. There would be nothing unique or progressive about a colony where only absolutely necessary public expenditures are paid from land values, the unused portion of such values remaining for speculation. Such a course would be but little better than among the philistines where even now a part of public revenue is raised by land value taxation.

I look forward in hopeful anticipation to the time when I can engage in some occupation adapted to your colony and add my quota to the efforts bravely being put forth for the establishment of Justice without which humanity can never attain the fullest measure of life, liberty or happiness. Fraternally yours,

Toronto, Canada. George Cartwright.

Private Vs. Public Appropriaton of Land Values

Talking with an esteemed neighbor, J. W. Grove of Marlow, on the boat the other day, he told of selling forty acres across the river for $22.50 an acre a few days before—all cash—and mentioned a number of other sales he had made within a few months, at prices ranging from $15 to $22.50 an acre. We remarked that we supposed it was worth about $1 an acre when we came to the county about ten years ago, and he said, "yes, I tried to sell it at $1 an acre and couldn't." We mention Mr. Grove's name in this connection not to reflect upon him in the least degree, for he is as honest and conscientious a citizen as Baldwin county holds, and a generous and public-spirited one as well—but to give definiteness and force to an illustration of how land values have been increasing in Baldwin county in the last few years, and to show how it is accepted without question on the part of the public generally that land values should increase and should be collected by those who own the land for their personal benefit.

Much of the land upon which Fairhope is located was purchased ten years or less ago at approximately a dollar an acre.

Had the few founders of Fairhope proceeded in the usual way they might all have been wealthy today from the increase in the value of their land. But believing that system to be wrong in principle and in practice detrimental to the public interest, they deliberately put away from themselves every opportunity to thus profit from the increasing value of the land, and offered it to whoever would take it, under contracts which guarantee to all who may live upon it, equal share in its increasing value.

Yet, strange as it may seem, those who have thus foregone an advantage which law and custom would give them; who have only asked for that to be collected for the public benefit which they might have taken for themselves; have been subjected to more and bitterer criticism than those who have reaped the "unearned increment" without pretense of returning any of it to the public. Or, to put it in another way: those who

have sought to--and have—given something to the people, are more criticised than those who take from them.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

How hard it is to get at one's literary work when every minute of the day brings out a new flower to be admired or shows some border that needs straightening up, some straggling branch to be straightened up to its stake or pillar. The wisterias are almost gone; the roses are coming to their glory of color, perfume and mass. The Isabella Sprunt, a high bush that must be seven or eight feet in diameter and bends to the ground on all sides, is literally a sheet of delicate creamy yellow. How great the pleasure of giving them away! When you give a noble rose to a passer by, you know you have added surely to the grace of life, and thus is your pleasant labor rewarded—labor so delightful, indeed, that it asks no reward.

* * * There is so much to write, beloved, faraway friends:—Carrie, Bel, Alma mia, Adelheid, Max, Lizzie A., Marie.....and so many others, that I know not where to commence. I have not said a word of the flying visit of beautiful Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Why, she came at night and left the next morning—came without warning and just at the moment when the air was full of the smoke of battle. For you know of our late "unpleasantness" and have deplored it, and given us, I know, your tenderest sympathies. Mrs. Wilcox could not feel or see anything but that her ideal Fairhope, her petted and spoiled "heaven on earth," was shattered. It was too bad. As she expressed it, "the sawdust was all out of her doll." Come back, O Friend and lover! and find in the glory of the springtime the sawdust all replaced with fragrant rose petals.

* * * Nor have I said a word of any of the delightful friends who came to our Conference: Messrs. Hall, Leverson, McMahon and others. One morning my neighbor, Miss Herring, in her little cottage over the way, entertained Bolton Hall, Dr. M. R. Leverson and myself at breakfast. There were not chairs enough to go around, so we pulled up the fruit and flower laden table before the lounge. Bolton Hall was to give a sermon in the church at eleven, so he wished to eat very little, he said—but he managed very well, I think, for Alice, like the rest of us, is a nature crank, and the appetizing "breakfast foods" of the market were well represented on her table, beside varieties of nuts and fruits--oranges, bananas and apples, with milk and hot chocolate for drinks. I "poked fun" at the shredded wheat, calling it "excelsior," but it was a great favorite with all the rest. The word reminded Bolton Hall of the exclamation of a little girl on accidentally ripping open the body of her doll—"O mamma! dolly has been eating breakfast food!" Another story enlivened that memorable breakfast in Wonderland (Alice in Wonderland, you know) but the last word being a little wicked I will not record it, nor tell who gave the story. It was of a man—a vegetarian crank who concocted a brand new breakfast food—medicinal and terrible, and offered it to friends who were dining with him. He lauded it enthusiastically, but one of the guests, being quizzed about it the next day, said: "No, it did not taste good, but it was as hygienic as ———."

On returning home to the Pines some evenings since, a great surprise awaited me. A tall, courtly, fine looking gentleman was meandering about the garden waiting my return. It was my old correspondent, Dr. Frank Hawley, son of my old camp foreman at Topolobampo, Capt. Charles A. Hawley, one of the best friends and sincerest admirers it has ever been my good fortune to know. We both left Mexico the same year, I think, i. e. 1893. He went to Massachusetts, where he died not long after, and we never met again. He told me much of his almost idolized only child, Dr. Frank, and introduced him to me through letters. We corresponded for many years, tho' of late we seemed to lose touch of each other—wholly my fault, for he was never remiss. He answered all letters, all questions, and is certainly a very brilliant letter-writer. I was most glad to meet him and to find that he has a genuine interest in Fairhope. He subscribed for the Courier, and some day, I believe, will cast his lot with us.

* * * I have given so much space to other matters that the promised little journeys to Fairhope's unpretentious homes, must be deferred until next week.

The "Iron Law of Wages" Due to Land Monopoly

To the Editor:

The socialistic philosophy is based upon a false foundation. The theory of the "iron law of wages"—that wages tend to the lowest point at which labor will consent to live and reproduce—upon which the philosophy is based, is itself based upon a false foundation—the foundation of land monopoly, which the single tax would correct.

Karl Marx, in "Capital," says: "The foundation of the capitalistic method of production is to be found in that theft which deprived the masses of their rights in the soil, in the earth, the common heritage of all."

The single tax would restore the "rights of the masses in the soil, in the earth, the common heritage of all," thus destroying "the foundation of the capitalistic method of production," and making socialism unnecessary.

That the "iron law of wages" operates under our present economic system, based, as Karl Marx clearly shows, on land monopoly, is true; but that it necessarily follows as a result of a competitive industrial system is absolutely false. Abolish land monopoly, "the foundation of the (present) capitalistic method of production," and the "iron law of wages" will cease to be a "law."

The persistence of interest under our present economic system is inevitable. That it would persist under a single tax regime is not so certain. The fact that interest, like wages, is high in new countries, where natural opportunities for employment are comparatively free, and low in old countries, where the natural resources are monopolized, being the lowest in London, where 5,800 individuals own all the land upon which 7,000,000 people must live, led Henry George to assume that under the single tax both interest and wages would rise, while rent would fall. Wages are high in new countries because natural opportunities for employment are comparatively free, labor thus receiving practically natural wages—its full product; they are low in old countries because the natural resources are monopolized and labor must pay a large share of its product, as rent, for the privilege of using them. Interest is high in new countries because capital is scarce, while opportunities for its employment are plentiful, and because labor, receiving the bulk of its product and possessing little or no capital, can afford to pay high interest and still receive more than in old countries where the land and capital are owned by the few. Having little or no rent to pay, practically all of labor's product is divided between labor and capital; interest is low in old countries because capital is abundant and rent absorbs the lion's share of production.

But suppose that in this new country the single tax prevented the monopolization of land. Then labor, receiving high wages, much of it employing itself, would soon accumulate its own capital, receiving its return, economic interest—merged in wages or income. Soon many might be willing to lend while few might care to borrow. Under such circumstances interest would tend to the vanishing point and all would have to render "service for service."

A. Freeland.

Additional Personal and Local.

"April showers and spring flowers"—both are abundant now.

Mrs. Bessie Call is adding a room 12x18 to her neat cottage on Fairhope avenue.

The D. S. Brown cottage on his land adjoining the colony, is being remodeled and added to.

Mr. Mathews has up and partly enclosed the cottage he is building on Church street, just this side of his own residence.

A heavy blow from the west, on Wednesday, blew the schooners *Minneola* and *Good Luck* on the beach. No damage was done on the land so far as learned.

The prospect is excellent for a good potato crop, but there is some fear that the low price of old potatoes in the north may make low prices on the new crop.

Mr. C. C. Cook, of Booneville, Iowa, executor of the estate of George E. Baldwin, is here on business. Mr. Cook thinks Fairhope has made great improvement since his last visit.

Mr. Bennema, a friend in New Jersey, of Messrs. Smit and Steenstra, and others of our Hollanders, is making them a visit on his way east from California. He is much interested in Fairhope and the single tax.

Everybody interested be at the hall on Tuesday evening to meet Mr. Herbert Brenon, of New Orleans, and hear his proposition in regard to organizing a theatrical class and giving a play. Usual meeting also of School of Philosophy.

The small steamer Ziyara which was brought down from Chicago last fall, and was run for a while to Magnolia Springs is to be operated it is said, as a late and early boat to eastern shore points this summer, leaving Mobile between 5 and 6 in the evening and reaching there returning at about 8 A. M.

Mr. Charles Stradling is building a small cottage on Fels' avenue, about opposite Mr. Dyson's. The Stradling family is the one which struck here in the winter with a child coming down with scarlet fever, and who were quarantined so long at Captain Lawrence's. The child is now better than ever and no new cases developed though the house was full of children.

Our usual April drouth has been conspicious by its absence so far. We have been having abundant showers but yet no excessive rainfall. As a result crops though somewhat late this spring are coming on finely. Mr. J. W. Grove of Marlow who has been fourteen years in the county, says this is the finest crop spring he has seen.

Mrs. Call's growing dry goods and millinery business demands more room and an addition is being made to their building 24x36 which will contain four nice living rooms beside gallery, and the present living rooms will be added to the store room. There will also be a rest room for the comfort of patrons from the country, and a room for storing and opening goods.

Our popular citizen Mr. W. B. Thomas, has received an appointment as postmaster at Magnolia Springs and he and Mrs. Thomas expect to move over there about May first. Mr. Thomas will make Magnolia Springs a very efficient and popular postmaster, but its gain will be distinctly our loss. The removal of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will be keenly regretted by their large circle of Fairhope friends.

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J. De Bruyn, is a new settler of Holland descent who has applied for 40 acres of Colony land, in section 15, east of Mr. Barkley's. Mr. De Bruyn purchased land away back in the interior of the county, over 20 miles from Fairhope, but his wife, who came in this way and met our Mr. Geo. Steenstra later, formed such a favorable opinion of Fairhope that she prevailed on him to investigate conditions here, which he did with result that he decided to come to Fairhope. There are four big sons in the family.

Mr. Pilcher is assisting Mershon Brothers with their books while the *Fairhope* is being repaired.

The enlargement of the COURIER is seriously contemplated.

The E. T. Molyneux cottage is being painted.

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Pursuant to the COURIER'S offer made some time since, we hereby advertise for sale the improvement of Mr. Jno. Smit, in Fairhope, for $825, fixed as its actual present value by a committee chosen by Mr. Smit and the COURIER, comprising Messrs. Bancroft and Massey. This is a very desirable property, consisting of a house of six rooms and good barn 34x44, chicken houses, rabbitry, peach trees, strawberry beds, etc., with lease of four acres of land all cleared and in cultivation. Located across the street from new school grounds and within ⅓ of a mile of center of town. Good reasons for selling.

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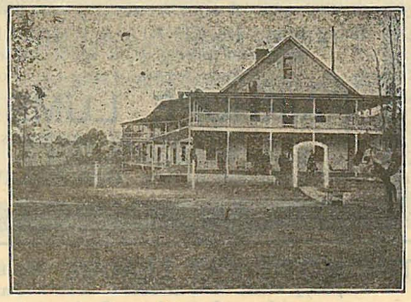
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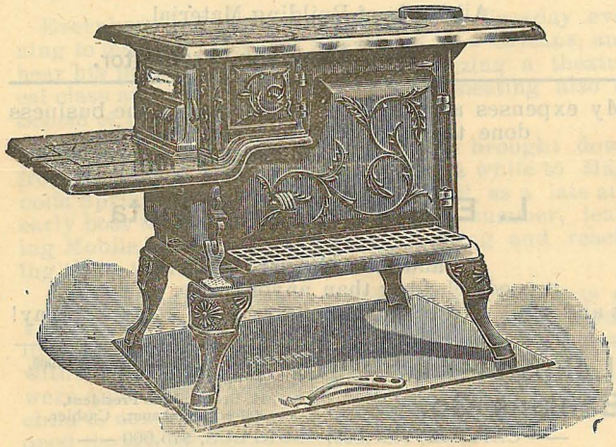
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THE LORD OF THE LAND

By A. Tain Ross

I'M the Lord of the Land; I'm the man in possession,
Thanks, thanks to the Law; and it's power of oppression;
All my *cattle* I've paid for with money in hand,
But the *women and men* were *thrown in* with the land.

For you know, when I buy up the land where men dwell,
I buy up their souls and their bodies as well;
Some I scatter like sheep to pick up a living,
And to me, in the slums, some their life's blood are giving.

Most precious are they, for while *they* increase,
My increasing prosperity never can cease;
The poor devils poorer and poorer may grow,
While my "basket and store" and my coffers o'erflow.

In *my* country, where thousands of acres are hired
By a millionaire sportsman, few men are required;
Deer pay better—e'en grouse show a larger return:
And my fishing preserves, both in river and burn,
Are also let out, for the rivers are *mine*,
And no poaching allowed with gun, net or line.
In fact, I'm the Lord of both Water and Land,
A law-made Land Lord, of superior brand!

But one thing, I feel, is a curse to the nation,
'Tis in giving the peasants *too much education*,
It breeds discontent, brings them out of their station,
And makes them forget I'm the Lord of Creation.

—From *The Liberator*, Auckland, New Zealand, Jan. '05.

Land Values in London

According to an article in an English magazine, quoted from by that excellent single tax publication *The Liberator*, of Auckland, N. Z., the total number of owners of London's land is 5,800, and a very large portion, including the most valuable districts is owned in great estates by a few families and great corporations. We quote the further startling facts regarding land values in London from this article:

"The extent of the princely incomes obtained by the landlords from these estates it is impossible to ascertain, as there is no readiness to allow the public to get information and the investigations of public bodies are not welcomed. But it has been estimated that the three contiguous estates—the Eyre, Portman and Portland—produce an annual income of about £1,200,000.

"Upon the falling in of the Portman leases in 1888, Mr. Hunt, the agent, is said to have received for the landlord the sum of £1,250,000 for premiums upon the renewal of over seventeen hundred leases. The usual conditions of renewal of these leases included the payment down of a heavy premium, and the imposition of a greatly increased rent. In one instructive case a dressmaker in Baker street had her ground rent increased from £10 10s to £80, was made to pay a fine of £1,000, and was further required to spend £500 on the house.

"The rates in London have increased during the past thirty years from £4,000,000 per annum to £10,000,000 or 150 per cent., but no part of this increase has been borne by the owners of the land, the value of which has increased in equal proportion during the same time.

The highest prices for the freehold of the sites are, of course, to be found in the centre of the city, in the immediate neighborhood of the Bank of England, a price at the rate of over £3,250,000 an acre being attained; that is, £75 per square foot, or over 10s per square inch!

"In Bond Street a price of £35 per square foot, or more than £1,500,000 per acre, has been reached. The 75,000 acres within the London County Council area would, if used as agricultural land, yield no more than £100,000 a year rent. Yet at present they yield nearly £20,000,000, owing to the necessities of a vast population for standing and sleeping room.

"It is estimated that for every soul that is added to the population of London, £100 is thereby added to the property of the ground landlord, while for every public improvement effected by the community a rich harvest is at once reaped by the landowners, who have contributed nothing towards it."

From Frances Margaret Milne

MR. E. B. GASTON,
EDITOR FAIRHOPE COURIER:

Dear Sir:—I have just received the COURIER for March 31—the label on the wrapper showing me that you have very kindly put my name upon your roll for a year to come. I do indeed deeply appreciate such a proof of regard. I have seen the COURIER more or less frequently, and always read it with the deepest interest; but these numbers in which you discuss the vital question of tampering with the rental value have a supreme interest to an "unlimited" single taxer like myself. Your position is most ably taken against the low rental. Surely the actual rental value, which must advance with your progress, is the only just measure—as you clearly show. I hope no outside or time-serving influence will be allowed to weaken the firm foundation on which you have built. As it appears to me, the only reason for the existence of Fairhope is the showing forth in actual practice of a grand and fundamental principle of human progress. To other communities may be left the race for mere material advancement—you are the light of which Shakespeare wrote,

"How far that little candle throws its beams!
So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

With warm thanks for your personal kindness to my little book and the COURIER's appreciation in quoting from it—which gratifies me very much—believe me,

Sincerely yours,
San Luis Obispo, Cal. FRANCES M. MILNE.

"Whole of the Unearned Increment Belongs to the Community"

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I enclose one dollar for the FAIRHOPE COURIER to June 15th, as per your notice, and hope to renew at that date. I thank you for continuing the paper. I also send ten cents for the Booklet.

The COURIER goes around quite a little circle of friends who are watching you with keen interest, and also what appears to be an attempt on the part of some of your number to grab a portion of the rent.

Whatever you do, don't forsake the principle that the WHOLE of the increment BELONGS to the community even though the community does not care to collect all.

Very truly yours,
New Dorchester, Mass. H. H. PIERCE.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Pork, Mutton, and beef for Sunday dinner. Wilson and Nelson.

Mr. Moorman was elected director of the Fairhope Cornet Band last week.

Lawns, laces, embroidery in great variety.
Mrs. Anne A. Call.

Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty expect to get into their new cottage about the first of next month.

Easter services will be held at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning at the hall, by the Congregational society.

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Mr. Albert Stearns is now in charge of the wharf repair work, assisted by John Stites and Geo. Lawrence Jr.

Remember the COURIER office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

The Fairhope Junior nine and a Fish river nine, played a game of ball on the Massey grounds, on last Saturday and the Fairhope juniors won.

Mr. F. Fehlau of Chunchula, Ala , who has been visiting in Baldwin county, has shown a friendly interest in Fairhope, making us several visits.

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Miss Hester Waddell, Miss Aldine Elliott and Miss Lucile Crighton, were among those who took advantage of the Carney's first Sunday round trip, and visited Fairhope last Sunday.

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Mrs. E. M. Keller left at the COURIER office, on last Saturday the fifteenth, new potatoes the size of hens eggs. Mr. Keller is a son of our Mr. Jos. Keller and lives about eight miles southeast of Fairhope.

Mr. Gus Oberg has purchased the interest in the Fairhope livery business, of Mr. W. B. Thomas, and took possession last Saturday. We believe Mr. Oberg will be a success in the business and welcome him to Fairhope business circles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hill, left for their home in Des Moines on Tuesday morning. They are very pleasant people and we are glad to say that there is good prospect of their return in the fall, and that if they do Mr. Hill will probably take hold actively in helping to develop Fairhope. Before leaving for the north, Mr. Hill took a trip over to Pensacola, to see the fleet of battleships in the harbor there. and with rare good fortune discovered in the Captain of the Cruiser DES MOINES, an old schoolmate whom he had not seen for years, who made it his business to see that he had the time of his life while there.

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Easter hats, Easter neckwear.
Mrs. Anne B. Call.

New issue of Fairhope Souvenir postal cards, on sale at the COURIER office, nine kinds, one cent each.

W. A. Baldwin's planing mill is kept running almost constantly, to keep up with his orders for building material.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman gave a very pleasant dancing party at their charming home, Ingleside, on last Saturday evening.

The "Carney" made a round trip to Eastern shore points last Sunday, but the day was too cool and windy to tempt many to make the trip.

Dr. E. L. Page has purchased the improvements of Mr. Koopman, on the corner of Magnolia avenue and Section street and he will move in, in a few days.

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Mrs. J. C. Simpson of Des Moines, who has been with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creswell, since January, left for her home on Wednesday morning. She felt greatly improved by her stay here.

The schooners Mineola and Good Luck both brought loads of lumber around this week from the Whipple-Kinney mill, on Weeks Bay, for Captain Lawrence, who is now handling that mill's product here.

To my friends and patrons: On and after May first I will be in the employ of the Fairhope Mercantile Co. The same courtesy and accommodations will be extended patrons in the future as in the past, and your patronage is respectfully solicited. Charles B. Gill.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stearns have moved into the two story C. K. Brown cottage, next door to the small one, which they have been occupying, and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Miller, will occupy the latter on their return from their wedding tour.

Mr. A. F. Hutchings of the Beach Hotel, Battles, is arranging a fine amusement park on the hotel grounds, and proposes to have a series of ball games during the summer between Baldwin county and Mobile teams and will hang up to be competed for, a handsome cup.

Mr. Frank Creswell made a business trip to Evergreen, Ala., last week. He says that Evergreen is a flourishing little city, but he would prefer to live in Fairhope. Mr. Sam. Creswell, who is now living at Evergreen, looks, he says, better than he ever saw him. He weighs about 175 pounds. He is driving a mail route out from Evergreen.

The Sunday-school classes of Rev. and Mrs. Shupe gave an ice cream social at their farm home on Wednesday evening. The young people labored under difficulties for there was no ice in town to make the cream and the Carney, on which the ice was coming, did not get in until nearly eight o'clock so that it was about ten o'clock before the cream was ready for serving. An unfortunate incident was that young Miss Rachel Foster, was thrown from a horse she was riding and painfully but not seriously injured.

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Strawberries are quite plentiful now, and dewberries, huckleberries and mulberries are beginning to ripen.

Extraordiuarily cool weather for this section was experienced, from Sunday to Tuesday inclusive. Frost was even feared, but happily escaped.

Heinz pickles, olives, catsups, baked beans, mustard dressing, India relish and everything in this line of pure eatables found only at this store. Mershon Bros.

The Council on Monday evening granted permission to the Fairhope Base-ball Club through Mr. Massey, to use the cleared tract on the White land on the bay front, for a ball ground, subject to vacation on short notice. This will make the boys a fine and easily accessible ground, and the splended shade trees surrounding it will afford grateful protection from the sun for the spectators.

A merry party consisting of Misses Kate and May Robinson, Miss Mary Rankin, Miss Joanna May Laws, Mr. Robert Perrin, Mr. W. Christian, Mr. Henry Aldrich, Mr. Willis Hybart chaperoned by Mrs. George Robinson left the city yesterday on the launch Katherine for Fairhope where they will spend the week's end at the comfortable summer home of the Robinson's returning tomorrow morning. Item, Sunday April 16.

Mr. Rowe, who is contemplating the erection of an ice plant is balked by the water problem. There is an unlimited amount of purest water on the beach where he proposes to put his plant, but how to get it out of the fine sand, practically quick-sand, in which it is found, is a problem, which he has as yet been unable to solve to his satisfaction. The same problem confronts the Colony in seeking an increased supply of water for public use. Any suggestions as to a method of overcoming this difficulty which our friends may be able to make out of their experience will be thankfully received.

The regular monthly meeting of the Baldwin county agricultural society, will be held at Fairhope on Saturday, the 29th, and President Dr. Greeno, is very desirous of a good attendance. An especial matter for consideration will be that of having another of the Farmer's Institutes conducted by Professors from the State college and experiment farm at Auburn, which have proven so interesting and profitable.

Messrs. Bell and Baldwin in digging a cistern for Doctor Atkinson this week, found roots of Bermuda grass more than ten feet below the surface and most of this distance the soil was the very hard red sandy clay, which underlies this vicinity. This shows how valuable an agent Bermuda grass may be made for keeping the roadsides and gully-banks from washing in our heavy rains. No better expenditure of money can be made than getting it set out in all places likely to wash. Give it a start and it "will do the rest."

Meeting for Worship

A meeting for worship after the manner of the Society of Friends is held at the residence of Archibald and Elizabeth Crosbie, Fairhope, on Firstday (Sunday) mornings at eleven o'clock giving opportunity for christian fellowship in the freedom and simplicity the truth as it is in Jesus requires.

All inclined to attend are welcome.

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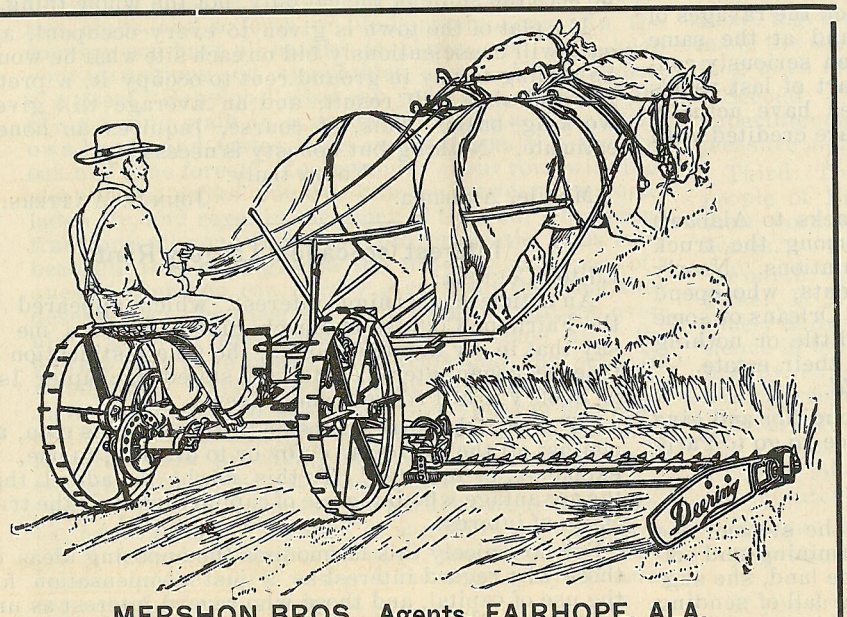
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The state board of equalization of taxes, of New Jersey, has directed all assessors to separately assess all land and improvements, except farm lands. The principal object of the board is no doubt, to increase the tax assessment, but the information secured will be of great value in other ways.

A motion passed the Council on Monday evening to declare all leases forfeited to unimproved lands on which the rent for last year has not been paid, and instructing the treasurer to notify all holders of unimproved lands who have not paid their rents for the first half of 1905, that if the same are not paid by May 1, their leases will be forfeited.

It is reported that Mr. Samuel White has sold his splendidly improved place east of Battles. The price, as stated, was $3000; it is also stated that Mr. White has expended $8000 upon the place—and it evidences it. Please note that this improvement was not on Fairhope land, also that the price covers several years presumable increase in the land value.

The national government and various southern states are appropriating large sums to check the ravages of the boll weevil on the cotton crop and at the same time, farmers and merchants have been seriously contending for the burning of a large part of last year's bumper crop, and thousands of bales have actually been publicly burned. And yet men are credited with being reasoning beings.

"Absenteeism is one of the drawbacks to Alabama prosperity. It is not felt so much among the truck farmers as it is among the big plantations. Nearly half of them are owned by non-residents, who spend their money in Paris, New York, New Orleans or some of the other southern cities, and do little or nothing in the way of making improvements on their estate."—WM. E. CURTIS in *Chicago Record-Herald.*

The single tax would remedy this condition and give those who *work* the plantations a chance to go to Paris or New Orleans occasionally.

Discussing with Miss Chapman on the steamer one day recently the question of the determining and collection of the proper rentals on Fairhope land, she suggested that the plan be tried the coming fall of sending to every lessee a special request for him to give his estimate (on a proper blank, enclosed) of the reasonable value of his own holding. This value would, of course, apply to the adjacent lots, as well. We are inclined to think the suggestion is a good one and will be glad to see it tried. The Council has heretofore made a zealous effort to get the tenants to estimate the value of other holdings, without any success whatever; but possibly they can be induced to estimate the value of their own, and if they will not, they should certainly be estopped from complaining at the values fixed by the Council.

To "own your own land", which so many people think is the first thing to be desired, is not always the "sure thing" hoped for. Even a title from "Uncle Sam" is not always good. Thus in the case of Grove vs. Summers, the land commissioners at Washington, have set aside the homestead entry of Mr. Summers, though there was nothing on record to show that the land had been previously entered and his money was accepted by the land office, and confirmed the title of Mr. Grove, resting on an unrecorded entry made about a half century ago. Mr. Summers, who has spent a great deal of money in improving the property, will now have either to pay Mr. Grove, the present value of the land (exclusive of improvements) or sell him his improvements at their appraised value; Mr. Grove having the option to determine which.

Another Hundred per Cent. Single Taxer

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I enclose post office money order for $1 to renew my subscription to the COURIER.

I, too, am a 100 per cent. single taxer. As long as there is profit in mere land owning, somebody will get what he has not earned, and others have been deprived of what they have earned. With the railroads and telegraphs all owned by the general government, with the tariff abolished, and with all public utilities owned by the respective communities, there would still be industrial slavery. The "Single Tax, limited" will not cure the trouble.

If the owner of a gold mine paying $100,000 a year rent has only to give up $10,000 of it, he can enjoy all the comforts and luxuries of life, obtaining the things made by other men without a stroke of labor of hand or brain on his part. That is a condition which a single-taxer who has "seen the cat" wishes to remedy. The "Single Taxer, limited" is like Alice in Wonderland—he sees the smile of the cat only, not the whole thing.

If a plat of the town is given to every occupant, and each will conscientiously bid on each site what he would be willing to pay in ground rent to occupy it, a pretty fair appraisal will result, and an average will give a working basis. This, of course, requires an honest estimate. Nothing but honesty is necessary.

Yours truly.

Mobile, Alabama. JOHN S. WATTERS.

Interest (so-called) Largely Rent

Editor COURIER:

An article concerning interest, which appeared in the Fairhope COURIER of March, 31st influences me to say that in my humble opinion, the true justification of true economic interest is tersely stated in chapter 1st, of Book V11 of Progress and Poverty.

"That which a man makes or produces is his own, as against all the world—to enjoy or to destroy, to use, to exchange, or to give." To this might be added that the advantage which the use of capital confers is the true cause of interest.

See how nicely this harmonizes the opposing ideas of those who regard interest as a just compensation for the use of capital, and those who regard interest as unjust, and believe it should be abolished.

I believe the sentiment against interest is the natur-

al result of the appearance of rent under the guise of interest: interest on the unpaid purchase price of land the kind of interest that makes it almost impossible to get a secure resting place on the earth: interest on money loaned out in such a way as to make the money lender to all practical purposes, joint owner to the land. I would say to those who believe that interest is unjust and oppressive, that as to a very large, if not the larger portion of the money which is paid to money lenders as interest is concerned: we are with you, heart and soul, not because we believe that interest is wrong in principle, but because those interest transactions which create a sentiment against interest are not interest transactions in the proper economic sense but economic rent, not interest money paid for the use of land. EDWARD GATES.

Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

April, 19. * * * Did you ever remark how many people there are who deprecate improvements on grounds about the house on the plea that they love "nature unadorned"? This is comprehensible when it is a question of grand scenery, "Alp piled on Alp," for example; but applied to one's front or back yard it seems like an excuse for pure laziness. Some of my friends scold me because I do so much in my flower garden. Why, I am rested by my garden work, no matter how tired I am; tho' I do not do any but the light work when I am tired. At such times I scratch around with my little five fingered iron hand, transplant some tiny treasure from a seed bed, etc.,

How glorious is Fairhope now with its gardens of roses! I think the very largest and most full and perfect in shape is the Mrs. John Laing. Of course the very largest is the Paul Neyron, now full of immense, globular buds. The amaryllis, the Chinese primrose, the exquisitely fragrant Chinaberry tree, and hundreds of others not found at the Pines, are now nearly at perfection. The gracilium jasmines have long been in bloom and other jasmines and clematis are just opening.

I believe it is generally thought that there is more excitement in a city than in the country. Living in Fairhope would correct that mistake, as I, who have lived most of my days in the great cities, can testify. There you must be specially related to others in societies, clubs, and so forth, or life is monotonous. In the country you have all nature to charm you, and keep your attractions and sympathies alive. You, denizen of a great "Babylon," what can you know of the delight of a morning walk in a garden you love and that your own hands and tastes have evolved from the scrubby oak-and-pine forest? You meander about your winding, clean-swept walks; you drink in the heavenly, perfume-laden air, and revel in the glory of the sun, whose rays transform all your dewdrops into prismatic gems more beautiful than ever graced the brow or the breast of a queen. But you can hardly give them the time they deserve, so absorbee are you in noting all the overnight growth; the seeds that have "come up," the flowers that have opened, the fruit that has set. No wonder Ella Wheeler Wilcox long ago (before the sawdust had begun to sift out of her "heaven-on-earth" doll!) urged us to adorn our homes with gardens of flowers. How provoking that she did not stay long enough with us to note that we are great lovers of flowers, and that some of our gardens would have won her admiration. I venture to say there are more flowers in vases here, and more worn, than in any place of its size in the world.—But I must tear myself away from the fascinating subject.

* * Sometime ago my neighbor, Mr. Trenholme, gave a reception to a few friends in his new cottage. He is one of our new members, this tall, graceful Montreal gentleman, and is one of the most cultured, public spirited, and appreciated of our young people. I believe he is destined to play an important part in the history of this colony. Already his influence is felt. I have noticed with much pleasure that he never tries to shirk public duties. For example, addressing the Progressive League in his turn, holding the rather onerous secretaryships of weekly societies of which he holds two, at least. But let me try again to get back to that little reception. The interior of the cottage was made charming with flowers. On the top of a pretty, substantial magazine stand or rack there was an immense branch of wistaria from the Pines, its purple clusters drooping half way down the stand on three sides. This piece of furniture was made by Mr. Trenholme, who belongs to our Arts and Crafts Guild, and to which he will, no doubt, contribute specimens of artistic work. On one of the walls of the cottage, was a fine array of polished carpenter's tools; on another end, behind the "cozy corner" seat, were beautiful photographs—rows of aristocratic looking Trenholmes of several generations. Proud of being a good carpenter a "day laborer", imbued with the scope and meaning of the function, the dignity and the destiny of Labor, he may not like to see the word "aristocratic" applied to him; but I will let it stand for what the original Greek word means.

Profitable Educational Meeting

The annual session of the Baldwin County Educational Association convened at the court house Thursday, April 13, at 8 p. m., and after a hearty welcome by Hon. J. H. H. Smith and appropriate response by Prof. James Bellangee, began a most interesting session of two days.

There were in attendance about twenty of Baldwin's teachers and in addition Prof. N. R. Baker of Mobile, E. W. Barrington of Wilcox, and J. Bellangee of Fairhope.

A most enjoyable session was had, adjourning Saturday at 12 m., after the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED by the teachers and friends of education in attendance at the session of the Baldwin County Educational Association held in Bay Minette:

First: that the benefit and encouragement derived from the able papers and profitable discussions of the same, together with the fine addresses presented, have made the sessions exceedingly profitable to us, and are long to be remembered with pleasure.

Second: That a vote of thanks be tendered our worthy superintendent for affording us the opportunity for pleasure and profit.

Third: That a vote of thanks be tendered the good people of Bay Minette for their hearty welcome and their cordial reception and entertainment in their homes.

Fourth: That we are deeply indebted to Profs. N. R. Baker, E. W. Barrington and Jas. Bellangee for their timely addresses, their words of counsel and their patience in helping us along difficult ways, and that we hereby extend to them our thanks and assurance of our appreciation of their efforts.

Fifth: That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the *Baldwin Times*, the *Standard*, and the FAIRHOPE COURIER for publication; and that they be spread upon the minutes of the association.

The next session convenes in Daphne, next October.

Bay Minette, Ala. H. HERBERT HOLMES, Sec.

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Editor Courier:

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I and many others have been deterred from embarking in your enterprise, chiefly because of the many statements that it was difficult to make one's labors procure a livelihood in Fairhope. So long as the railroads are permitted to continue the nefarious practice of brigandage upon which they have entered in recent years, no enterprise based upon trade with other localities reached only by railroad freight has any chance of prosperity without joining the band of cut-throats.

Fairhope, however, lies upon the shore of Mobile Bay and can trade by water with all the seacoast cities of the whole wide world. Another chance for the under dog lies in the development of such industries as may be carried on through the distributive system of the national post office, despite its unfair rate on heavy packages.

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I have been greatly interested in the rent controversy, and I saw in your last issue a suggestion as to whether the discontented ones would be willing to pay back what has been contributed all over the United States to the fund. This would not be all they would be called upon to pay, for land values would be quite as high proportionately in Fairhope as in Citronelle, and there would be no reason why they should not pay the increase. No single taxer can object to paying the full rental value of the land which he holds. Single taxers of the right kind will be constantly going to Fairhope to locate. If the objectors are still discontented with their rent, urge these single taxers to buy their improvements. Yours truly,

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Work on the steamer *Fairhope* is progressing satisfactorily, and without some at present unforeseen delays it is expected to have her running again by the middle of next week.

The many friends of Henry Clare Littlefield will hear with much pleasure that he has been advanced to the responsible position of foreman of the city department of the Mobile postoffice.

The Henry George Club had a very pleasant and profitable meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith yesterday (Thursday) afternoon. An excellent report of the meeting kindly furnished by Miss Herring will appear in the next issue.

Mr. B. F. Bates, a very pleasant gentleman and a single taxer, whose acquaintance the editor made soon after the establishment of Fairhope, and who has since been much interested in the Colony, was a fellow passenger on the *Carney* to the city yesterday. He is now in charge of the business at Daphne of the extensive Naval Stores Company.

Our neighbor, Mr. Wm. Weaver, returned last evening from his extended visit north, during which it was his sad duty to bury his wife, her death occurring on Dec. 26, four days after his arrival at her bedside. During his absence Mr. Weaver was in the four contiguous northern states of Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Illinois. He feels that he has had enough of the fiercely cold winters and alternate ice and mud of spring in that locality to last him for a long time. We believe he returns much better satisfied with Baldwin county than before.

Miss McKeon, enjoyed a visit recently from two of her friends, Mrs. A. J. Calvert and Miss Fanny Moreland ol Indianola, Ills. They had been in Mobile for several weeks and came over on the Sunday morning boat, returning Monday. Unfortunately Miss McKeon was ill at the time, but Miss Vera Mershon drove them about the village. They found Fairhope much more of a place than they had supposed, and were greatly pleased with it.

GRAND DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT

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Mr. J. Herbert Brenon, and wife, arrived on Monday evening for a short visit with Mrs. Brenon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Oberg. Mr. Brenon gave a very entertaining and instructive little talk on actors and the stage at the School of Philosophy on Tuesday evening and announced a meeting for Wednesday afternoon to take up the matter of forming a dramatic class and presenting a play soon under his direction.

The meeting was well attended and such interest manifested that arrangements were very soon made for the presentation on Friday evening, one week from today of the delightful little comedy, "My Aunt from Brazil." The time for preparation is very short, but Mr. Brenon will, of course, take the leading part, and under his skilled and enthusiastic direction our own superior local talent can be depended upon to take care of the other parts in good style.

This will not only afford our people rare entertainment but will be, we are sure, the launching of a permanent dramatic organization which will be a valuable means for education and amusement in years to come, Fairhope is full of dramatic talent which only needs training and encouragement.

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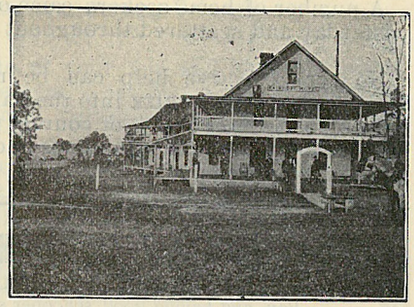
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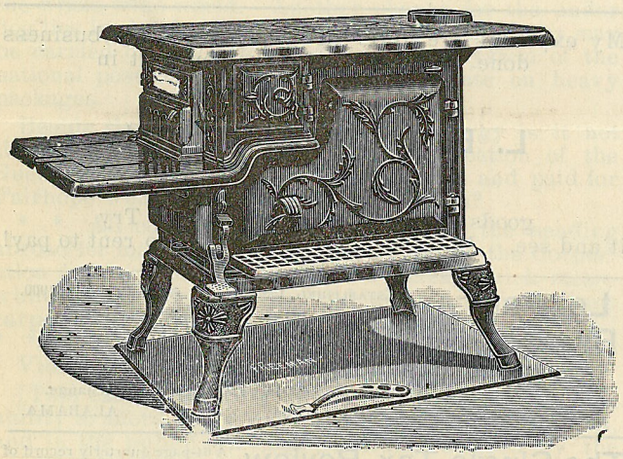
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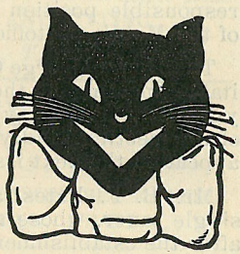
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To Ella Wheeler Wilcox

An Appeal from a Fairhoper

THINK not the rose has lost its charm,
Because, forsooth, the thorn appears;
Should moment's anger wreck a life,
Or spoil the work of faithful years?
Shall ocean gray its grandeur lose?
No beauty in the lake or sea,
Because we learn that 'neath its waves
Lie bones of wrecked humanity?
Shall we forget the shining sun
That ages light and life hath given,
Because the glass reveals a spot
Upon the glorious orb of heaven?
The flag of liberty was torn
And freedom's banner found a stain.
Yet now it floats serenely on—
"Truth crushed to earth will rise again."
Should timid child forsake its play
When, lo, its favorite toy is broken?
Or should its genius seek to mend,
And prove its preference by this token?
Turn not from us thy face away;
Chide us, but leave thy faith unshaken,
Bitter to feel thy chastening hand
But bitterer still to be forsaken;
Pour oil upon the troubled waves—
The oil of love and faith divine;
Blest be the hand that points the way—
Efficient, if that hand be thine—
Withold not this, thy magic pen;
Encourage them that long have striven,
Speed the one word we humbly crave—
The sweetest word of words—FORGIVEN.

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A very common mistake among those who do not understand the single tax thoroughly is in jumping to the conclusion that the benefit which it is obvious the merchant or the man who builds a house much better than the average, secures under the Fairhope policy, is secured at the expense of the poor man.

Protectionists who labor under the delusion that one party must be loser in every exchange are especially liable to fall into this error.

The fact is that the "rich man" (so-called) and the "poor man" (so-called) are both benefitted under our policy, not at the expense of either but by the saving to the community, which comprises both classes, of that value which elsewhere goes to the comparatively few who own land.

Our attention was recently called to a case where one who classed himself as a "poor man"—for the purpose of the argument, at any rate—was quite indignant because, as he asserted, he was helping to pay the taxes of another man,—a "rich man"—the taxes on whose fine house to the county and state, slightly exceeded the rent he paid the Colony. But a little businesslike figuring demonstrated, that making very conservative allowances for the taxes paid by the Colony on his lot and improvements, the tuition of his children, water, wharfage, bathing privileges etc., to say nothing of interest on the investment he would have had to make in the purchase price of the lot if it were not for the Colony policy, he, too, was "away ahead of the game;" and instead of having to "help pay the other man's taxes" as he claimed, he was really being paid for living in the Colony.

To substantiate a charge that the poor man is paying the rich man's taxes it must be shown that he is paying more under our plan than he otherwise would be, and we assert that this cannot be shown in one single instance, either in the town or in the country, where the individual is putting his land to anything like reasonable use. We will not try to figure any benefit for the man who is holding land out of use, but will admit at once that he is paying much more than he would elsewhere—and "that's the intinshun."

These are the direct results of our policy. The indirect benefits are perhaps even more to the poor man's advantage. The stimulus to improvement, by making sites so easy to secure, and relieving improvements from the burden of taxation which they elsewhere have to bear is the chief cause for the great activity in building operations here, and the first and greatest beneficiaries are those who have only their labor to sell, and who are usually classed as "poor men."

New Zealanders Interested in Fairhope

Mr. George Stevenson of Mt. Roskill, Auckland, New Zealand, sends an order for a dollar's worth of Fairhope booklets, and asks a price on a hundred. He says: "The booklet has caused a great interest to be taken in your colony and some single taxers are talking of forming a colony in New Zealand. Our country has this advantage that a colony could be started in a district where rating unimproved values is in operation and where no taxes would be levied on improvements."

Boat News

As we go to press (Friday) the Fairhope is expected over this evening or tomorrow, to resume her service. Her return to the run will be most heartily welcomed not only by the Fairhope people, but by the large number living in the interior, who have so greatly appreciated her early arrival in the evening, enabling them to get home in good time before dark. It is confidently expected that her service will be equal to, if not better than it has ever been.

The Mobile gentlemen who recently went east with tqe idea of purchasing a fine fast steamer for the eastern shore trade returned without making a purchase and our latest information is to the effect that the *Carney* will probably run direct to Point Clear as heretofore and the *Dolive* run around the shore, with the small steamer *Ziyara* as a "late and early" passenger boat.

The *Dolive* is now being overhauled at Mobile preparatory to taking the *Carney's* place, while she is given an overhauling.

Our poem this week, written by a resident, shows poetic talent of a high order. It first appeared in the Mobile daily *Herald*. Just by accident the editor of the COURIER discovered the authorship but he is not at liberty to disclose it.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Belts at Call's.

Mershon Brothers' wagon display Saturday don't miss it.

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C. K. Brown has the gratitude of pedestrians for spreading clay over the sand on the walk in front of his home place.

Remember the COURIER office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

Mrs. E. W. Jefferson left on Tuesday morning to re-visit her former home in Michigan. Mr. Jefferson accompanied her as far as Mobile.

One of the best of the new improvements to the Mershon Brothers' store is the enlarged office and china and glassware room on the second floor.

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Easter sermon next Sunday morning, April 30, at the Congregational services, by Rev. Oliver, and special music under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Moorman.

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On Monday evening a few friends from all the churches completely surprised Rev. Oliver at her home in the Stromberg cottage on the bay front. They left gifts of substantial value, the intrinsic worth of which was far excelled by the Christian fraternity their presence engendered.

An effort is, we understand, being made to reorganize the Fairhope Mercantile Company into a stock corporation with co operative features, and with good prospects of success. The members of the Fairhope Exchange are considering the matter of consolidating with the new company and are to hold a meeting tomorrow evening at which a final decision will probably be made.

Mr. W. T. L. Reed, a resident of Mr. Dowie's famous town, Zion City, visited Fairhope this week, coming over on the Monday evening boat and leaving the next morning. He improved the short time however, to learn all he could about Fairhope. He is quite friendly to the single tax and regrets that Mr. Dowie has not seen fit to apply it there. Land speculation is rife in Zion City and residence lots range in price from $350 to a couple of thousand dollars.

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Lawrence Tilson is working for the Fairhope Livery.

Big stock of rough and dressed lumber at Will Stimpson's yard.

The cottages of Mrs. Coulter and Miss Haworth are rapidly approaching completion.

Charles Wilson is building a new bakeshop and oven on the alley at the rear of his lot.

Messrs. Davis (Frank) and Graham are painting the exterior of Mershon Brothers big store.

New issue of Fairhope Souvenir postal cards, on sale at the COURIER office, nine kinds, one cent each.

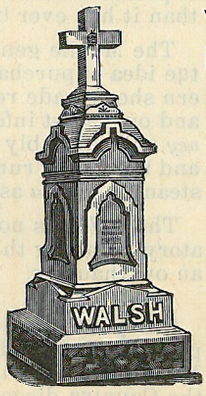
Miss Herring expects to leave for a few months soon, and her cozy cottage on Magnolia avenue could be rented for the summer.

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To my friends and patrons: On and after May first I will be in the employ of the Fairhope Mercantile Co. The same courtesy and accommodations will be extended patrons in the future as in the past, and your patronage is respectfully solicited. Charles B. Gill.

Easter was appropriaiely observed at Fairhope, Pastor Shupe delivered an appropriate sermon at the Christian church in the morning. Some very excellent special music was rendered by the choir and an exquisite vocal solo was given by Mr. Ed. S. Ross. The church was very handsomely decorated. At the hall, the Congregationalists presented very attractive exercises in the morning with bible reading and a short address by Rev. Mrs Oliver and a program of music and recitations. At the Christian church in the evening a program was rendered by the children of the Sunday-school. The church was crowded to the utmost capacty. Where there were so many participants it is not possible to mention all, and where all did so well, it would not do to mention any without mentioning all. That Fairhope has an extraordinary number of bright and interesting children was amply demonstrated at these Easter exercises.



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Mr. Jones of Mobile, who owns the former Dr. Page improvements just vacated by the Thomases, was over looking after his property and attending to other business last week.

The past week has been a busy one for the members of the Fairhope Dramatic Club, who, under Mr. Brenon's able direction, are to present at the hall tonight, the most laughable comedy, "Charley's Aunt."

The editor's family returns thanks to our enterprising neighbor farmer, Tom Denton, colored, for a fine mess of string beans—the first of the season. Tom is always well to the front with his beans, and has a fine patch this year.

Departures of our winter visitors have been numerous during the past week including Mrs. Stromberg and Mrs. Temple, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Magden, Mrs. Doudna, and Mother Williams; Mr. Foltz and Mr. and Mrs. Story.

Mr. and Mrs. Story, of Cleveland, who left on Thursday morning, after several week's stay, did so with the friendliest feeling toward Fairhope, which is quite sure to bring them back. Mrs. Story in particular, felt greatly improved by her stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas moved to Magnolia Springs last week and it is now "Postmaster" Thomas. Their many Fairhope friends regret greatly to lose them but are glad for Mr. Thomas' sake that he has a position so well suited to him and for which he is so well suited.

Mrs. Williams, mother of Mrs. N. and A. H. Mershon and Mrs. Littlefield, who has been with her children at Fairhope for more than a year accompanied her other daughters, Mrs. Magden and Mrs. Doudna to their home in Des Moines on Wednesday morning and will spend the summer in Iowa.

Mr. Anacker and Mr. Young of Chicago, relatives of Mrs. Ahrens, have been visiting her. Mr. Anacker has returned to Chicago, but Mr. Young will remain a couple of weeks yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian returned to their home at Greenville, Ill., last week, but were so pleased with Fairhope that they are almost certain to be back next winter and will probably take a lot and build.

Miss Bertha Hedges came over on the Sunday morning steamer and returned Monday morning. Miss Hedges' many Fairhope friends have been permitted to see very little of her for a long time past, as her duties as a nurse at the Providehce Infirmary have kept her very closely confined. She will, however, graduate from the institution next month and she will doubtless get over to Fairhope more frequently.

Meeting for Worship

A meeting for worship after the manner of the Society of Friends is held at the residence of Archibald and Elizabeth Crosbie, Fairhope, on Firstday (Sunday) mornings at eleven o'clock giving opportunity for christian fellowship in the freedom and simplicity the truth as it is in Jesus requires.

All inclined to attend are welcome.

Butter Economy

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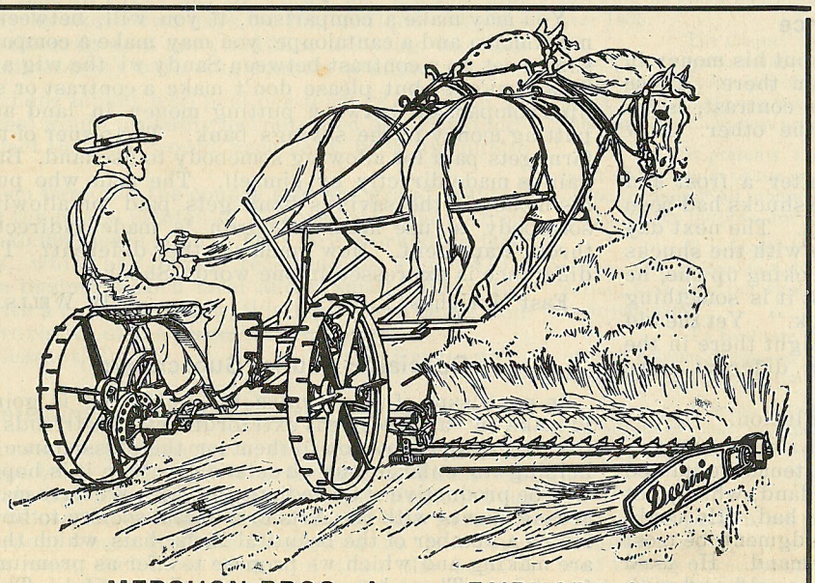
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Advertising rates on application.

Frances R. Riley, a pleasant Detroit lady, who has been spending the winter in New Orleans, a member of the writers' fraternity, is here studying Fairhope, with a view to writing it up for some publication.

Mr. Wm. Ryan has sent us a number of very nice half tone engravings of Henry George and John Z. White, for distribution among those of his Fairhope friends who would like the same, and who may secure them by calling at the COURIER office.

Our fellow editor, F. W. Rose, of *The Piedmont Herald*, Piedmont, W. Va., is seriously considering coming to Fairhope. He thought he had made a sale of his property there, but was disappointed. He has had several good mentions of Fairhope in his *Herald*, and exhorts us to "stick to the single tax and tax the land to its full value, thereby improving your town."

No man need expect an opportunity to get rich quick by looking into the single tax proposition. It is merely a method of getting the comforts and privileges for which we labor. And that method surely does not exist in the present state of society for any one save the shrewdest or the most unscrupulous.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Shucks Is the Difference

ONE man bought land; another man put his money in the savings bank, and let it remain there. These two transactions are often spoken of in contrast, as being entirely different, the one from the other. How much different are they?

One man went out in the woods after a frost and found a good many hickory nuts. The shucks had been loosened and came off without difficulty. The next day another man went out and found some with the shucks yet tight and fast around them, and, picking up one, he said: "This is not a hickory nut at all; it is something entirely different. This is only a shuck." Yet the old hickory nut, of the same kind, was right there in the middle of it all the time. How much different were they?

Some people prefer to believe in an illusion.

One man bought a farm and hired it out to a tenant. By this permission of the owner the tenant obtained an opportunity to make use of certain land, which, but for that permission, he would not have had. He could use it in such a way as would, in his judgment, be most productive with the means at his command. He used it to raise corn and cabbages. These he sold, and with a part of the money he thus obtained he paid the rent. Another man put his money in the savings bank. The bank loaned it to a printer. With the money the printer bought presses and type and obtained permission to make use of certain land, which permission he otherwise would not have had. He used the land as standing room for his presses and type, and for the printing and publishing of a political newspaper. Without the opportunity to use the land he could not have followed his occupation. No employment possible to man can be carried on without the use of land. The land where great political papers are printed and published and where the tremendous exchanges of a great city are effected, has a value, in proportion to area, many times greater than that of any agricultural land, because of its more intensive use and consequent greater productiveness.

The farmer, equally with the printer, must have a working outfit. He must have seeds, fertilizers, teams, wagons, plows, machinery, and implements. Yet we are apt to think of him as using only land, and as the only one who does use land. We think of the printer as using only machinery and forget that he must have use of land. Although a hundred feet square of land on Broadway in New York costs as much as a hundred farms of a hundred acres each, the man who occupies an office on the fourteenth floor of a building there, does not think he is using land. He only thinks he is paying a very high rent for a small room. The room, of course, has a floor, but that is something entirely different. Yes, it is only a shuck. The hickory nut is in the middle of it all the time, but he forgets that.

The man who hired his farm directly to his tenant, making his own bargain, got five per cent. The man who, because it was not convenient for him to find a borrower, hired the savings bank to find one for him, got four per cent. This was because the bank kept one back from the five. A bag that would hold five pecks of clean hickory nuts would hold only four when the shucks were on. Yet if one were in a hurry and did not want to spend time to remove the shucks, he might take up with the four.

Interest does not grow on the money while it lies in the bank. In every case the borrower is enabled to use land in some way which he could not have done without the loan. In what way does not matter. But in some way he must apply his labor to produce value and so pay to the bank what we call interest. Only by the productive use of land can the value be produced and the interest paid.

You may make a comparison, if you will, between a muskmelon and a cantaloupe; you may make a comparison or set up a contrast between Sandy wi' the wig and Sandy wi'out—but please don't make a contrast or set up a comparison between putting money in land and putting money in the savings bank. The owner of the farm gets paid for allowing somebody to use land. Bargain is made directly by himself. The man who puts his money in the savings bank gets paid for allowing somebody to use land. Bargain is made indirectly through an agent. How much are they different? The difference is expressed in one word—Shucks!

East Moriches, L. I. J. H. WELLS.

Special to Courier Subscribers

In next issue of the COURIER the publisher is going to make an "anouncement extraordinary" to friends of the paper, a proposition to them for their assistance in helping to enlarge our circulation, which it is hoped will be productive of immediate results. We have made arrangements with the Arts and Crafts society to furnish us a number of the beautiful Raffia hats, which they are making and which we propose to offer as premiums for clubs. These hats are unique and beautiful. They

are genuine works of art and cannot be purchased at millinery stores. Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox was so delighted with them that she ordered one at a round cash price, when she was here.

We shall offer these as premiums on such liberal terms that any single tax woman living where there are any considerable number of single taxers can easily secure one. And single tax gentlemen will no doubt be interested in securing them for their wives or daughters or best friends. Look out for illustrated announcement next week.

A Correspondent Makes Comparisons

Editor Courier:

Regarding rental values at Fairhope I would like to make some comparisons with rental values here in Tennessee.

Mt. Pleasant is a phosphate mining center of 2,000 population, the majority of whom are negroes. Nearly opposite my place of business is a lot 40 by 25 ft. Six years ago a merchant leased it at $150 a year and on it erected a building 40 by 20 ft. His ad valorem and privilege taxes on his $400 building and $1,000 stock of goods approximated $50. And this was absolutely the poorest business location in the town. Quite a number of merchants have failed or quit. About four months is the business life of a merchant at that location.

I understand that at Fairhope the best locations, lots 100 by 220 ft, with store houses containing $8,000 stocks of goods, bring this year $49 ground rent and that this covers all the tenants' taxes. In other words a lot at Fairhope 20 times as large in area as the lot at Mt. Pleasant, on which stands a storehouse containing 8 times as large a stock as the Mt. Pleasant storehouse, and doing a prosperous business, instead of a losing one, as at Mt. Pleasant, pays not quite as much taxes as the latter.

In this country tenants pay $700 annually for the use of a 100 acre field on which to raise Irish potatoes. This year landlords are exacting one-third of the potato crop.

I understand that farm land in the Fairhope Colony brings from 35 cents to $2.00 per acre, according to the distance from the town, etc.

A single tax friend living several miles from Mt. Pleasant, which is his nearest market, pays two-thirds of his crop to his landlord. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." He has the supreme satisfaction of knowing that for every day he works for himself and his family he works two days for his landlord. As his share of the crop does not yield him a living he ekes out an existence by bartering country produce.

A Fairhope tenant who paid one-tenth of his crop as rent (taxes) would probably feel outraged, notwithstanding the fact that he would receive it back in public benefits.

Between here and the county seat are grand estates, rivaling the feudal estates of Europe, comprising from 2,000 to 25,000 acres each. They are worked by farm laborers, white and black, receiving as wages $10 a month, a bushel of corn meal and a small side of salt pork, with a cabin to live in; this high wage being due to the proximity of the phosphate industry.

Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. A. Freeland.

Interesting Meeting of Henry George Club

On Thursday, the twentieth, the Henry George Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith. Those who came early had the great pleasure of spending an hour or two, before the program began, out in the perfectly kept garden, where Mrs. Smith showed us her many different roses, each more beautiful than the last. I have never found any one who did not think it a treat to "go out to Smith's." One would think it was a palace, gorgeous and wonderful. It is not. It is a very unpretentious little home, but there reigns within it that spirit of love and harmony that is irresistible in its charm, which brings order and beauty out of chaos, and makes its abiding place a center from which light and joy radiate to all.

The meeting was called to order at 3 o'clock, by President Mrs. Minnie Brown. After the transaction of business, the following very interesting program was carried out: Newspaper reading by Mrs. Brown, about the election of Mr. Rose, a single taxer, as mayor of Kansas City, Kansas. Reading from Herbert Spencer's "Right to the use of the earth," and a poem by Mrs. Milne, read by Mrs. Gaston.

Those present were: Mesdames M. H. Brown, E. B. Gaston, G. M. Bancroft, E. S. Ross, J. M. Pilcher, S. H. Comings, L. E. Page; Misses Howarth, Alice G. Herring, Gould, Clara E. Atkinson; Messrs. Stockbridge, Ross, Cope, F. L. Brown, Rev. G. W. Wood, J. M. Pilcher, Jones, Page and Smith.

At six o'clock a delicious supper was served, some of which the ladies of the club brought, but the hot biscuit and strawberries, the real cream and butter (that tasted of the cow and the green grass) were distinctly Smith-sonian.

We started home about 8 o'clock, just in time to get the full benefit of the glorious moonlight, of which Fairhope has a monopoly. At least it seems to me that nowhere else on earth does the moon shine with quite so divine a light as through the Alabama pines around Fairhope. Perhaps the added radiance is a reflection from the spirit of true comradship, the brotherly love of real democracy, (that Whitman said would be America's redeemer) which, despite all fitful appearances to the contrary, is the vital force governing the lives of those of those who have made Fairhope something more than a money grubbing center —a Mecca for those who love their fellows more than gold, whose lives are dedicated to the deliverance of men from the bondage of their own making. Alice G. Herring.

The Letter to the Lessees

At the suggestion of a valued subscriber we publish the following which accompanied the Council's first appraisement of rentals for 1905.

To Lessees of Single Tax Corporation.

As directed by the Executive Council, I submit you herewith, its appraisement of rentals of Corporation land for the year 1905.

The Council trusts that it will be appreciated that in making this appraisement it has had no other purpose than to apply the foundation principle of Fairhope, that land values belong to the public, firmly believing that the interests both of individuals and the community, will be best promoted thereby.

It presents this list, simply as representing its judgment of the value of the respective sites, and invites an expression of the opinion of all others interested, at a meeting which is hereby called for the purpose, for Thursday, Dec. 29, 1904, at 7:30 P. M.,

It is hoped that parties will not confine their criticism to their own assessments, but that they will, so far as their time will permit, look over the whole list and give the Council the benefit of their judgment.

To facilitate this, a blank space is provided at the right of each column of figures, in which may be written in the figures which represent your estimate of values.

You are not only invited but urged to give the Council the benefit of your judgment.

Very sincerely yours,

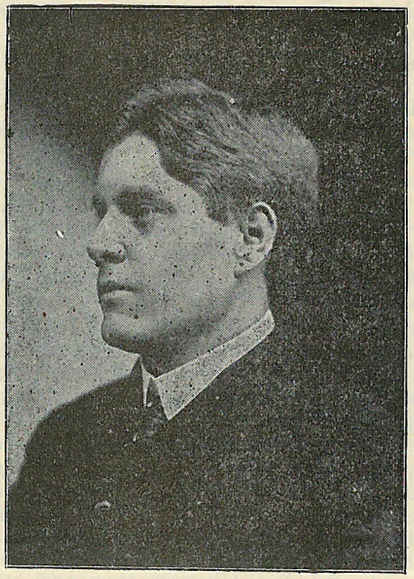
Ernest B. Gaston, Secretary
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,

Not one person responded to the Council's invitation to submit figures showing his estimate of values and but two or three submitted any arguments to show that their individual rents were too high.

EXTRACT FROM BIGELOW'S SERMON

MR. BAER'S SERMON ON COAL

MR. GEORGE F. BAER of the Reading railroad delivered a lecture to an audience of Anthracite coal miners, which was made the subject of comment at the Vine Street Congregational Church, Cincinnati, by the pastor, Herbert S. Bigelow. Mr. Bigelow said in part:



REV. HERBERT S. BIGELOW

Mr. Baer never speaks without serving the cause of truth. It is doubtful if a single sentence ever did more for humanity than his immortal declaration that God had given the wealth and power of this country to the wise and good, who would look out for the interests of the rest.

The other day, in an address to his employees, Mr. Baer spoke of a certain obligation which the owners of coal owe to the rest of us. He is reported to have said:

"In general, because coal is a necessity of our modern life, the owners of coal are under some kind of obligation to do all within their power to supply coal to the public in reasonable quantities and at a fair price."

A TORY SPEECH

This is a typical Tory speech. Let us look into it. If Mr. Baer had said the owners of coal mines instead of the owners of coal, he would have been nearer a truth. It is not true that the owners of coal are under any obligation to part with it in any quanities or at any price, but there is some such obligation resting upon those who own the mines.

What is the reason for this obligation? Mr. Baer says it is because coal is a necessity of our modern life. But this can not be. Wheat is as much a necessity as coal. Yet we never hear people denouncing farmers for their rapacity and insisting upon their obligation to furnish reasonable quanities of wheat at a fair price.

The reason we talk of the obligations of the owners of coal mines and not of the owners of farms, is not because coal is more of a necessity than wheat, but because coal lands are monopolized more readily than farm lands.

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If farms could be monopolized as coal lands have been, if Mr. Baer and his associates had the power to increase, diminish, or even stop the production of wheat, as they certainly have in the case of coal, then no doubt these gentlemen would graciously acknowledge that "because wheat is a necessity of our modern life, the owners of wheat are under some sort of obligation to do all within their power to supply wheat to the public in reasonable quantities and at a fair price."

If we should talk to the farmer now, he might well say to us: "If you do not want to buy wheat at my price, buy it of someone else or raise it yourself." If Mr. Baer should say that to us, he would be mocking us—for he and those six railroads have all the mines. They ask all they can get, just as the farmer does. But they have a monopoly, and therefore can get an unfair price.

MAN'S MERCY OR NATURE'S LAW?

We must either throw ourselves on the mercy of Mr. Baer, or we must destroy his monopoly. Those who are born Tories will pray for cheap coal. The others will work for government railroads and a tax on idle coal lands sufficient to open them to capital and labor.

Which is safer, to let Mr. Baer determine what is a reasonable quantity and a fair price for coal, or to destroy monopoly and leave the matter to the free play of natural laws?

Fairhope Dramatic Club

The Fairhope Dramatic Club met Saturday and chose the following officers:

President, I. Lancaster.
Vice President, T. N. Freeman.
Stage Director, Dr. Sheldon.
Stage Manager, Albert Stearns.
Secretary-Treasurer, A. K. Trenholme.
Property Man, Forbes Bebolt.

The club plans to organize a company of players to produce a superior play every three months or so, the net proceeds to go to some public benefit. The club is a branch of the Fairhope School of Philosophy.

Additional Personal and Local

While we are shipping beans and have potatoes about ready, Mr. Bingham tells us his paper from his old home, Arkansas, reports a freeze which has even killed the wheat.

Mr. George M. Bancroft has been ill for the past week or more, causing his friends considerable anxiety, but is able to be up again, and it is hoped will make a speedy recovery.

Mrs. C. K. Brown's door yard is like a huge boquet these days. We understand there are 160 varieties of roses and other varieties of flowers literally "too numerous to mention." Kind-hearted Mrs. Brown takes the keenest delight in having others share her floral treasures and many are the handsome boquets carried away by neighbors and passers by.

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Jos. Schuller has returned from a trip north as far as Saint Louis.

Mr. Gus Lieser, one of our most enterprising farmers of this section, living a few miles east of Fairhope, has out eight acres of Irish potatoes which are very fine. He expects to begin digging next week.

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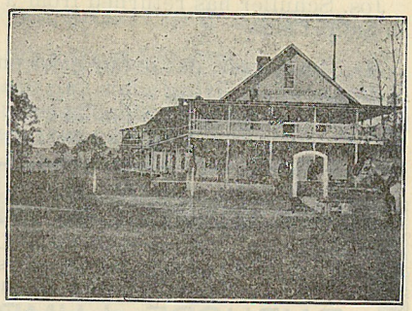
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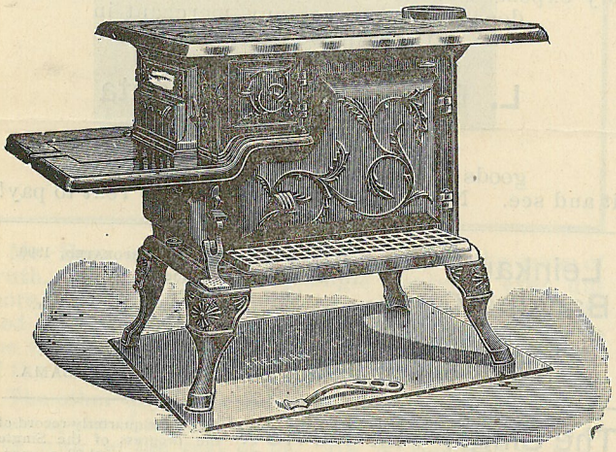
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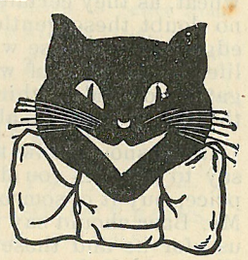
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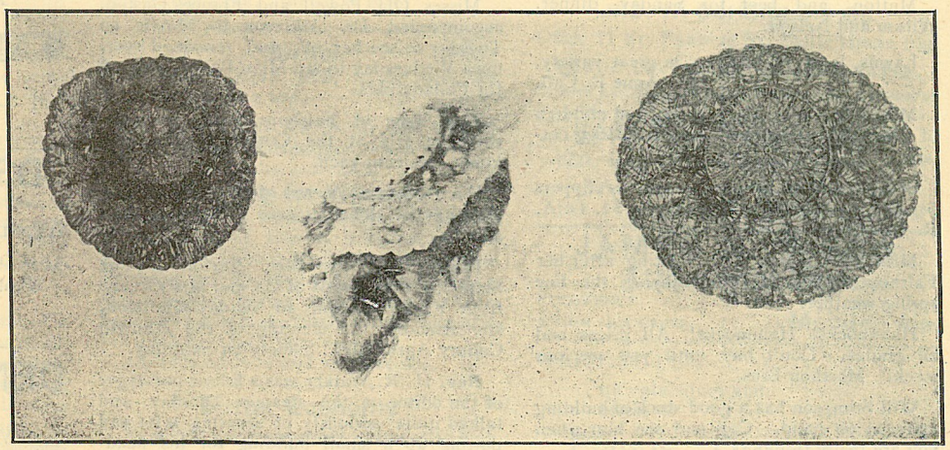
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We want to use these hats to enlarge the subscription list of the COURIER as well as encourage the Arts and Crafts Guild; but if any are unable to secure the requisite subscribers under our propositions, or do not wish to do so, we will furnish the hats for the cash prices stated—which includes delivery anywhere in the United States.

The Penalty of Success.

FAIRHOPE is paying one penalty of success in becoming a conspicuous subject of criticism. Brother Norton of *The Standard* continues his instructive articles upon how the Colony should be run—in his opinion—and a large part of the space in the spring number of the *Single Tax Review* is devoted to Fairhope and most of it from the critic's side. W. E. Brokaw who left the Colony eight or nine years ago doubtless thinking it was doomed to early extinction, has a long article most of it a personal attack upon Mr. Gaston and his "wife's relations," to which we made a brief reply: several of Mr. Norton's *Standard* editorials are reproduced, the memorial of the protesting tenants, an extract from the Mobile *Item's* Fairhope correspondence, a short editorial from the Mobile *Herald* quite complimentary to the editor of the COURIER, a severe criticism of the boat management by P. A. Parker, the report of the committee on resolutions at the late conference at Fairhope, an extract from a letter of Mr. Powell, editorial comments by Mr. Miller, etc.

It is much to be regretted that the reply of the Council to the objecting tenant's memorial was not given. A proper desire to give both sides a fair hearing would, it seems to us, have dictated that this should be done, that the one might be considered with the other—even if it were necessary to omit some of Mr. Norton's matter to do so.

We are promised "more of the inside news of Fairhope from E. Q. Norton"—(an *outsider*)—and others, in the next issue.

So far as the editor of the COURIER is concerned this publicity is welcomed.

There is nothing in the history or plan of Fairhope that we would have concealed or that when fully investigated, will not, we are certain, reflect credit upon those who are charged with responsibility for its existence—and are very willing to accept it. Mistakes in judgment have been made, no doubt, and will continue to be. Only those whose egotism is so supreme that they cannot conceive the possibility of error on their own part, will expect otherwise.

Had the founders of Fairhope felt it necessary to please everybody with their plans, even single taxers, they never would have done anything and they are certainly not to be driven from their undertaking because its success has made it a shining mark for criticism.

The editor of the *Review* expresses regret that the late conference did not especially address itself to an investigation of and report upon Fairhope. We are very sure however, that Fairhopers would have been very sharply criticised had they assumed to call a conference with such purpose. The fact is that with characteristic modesty Fairhopers made no attempt to force any recognition of the merits of their work from the visiting members of the conference, as every one of them, will, we are sure, be glad to testify. The resolutions as adopted, were the unbiased judgment of the visitors, who it may be said, did on their own initiative make every effort to ascertain the facts with regard to existing conditions while on the ground, for that purpose interviewing the local objectors as well as Mr. Parker and Mr. Norton.

Mr. Norton was a member of the resolutions committee—(though not so mentioned by the *Review*) and

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Shingles. G. A. R. Lawrence.

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Miss Nelle Lee is here looking after her Fairhope property and enjoying the fine spring weather.

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Miss Eva Lawrence accompanied Mrs. Getty to Mobile on Tuesday and will make her home with the Gettys.

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Mrs. M. M. Clark left for her home at Bentonsport, Iowa, on Monday morning, after a pleasant visit. The Courier will follow her.

Mrs. Ferguson left for her home in Rochester, New York, on Tuesday morning, after a pleasant visit of several months with her sister, Mrs. Mead.

Miss Ivy Powell left on Wednesday morning to join her father in Philadelphia and assist him in his school and vacant lot garden work during the summer.

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Fairhope Camp Woodmen of the World had an interesting meeting on Tuesday evening and initiated a couple of new members, Dan. Shepherd Jr. and Laurence Tilson.

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Misses Ola Powell and Frances Gaston, accompanied Dr. Atkinson to Mobile on Tuesday to see her off, and remained over, until Wednesday to see Miss Ivy Powell off for Philadelphia.

New issue of Fairhope Souvenir postal cards, on sale at the Courier office, nine kinds, one cent each.

We are having oceans of dewberries now and they are delicious even if they are semi wild.

Editors Mr. and Mrs. Norton of The Standard, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Greeno from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, and attended the meeting of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society on Saturday.

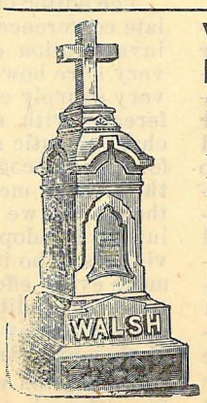
Rev. H. R. Walker was a fellow passenger of the editor on the steamer Tuesday, and talked quite seriously of securing a lot and putting up a small building for his headquarters, when passing this way to and from his appointments in Baldwin county.

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We neglected to note the departure last week, for her home in Iowa of Mr. Pilcher's sister, Mrs. Cummings, after a pleasant visit with her brother and his family. Mrs. Cummings was greatly pleased with our delightful climate and location and will, we are sure give a good report of Fairhope to her Iowa friends.

Mrs. Getty was over from Mobile from Friday to Tuesday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swift. Mr. Swift has purchased a fine 160 acre place near Saraland, on the line of the Southern railway a few miles out from Mobile where the Gettys expect to make their home soon.

Dr. Atkinson left again on Monday morning for Minneapolis, Minn., where she will spend the summer, at least. She was so busy while here making improvements on her property that her friends got to see very little of her Mrs. McDavid and her niece, Miss Hall, who accompanied Dr. Atkinson here, were so charmed with Fairhope and Miss Adams has experienced such marked improvement in health, that they will remain throughout May.



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Mr. F. W. Stalker, associate editor of the Baldwin Times and foreman of the Times printing office, was a visitor to Fairhope from Friday evening to Wednesday morning, enjoying a little rest and recreation. He was a guest of the Fairhope House and a welcame caller at the COURIER office.

Mrs. Powell has a field of potatoes just back of the COURIER office, which, though planted later than most of them in this vicinity, have made a magnificent growth and are up, we think, with any. The editor has been favored with a sample mess, for which he returns thanks. These were received more than a week ago.

Mr. Rowe and daughter Dorothy visited Citronelle the first of the week. While there Mr. Rowe looked some into the squab business, in which a Citronelle gentleman is engaged and is inclined to think it a very promising industry for this section. They did not think that Citronelle compared in attractiveness with Fairhope.

Mr. Comings reports to us the receipt of a contribution of $25 from the generous N. O. Nelson, of Saint Louis, for the industrial school work at Fairhope. Mr. Comings says that this makes $175 now in hand or in sight for the purpose. Any one else desiring to contribute to this good work should communicate with Prof. Comings.

Mrs. Jeanette Dennis of Kushla spent from Thursday evening of last week to Monday morning with Fairhope friends. She had with her Effie Genevieve Davis, the pretty little daughter of Will Davis and of her sister Genevieve, whose early death shocked and saddened the community a few years ago. The little girl is as pretty and sturdy a little youngster as one might care to see.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller returned from their wedding tour on Sunday morning and took up their residence in one of the Brown cottages on Fairhope Avenue. A short residence in Fairhope seems to have spoiled Mr. Miller for enjoying the Tennessee climate. There was a great deal of cold disagreeable weather while they were there ice even forming a half inch or more thick and crops and fruit being practically all destroyed, and he feels like wanting no more Tennessee in his.

Mr. Dorchester is clerking at the Fairhope Exchange.

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On Monday May first to Mr. and Mrs. M. Dyson (late of Philadelphia) a son.

Meeting for Worship

A meeting for worship after the manner of the Society of Friends is held at the residence of Archibald and Elizabeth Crosbie, Fairhope, on Firstday (Sunday) mornings at eleven o'clock giving opportunity for christian fellowship in the freedom and simplicity the truth as it is in Jesus requires.

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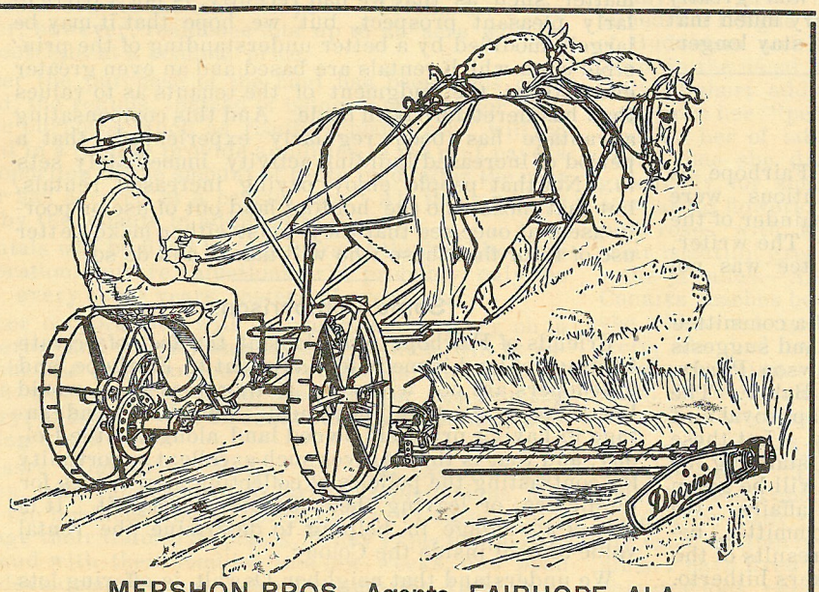
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Hon. W. H. Rose, recently elected Mayor of Kansas City, Kansas, is an old Single Taxer, and was one of those who took a prominent part in the Ohio campaign of two years ago.

Now, while Fairhope is so much under discussion, is the time for friends of the COURIER to rally to its support and help increase its circulation. The agitation will make it easier to secure subscribers and the COURIER will put the Fairhope plan and its results before them as can be done in no other way.

Mayor-elect Dunne of Chicago is a Single Taxer, and has been a member of the Henry George Association of Chicago for many years, and his recent victory on a public ownership ticket in that city is to be hailed as in some measure the apprehension by the people of the truths regarding public utilities which the association has helped to popularize. —*S. T. Review.*

Mrs. Frances Riley left on Monday morning, after having gathered abundant information for an interesting article which will appear at an early date in some journal of large circulation. And it will be distinctly favorable, we are sure. Mrs. Riley was greatly pleased with Fairhope, and regretted very much that she had not come sooner, so that she could stay longer.

The Penalty of Success

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strenuously objected to any recognition of Fairhope as a "Single Tax Colony" and the resolutions were passed by the unanimous action of the remainder of the committee after hearing all he had to say. The writer, though named as a member of the committee was not able to meet with it.

Mr. Miller suggests "the organization of a committee to sift Fairhope's affairs to the bottom" and suggests such men as Judge Samuel Seabury, Lawson Purdy, Hon. James G. McGuire and Hon. Robt. Baker. The suggestion of such a committee meets our approval and the persons named also suit us admirably. Let these or any other single taxers of recognized standing, be sent along at any time and every facility will be given them to get "at the bottom" of Fairhope's affairs. We will the more gladly welcome such a committee, because of the very pleasant and helpful results of the investigations of Fairhope by single taxers hitherto. Almost without exception they have thereby been deeply impressed with the value of the work the Colony is doing and become its ardent friends and supporters. It should be fully understood however, that Fairhope Single Tax Corporation recognizes no obligation on its part to adopt any suggestions that may be made by any such committee or any authority of single taxers over it, other than its members.

Less Frequent Rent Appraisements Not Advisable

Annual rent appraisements are sometimes objected to because of the friction which seems an unavoidable accompaniment and because tenants are kept in a state of practically constant uncertainty, as to what their rents are to be. Biennial or triennial appraisements are often proposed, and some have even advocated making appraisals as far apart as five or seven years.

These suggestions seem to us not of practical value. The only object in ever reappraising rentals is to conform to changing values. Generally speaking rental values will certainly increase and in every rapidly growing community they will increase rapidly. Obviously rentals, no matter for what period they are to endure, must and should be based upon the value at the time of appraisement. Any plea therefore for less frequent valuations, is a plea for alllowing the tenants to retain the increasing values for the lenghtened period.

Under any circumstances this would be not only giving the individual an undeserved advantage at the expense of the community, but, as single taxers understand so well, would bring indirect evil results fully as important, in checking improvements and restricting opportunities for employment. And, in Fairhope, where the community is under contract to pay the taxes on not only the increasing land values but the increasing improvement values as well out of the land rentals, it might easily bring immediate financial disaster.

We are not without sympathy with those who are kept so constantly alarmed over the matter of their rents, even though we feel their fears are unfounded.

It seems to us that no one has a right to expect to hold land in Fairhope without paying what it is worth, from vear to year. And further, that no guarantee against being called upon to pay more than the real value of their holding should be expected, than the right of reference of the rents to the whole body of resident rent-paying members.

We confess that an annual controversy over the rent matter such as that we had recently, is not a particularly pleasant prospect, but we hope that it may be largely modified by a better understanding of the principle upon which rentals are based and an even greater effort to get the judgment of the tenants as to values than has heretofore been made. And this compensating advantage has been regularly experienced: that a period of increased building activity immediately sets in. Not that people enjoy paying increased rentals, but that those who are holding land out of use or poorly used, at once see that they must either make better use of it, or find those who will take it and do so.

Some Comparisons

Friends of Fairhope often lament the fact of private holdings of land immediately adjacent to Fairhope, and Fairhopers are not without a feeling that they would like to have "all that jines them;" but there is advantage in having privately owned land alongside the Colony, and that is that it gives such excellent opportunity for contrasting the policies of collecting land values for public use, or leaving them for private benefit. It is also of advantage in helping to determine the rental value of land inside the Colony.

We understand that neighbor Oswalt is offering lots 66x132ft on Section street a little over a quarter of a mile south of the windmill, at $100 each. Making al-

lowance for the street, this would give a little over four lots to the acre, or $400 an acre. We do not understand that there are any improvements on the land, save the fence and clearing. This land was bought for one dollar an acre just about a year before the first party of Fairhope Colonists landed on Baldwin county soil. That is an increase of 40,000 per cent., or an average of nearly 4,000 per cent. a year (not compounded). And the collector of this great increase returns no portion of it to the community.

Six per cent. interest on the purchase price of one of these lots would be $6 per annum, and the purchaser would have to pay the taxes on the lot and on his improvements and personal property thereon.

Between these lots and the business center of Fairhope, of much greater value than any of that referred to, the Colony owns 800 feet of street frontage, equivalent to more than twelve lots in frontage and much more in depth, the rent of which for this year—the much complained of rental—is $65, or $5.42 a lot, and this rental includes payment of taxes on the lot and on the improvements and even the personal property, and any remainder expended for the benefit of the lessees.

We have not, however, heard a word of criticism of this increase, even from those who have complained of a less increase on Fairhope land, expended for the common benefit.

A New Enterprise

Our fellow townsmen for several months past, Messrs. Bernard Himrod and P. W. McKay (of Pennsylvania) have purchased a fine tract of land up the state on which they propose to settle and develop on plans which they are now perfecting.

The tract which they have secured is one of 2,455 acres in Wilcox county, Alabama, about half way between Mobile and Birmingham. It is within a mile of the Southern railway and within six miles of the Alabama river. More than half of the land is covered with virgin forest of both pine and hard woods, and the soil, it is claimed, will yield good crops without any commercial fertilizers.

It is proposed to organize a land-holding corporation to which the land will be sold by Messrs. Himrod and McKay, in parcels, at approximately its cost to them, and a bond for deed given; the purchase price to be paid out of the land rentals and a certain share in the profits of the developing industries which will also be turned over to the land company. In the town-site proper, however, residence lots up to an acre will be sold outright at a nominal price.

After the purchase of the land has been thus completed, the rentals, instead of being expended for local public purposes, such as roads, schools, etc., will be placed in a fund to provide annuities to the rent payers in proportion to the amount of rents paid, after the rent payer has arrived at a certain age. All taxes will be paid by the tenants in addition to the rent.

Rentals will be fixed by members of the land holding corporation, but re valuations will probably only be made every three years, instead of every year.

Other corporations will be organized to carry on a lumbering and saw-milling industry which will be established at once, and other industries, the next of which will probably be an excelsior or box material factory, and these will be conducted on a liberal profit-sharing basis.

Messrs. Himrod and McKay are most excellent gentlemen, with ample means to carry out their plans, and with the business ability, presumably, to successfully manage their industrial plants. They expect to go onto the land with their families in a few weeks, and push the development work actively, and Mr. Ladd, who visited the property with them last week, goes up to emain next week.

They hope to be able within about six months to make use of 60 to 75 men. To these will be paid the current rate of wages, in addition to their participation in the profit-sharing plan.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

The performance of "Charley's Aunt" by our Fairhope Dramatic Company was a signal success. The hall was well filled, and the acting was a great surprise to the audience. To be sure the leader Mr. Brenon, a professional actor, had been indefatigable in drilling the newly organized company, but it was a very pretentious work for amateurs, all the same, and they acquitted themselves nobly. This against extraordinary difficulties, too. For example, one of the principal roles, that of Sir Francis Chesney, had to find a substitute at very short notice. Most fortunately a visitor stopping at the hotel, Mr. W. G. Gelink, consented to come to the rescue, and he "grasped the situation" in a way to suggest previous acquaintance with the stage.

In a little speech between the acts Mr. Brenon warmly praised the actors and complimented Fairhope on having an amateur dramatic company of such ability and promise. He also took occasion to warn us against the mistake of supposing that however prosperous we might be as a colony, we could afford to do without amusements, highest among which he placed the drama. Mr. Brenon's dressing and acting of "Charley's Aunt" was most spirited and artistic, and kept the audience laughing almost without ceasing. How "at home" he is on the stage, and how resourceful, was shown continually; notably when an important "property" had been omitted in setting the stage. "Charley's Aunt" was to light a cigar—and lo! it was not in its place. Some of the spectators felt anxious. What would he do in the emergency? Why, he put in a few extra words and "business" as he walked up the stage where, someway, he obtained the needed "property."

The "net proceeds" of the performance were devoted to our library; but the expenses were great, as many things had to be purchased or made, so that after meeting the necessary expenses, and deducting the percentage allotted to Mr. Brenon, there was left only $4.41. However, this will enable us to make a step toward securing our card catalog system, and we are grateful to Mr. B. and to our dramatic company for this service.

May 2nd. x x x Yesterday Miss Herring entertained the League by an excellent paper on the "Ideals of Buddhism and the Ideals of socialism." It drew forth, in the usual discussion which followed, some of the best short addresses we have heard. Miss Herring wore her "peck of flowers" as usual. You know I accuse her of taking that quantity from my garden every time she dresses. She takes all my "abuse" graciously, for she knows how much I admire her art of wearing flowers. This time the "peck" consisted of pink roses with white catalonian jasmines set among their beautiful green leaves. The roses on the corsage—the jasmines—Alas! by the time this number of the Courier reaches her, she will be far away, and I fear she will have to go to the milliner's to get her jasmines. Here, she had two high trellises, snow-white with blossoms filling the air with their delicious perfume. Alas! the snowy petals are now carpeting the ground, as is also the *gracilium* or yellow jasmines.

x x x May 1, 9 p. m.—I am called to the door by a gentle knock. There is no sign of a caller, but on the door knob is a charming little basket of flowers, suspended by baby ribbons. The basket has a card with my name written in a most beautiful hand. Every year since I have lived in Fairhope Mayday has brought me this gracious remembrance,—I have not yet learned who sends them They come not only to me but to "everybody," nearly. I mention it to you, my corres

pondents, that you may feel still further justified in your warm admiration for our Fairhope's charming spirit and charming ways.

The Iron Law of Interest

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to say a few words in reply to Mr. Freeland's contribution under the head of "The Iron Law of Wages," in the COURIER of April 14.

Capital may be temporarily scarce, relative to the opportunities for its employment in new countries, just as any article of wealth may be temporarily scarce relative to the demand for that particular article. But the scarce article will be produced in increasing quantities until production is checked by a fall in the price to an equilibrium with that of other products of industry. In like manner where interest is abnormally high, wealth will be devoted to the uses of capital in increasing amount until an equilibrium is restored. The interesting point in this connection is, what is the nature of this equilibrium? This I endeavored to show in the statement of the "Law of Interest" given in my contribution to the "Symposium" in last year's spring number of the *Single Tax Review*, which I now repeat:

THE LAW OF INTEREST

The rate of interest will be such as to equal the value of labor saved by capital in its least productive mode of use; or that the cost of hired labor and the cost of hired capital shall be equal. If wages rise, the use of capital will be extended into less productive modes, or interest will rise; in either case until the equation between the cost of hired labor and the cost of hired capital shall be restored.

Under this law, how will the rate of interest be affected by a more equitable distribution of wealth? Mr. Freeland thinks that "Labor, receiving high wages, much of it employing itself, would soon accumulate its own capital * *. Under such circumstances interest would tend to the vanishing point and all would have to render 'service for service.'"

The last clause seems to convey a false implication that the payment of interest is not a return for service rendered. But, without discussing this point, I will proceed to consider whether Mr. Freeland's expectation of the disappearance of interest is well founded.

With the opportunities to profit by monopoly and special privilege closed and the wages of industry greatly increased, the supply of capital must come from laborers themselves; but this will not of itself affect the rate of interest. The rate of interest depends on the relation between the amount of wealth devoted to the uses of capital, and the opportunities for its employment. Whether the capital is supplied mainly by the laborers who use it or by others, has no direct bearing on the rate of interest. The question is not whether there be few borrowers or many, but whether there is a sufficiency or scarcity of capital.

The equitable distribution of wealth, apart from the question of its increased production as an after result, would not be likely to increase the amount devoted to the uses of capital. Those who now receive incomes so greatly in excess of their needs, can without difficulty set aside a large proportion for investment as capital. And those whose incomes are smaller, stimulated by the great necessity for some other source of income while employment is precarious and wages low, will deprive themselves of luxuries, and almost of necessities, in their efforts to save for this purpose. Were those large incomes divided up among the many whose needs are pressing, a much greater proportion would be consumed for immediate enjoyment, and the amount devoted to capital greatly reduced. But, according to the law as stated above, wages being higher, the rate of interest must also rise, or a much greater supply of capital will be needed to meet the demand; for capital is a competitor with labor for employment, and it will be economy to employ more capital in place of this high-priced labor. Thus, with a more equitable distribution,

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interest must rise unless the production of wealth is so greatly increased as to yield a sufficient supply of capital to meet the increased demand. But, with these more favorable conditions we may expect more time to be devoted to enjoyment and less to the production of wealth, and a greater inducement in the shape of interest will be needed to stimulate people to produce wealth for the purpose of investment as capital.

We may, therefore, confidently expect a permanent increase in the rate of interest as the result of those conditions of justice and equal freedom for which we are contending. S. J. CHUBB, Toronto Junction, Can.

Initial Performance Fairhope Dramatic Club

In Mrs. Howland's "Extracts" she gives a very good report of our "great theatrical event" of last week, the play, "Charley's Aunt." It was in every way a great success. Mr. Brenon's acting was very spirited and effective and he infused his own enthusiasm and stage confidence into our local amateurs in such surprising degree that there was really not a weak place in the performance. The popular Fairhope band which is rapidly improving in its playing, and the newly organized Fairhope orchestra, added much to the evening's enjoyment, by their excellent music.

The cast of characters was as follows:

Sir Frances Chesney, a retired army officer,..... Mr. W. G. Gelink
Jack Chesney, his son,..... Mr. T. N. Freeman
Charley Wyckham, Jack's chum, ... Dr. G. A. Sheldon
Mr. Spettigue, a cranky old gentleman..... Mr. A. K. Trenholme
Amy Spettigue, his neice,..... Miss Orolean Wilson
Kitty Verdum, his ward,..... Miss Myrtle Stearns
Brasset, a valet,..... Mr. F. Bebolt
Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez, the real aunt, ... Miss Ethel Stearns
Ella Delchey, her adopted daughter,..... Miss Elma Stapleton
Lord Francourt Babberly, the bogus aunt,..... Mr. Herbert Brenon

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

Shipments of potatoes and beans are going forward actively now. Nearly 200 barrels of potatoes left Fairhope this morning, and a large quantity of beans.

Rev. E. E. Gregory of Belforest, occupied the pulpit at the Christian church on last Sunday morning and the Rev. Howard R. Walker of Mobile, in the evening.

Mr. Herbert Brenon and wife left on the Sunday evening steamer, for New Orleans and will thence go soon to Houston, Texas, where they have engagements for the Summer.

The first considerable shipment of beans from Fairhope was made by Tom Denton, who shipped about twenty bushels one week ago today. They brought $1.75 a bushel. The price has fallen during the week to about half that figure.

Captain R. L. Hicks, a prominent merchant of Bainbridge, Georgia, and his charming daughter, Miss Mary, are making Fairhope a short visit. They are ardent single taxers and readers of the COURIER, and are greatly pleased with our single tax town.

Our enterprising Mr. S. H. Comings has put in a thirty light acetylene gas plant for lighting his handsome residence. Mr. C. E. Littlefield, assisted by Mr. Dyson, installed the plant. It is one of the latest and most approved patterns, and we understand that these gentlemen are prepared to install plants of any desired size, at very reasonable rates.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING.

The Baldwin County Agricultural Society met at Fairhope hall on last Saturday, and while the attendance was not large a very interesting session was held.

A deserved recognition of faithful service was given Dr. Greeno, E. T. Molyneux and H. C. Oswalt, in re-electing them respectively as president, secretary, and treasurer. A. J. Gregson was elected vice president.

A letter from Dr. Cary of the State experiment station stated that he would probably be able to hold another of the greatly appreciated farmer's institutes at Fairhope early in July.

A number of new members were received and an interesting discussion had on a variety of pertinent topics. E. Q. Norton, H. C. Oswalt E. Smith and C. K. Brown, were appointed delegates to the good roads convention held at Bay Minette Wednesday of this week and "good roads" selected as the subject for discussion at the next meeting which will be held on the last Saturday of this month.

Some New Members Received.

Three applications for membership were accepted by the Executive Council on last Monday evening: those of Mr. Jos. Fels, Captain Geo. A. R. Lawrence and Mr. J. M. Pilcher. Mr. Fels, despite his great interest in Fairhope, had not before actually identified himself with the Colony by taking out a membership, and of course it gave us all pleasure to have him do so. Capt. Lawrence was one of our most active and interested members for several years, but parted with his membership on leaving Fairhope a few years ago. The Captain found, however, as many others have, that "there is no place like Fairhope," and on coming back to us he, of course, wanted to have his part with us in all Colony matters.

Mr. Pilcher is one who, coming to Fairhope on a visit a little more than a year ago, became so much attached to the place that he could not get away, and in the meantime we have made a good single taxer out of him. He has been the efficient and popular purser of the *Fairhope* for a year and has none but friends among us. Mr. Pilcher comes in as a member by transfer of the membership certificate of Dr. Atkinson.

The Doctor's many friends will hear with regret that she has parted with her membership, but she felt that while she was holding land adjacent outside the Colony and which she did not feel willing, under the circumstances, to turn in, that she should not continue as a member. This action, while it will be regretted by many—for no one is more generally beloved by the community than Dr. Atkinson—does her great credit. It was fully concurred in by the writer—her brother. It will not in the least lessen her interest in Fairhope, nor her helpfulness in its every public undertaking.

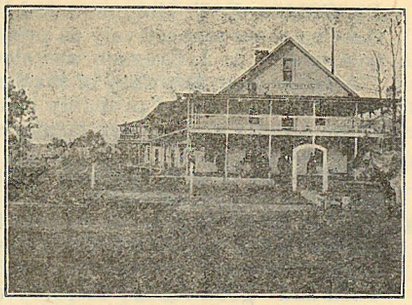
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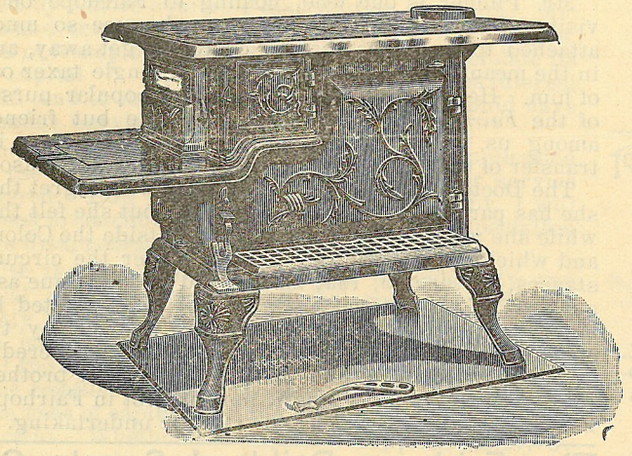
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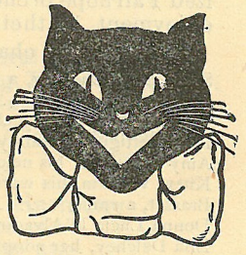
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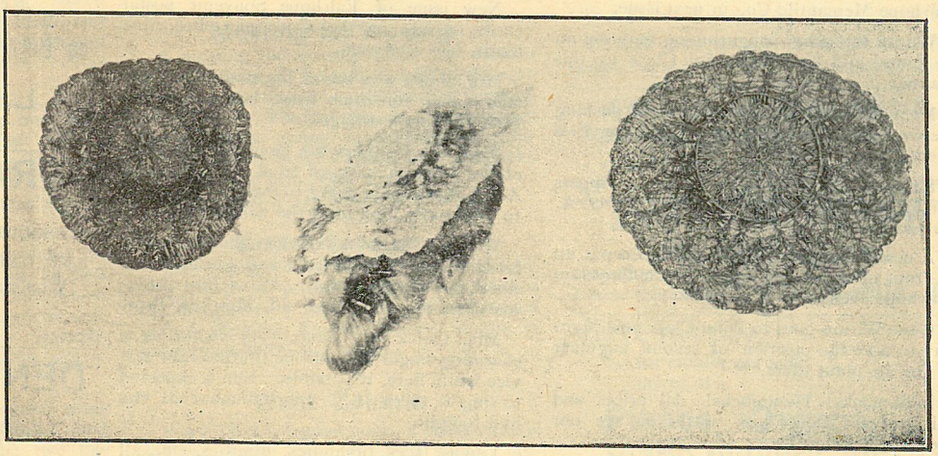
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Address all communications to

E. B. Gaston, Editor Fairhope Courier.

INVESTIGATION OF FAIRHOPE WELCOMED

The Courier Starts a Fund for Expense Thereof

THE thorough investigation of Fairhope proposed by the *Single Tax Review* is heartily approved by the Courier. In view of the severe criticism to which the Colony and those chiefly responsible for it, have been subjected at the hands of single taxers a proper spirit of fair play would dictate that it and them should be given such investigation at as early a date as possible.

The Courier is not overburdened with funds, receives no subsidy from the Fairhope Colony whose interest however it is its greatest pleasure to serve and has no guarantee fund upon which it can draw for deficiencies in its revenue, but it here and now subscribes $5 toward a fund for the payment of the expenses of an investigating committee and the publication of its report and calls for subscriptions to such fund, which will be acknowledged in the Courier from week to week Let us hear from those who want Fairhope investigated. There will be no trouble to get the committee if the expense is provided for. The Courier will accept the committee as proposed by the *Review*—either to make the investigation themselves, or select those to do so. We make this proposition in full confidence, of course, that Fairhope will profit by such investigation but without the slighest hope, we regret to say, of its "putting to rest this unhappy controversy," as Brother Miller seems to hope.

PRESENT STATUS OF THE MOVEMENT

Extract from Editorial in Single Tax Review

There is much that is unsatisfactory in the present status of the movement. Centers once active as fields of agitation have lapsed into quietude. Names once familiar are no longer seen in public prints, and some who were active as propagandists or letter writers, or who were often seen at various resorts where single taxers frequent, are no longer to be observed.

No doubt there are more single taxers than there ever were. But this is not to be disguised—there are fewer active single taxers than ever before. Nor is there anything like the old enthusiasm.

Why disguise these facts? Why hug to ourselves the delusion thai if the cause is not moving here it is yet making progress elsewhere?—"all fields look green from a distance." Why not confess, even if we are obliged to let the public overhear us, that we are at present almost at a halt on the march; that we are encamped in the face of the enemy, without leaders and without a plan of campaign.

* * Clearly, our weakness is lack of organization. What are the single taxers of philosophic anarchistic tendencies thinking of? How do they imagine the single tax is to be brought about? By merely saying, even if said repeatedly and continuously, that it is a good thing? What politicians fear is not theories, but votes. What is the good of convincing an individual if we leave him helpless with his convictions, powerless to enforce them or to influence the law making powers? Oh. but he will go away and with others form a party in good time. But will they? Will they not follow our example and wait for others whom they in turn convert to do the same thing? And at this rate how long will it take to accomplish anything permanent?

There is one shining exception to this record of ap-

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Shingles. G. A. R. Lawrence.

The oat crop is now being harvested.

Mutton, and beef for Sunday dinner. Wilson and Nelson.

Look out for big announcement of the Fairhope Mercantile Co. in next issue.

Wilson the baker is figuring on building an ice house and handling point Clear ice this season.

Mr. Charles Stearns, contractor, is pushing the work on the new Gooding house on Fels avenue.

Shingle prices cut deep—cypress clippers for $2.30 a thousand; best cypress $4. G. A. R. Lawrence.

A neat new picket fence has been put up in front of the Keller and Black cottages on Fairhope avenue.

Gene Wilson goes to Point Clear next Monday to take the position of second engineer of the ice plant there.

Hammocks! Hammocks! All prices and all grades. Don't buy until you see our stock. Mershon Bros.

Will Stimpson has a good stock of building material on hand. Call and see him when you are ready to build.

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For sale; Mare, harness and buggy. A first class animal and practically new buggy. Jos. Keller, The Blacksmith, Fairhope.

The steamer Carney was withdrawn for repairs yesterday and the Caloosa put on in her place, the repairs on the Dolive not yet being completed.

Miss Hazel Curtis, one of our capable and courageous young ladies is rendering very efficient service as a clerk for the Fairhope Mercantile Co.

Mr. Harry Bray, the builders' supply man of Mobile, has rented the Miss Lee cottage for the summer and expects to be over to occupy it tomorrow.

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Miss Maud Wilson, sustained a peculiar accident Wednesday. Running out to the bake-house with her accustomed energy, and with her sunbonnet on, which obstructed her view upward, she failed to note a piece of tin hanging down from the edge of the roof and struck it with her nose, cutting a gash clear to the bone and more than an inch long.

Mr. L. E. Page completed this week the organization of a company to conduct a general wood-working business, in Mobile. The principal parties in the company will be Mr. Page and the Stikes Hardware Co., Mr. Page being the president and manager. The Stikes Company has been operating a small wood-working plant for some time and to this will be added the quite complete little saw-mill plant of Mr. Page, east of Fairhope which will be moved to Mobile at once and consolidated with the Stikes' plant. The company starts out with an established business and very bright prospects. We regret that it will mean the loss to Fairhope of Mr. and Mrs. Page but wish for them abundant success in the new undertaking.

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Mrs. Shultz who was at Ingleside, the Coleman home, for some time, has moved into Miss Herring's cottage.

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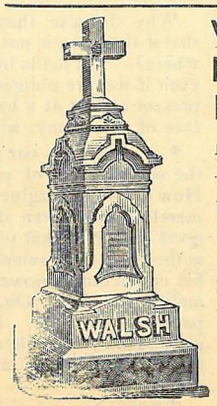
Mrs. Quick our Sioux City visitor, is a charming singer and will be drafted into service while here, if possible. She is expected to sing at the V. I. C entertainment at the hall tonight.

Lawns, laces, organdies, dimities, etc., all grades, all prices. Ladies, if you want to buy, come in—if you don't want to buy, come and look over our stock. No trouble to show goods. Mershon Bros.

Dr. Atkinson writes of the very cold and disagreeable weather, at Minneapolis since her return there. She had to resume her winter clothing and was very glad her friends Mrs. McDavid and Miss Hall, decided to stay here longer.

Mr. Ames who purchased the Shepherd-Schurman-Wolcott place, is one who fully appreciates Fairhope. He had not been able to work at all for years in the north but since coming here has been able to work right along on his little place and has enjoyed doing so. He is also much pleased with the Fairhope plan and thinks it offers distinct advantages for the man of moderate means.

The members of the Fairhope Exchange at a meeting on Wednesday evening appointed a committee to draw up a plan for reorganizing as a joint stock company for the purpose of increasing their facilities to provide for the growing business. The report of the manager for the last ten months was very encouraging to the members. Land monopoly is the greatest obstacle in the way of cooperation and as there is no land monoply in Fairhope, the cooperators have the best opportunity ever offered to carry out their principle and reap its benefits.



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Mrs. J. H. Quick of Sioux City, Iowa, wife of the well known single taxer, once mayor of Sioux City, prominent in Iowa politics lawyer, author, promoter, etc, is at Fairhope with her little daughter to remain a couple of months. She has Prof. Bellangee's pretty cottage.

A subscription list is being circulated for funds to build a nice band stand in the park opposite the Knowles-Bancroft home, where the Fairhope band will give open air concerts certain evenings of the week throughout the season. Wont this be quite metropolitan?

Miss Herring left last week to spend some time with her parents at Iola, Kansas, and before going secured a lease of the two lots between her own and Miss Chapman's (lately surrendered by Messrs Summers and Sumner) and also applied for a lot on the bay front for her father.

One of the last of our winter visitors to leave was Mr. J. G. Hoitt who left on Monday morning. Before he left he insured the coming of the COURIER to his address for three years. While Mr. Hoitt has not declared himself openly a single taxer, he is greatly interested in Fairhope and an earnest wisher for its continued success.

Mr. S. E. Gooding who, prior to coming south, occupied a responsible position for several years, with a large general contracting company in Chicago, has gone to take up the work again during the summer. He will prabably be assigned to duty in New England, where the company has a large contract.

Fine bathing now.

C. J. Littlegreen of Point Clear and Manager Smith of the Mobile Motor Car Co. arrived here today, having completed a tour of the county selling gasoline engines and other machinery. Mr. Littlegreen has a sample engine at the COURIER office and is assured of considerable business.

Remember the COURIER office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

Meeting for Worship

A meeting for worship after the manner of the Society of Friends is held at the residence of Archibald and Elizabeth Crosbie, Fairhope, on Firstday (Sunday) mornings at eleven o'clock giving opportunity for christian fellowship in the freedom and simplicity the truth as it is in Jesus requires.

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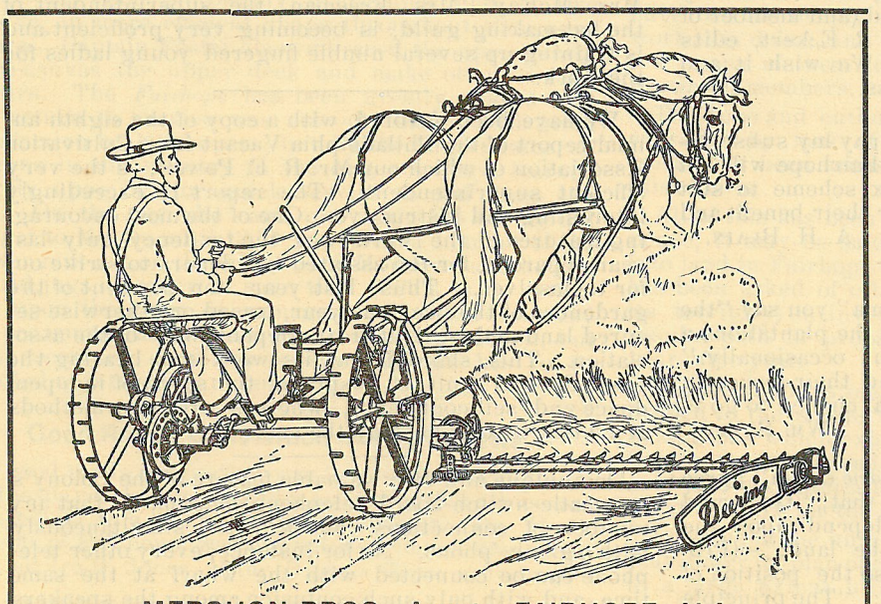
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I'd like to hie myself to thee!
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Isn't it a little too hard on Fairhope Single Taxers that in addition to fighting for the single tax against "the world, the flesh and the devil" they have the guns of single taxers turned against them?

That excellent publication, *The Commoner*, of Rochester, Pennsylvania, celebrated its eighth anniversary on May first. Fairhope's good friend (and member of the Single Tax Corporation) Charles R Eckert, edits *The Commoner* with marked ability. We wish it and him long life and increasing usefulness.

Inclosed find money order for $1 to pay my subscription for the paper. I like it. I hope Fairhope will not change its policy from the single tax scheme to suit those who would have landlordism for their benefit and oppose it in all others. A. H. BLAIN.
Seattle, Washington.

Discussing "Absenteeism in Alabama" you say "the single tax would give those who work the plantations a chance to go to Paris or New Orleans occasionally." It would give those who now spend their money in Paris, New York or New Orleans a chance to go to work occasionally, also. WM. RYAN.

Brother Miller of the *Single Tax Review* doesn't agree with the protesting Fairhope tenants that; "the grand principle of the Single Tax does not depend upon the collection of the full rental value of the land:"—(Protesting tenants' memorial) which is also the position of Messrs. Norton and Parker. He says: "The principle of the Single Tax however, *is* the collection of the full rental value."

"Single Taxers everywhere who know anything of Fairhope" are invited to tell what they know in the summer number, of the *Single Tax Review*. We hope our friends, especially those who have visited Fairhope and have personal knowledge of the work it is doing, will take advantage of this opportunity.

H. H. Hardinge the well known Chicago single taxer, sending two dollars to renew his subscription for two years, says. "I am much interested in Fairhope. I hope to see the experiment tried in Cook County yet. I thoroughly believe that Chicago will be the first large city in the world to adopt the single tax."

Our attention has been called to an error in our mention a little while since of the "Nucla" single tax town in Colorado, in giving the size of lots as forty-two by one hundred feet. It should have been forty-two by two hundred. We expect to give soon further particulars regarding this town plan, modeled somewhat after that of Fairhope.

Some of Fairhope's critics, who are now condemning the Colony because all tenants, whether members or not, are not permitted to vote in determining the rental values, and insisting that there would be no danger to the single tax in doing so, were not so long since belittling the Colony because there were so few single taxers in it. They are consistent in but one particular and that is in opposing the Colony.

The right of way for the extension of Fairhope Avenue east from the Massey corner, to a point in section fifteen, where it joins the present Silver Hill road, a distance of a mile and a half, has been cleared out in good shape under the direction of Supt. Lands and Highways Bancroft except where Mr. Coleman owns one side of the road, which, under agreement with the Council, he will have done at his individual expense.

The hat guild of the Arts and Crafts League is kept quite busy nowadays filling orders for the handsome Raffia hats—such as we are offering as premiums for subscriptions to the COURIER. A very handsome $10 hat was ordered by Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox when here, and has been completed and forwarded to her. Mrs. Brenon, the actress, has also secured one, to be forwarded to her in Texas. Also Mrs. Himrod and Mrs. McKay. Mrs. Freeman, the superintendent of the hat-making guild, is becoming very proficient and is training up several nimble fingered young ladies for the work.

We have been favored with a copy of the eighth annual report of the Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation Association of which our Mr. R. F. Powell, is the very efficient superintendent. The report is exceedingly interesting and instructive. One of the most encouraging features of the work was the tendency, only last year apparent, for the assisted gardeners to strike out for themselves. Thus, last year, ten per cent of the gardeners of the previous year, leased or otherwise secured land and cultivated it independently of the association. This showed that its work was bearing the most desired fruit of inspiring the spirit of independence and self-confidence, whereas ordinary methods of charity tend to destroy the same.

One unique and very valuable feature of the Colony's automatic switch-board telephone system, is that any number of connections can be made simultaneously with a given 'phone. As for instance; every other telephone can be connected with the wharf at the same time, and with only such confusion among the speakers as would exist if they should all try to talk to the wharfinger at the same time in person. This comes in espec-

ially convenient in regard to the wharf because there are quite likely to be a number wanting to speak to the wharfinger or the steamer clerk, just as the boat is about to leave the wharf, getting in belated orders, etc. With the manual exchange system only one such connection could be made at a time and the others desiring connection would be told "they're talking" or "line's busy" and before they could get connected the boat would probably be gone.

Come On Single Taxers

The COURIER wishes to extend a special invitation to single taxers to come to Fairhope.

Come and help develop its resources, share in its business opportunities and assist in its administration along single tax lines.

Its ten years' existence has demonstrated that—of which the real single taxer should need no demonstration—that even the limited application of the single tax which it is possible for us to make under existing laws, will bring benefits in the elimination of land speculation, and the stimulation of every beneficent activity in marked contrast with conditions existing elsewhere. This already markedly apparent result is bound to become more pronounced as population and land values increase.

We want to see these benefits taken advantage of by single takers who will appreciate the causes to which they are due and help to continue them in force, rather than non-single taxers who, in their ignorance, are too likely to oppose the very policies which benefit them.

There are abundant opportunities for men of a little means at Fairhope and new opportunities are and will be constantly opening as population increases. Those who credit Fairhope's policy with being a hindrance rather than a help, recognize the fact that it is a "coming town" and have great faith in its future. How much more faith ought those to have who know the virtue of its fundamental principle.

"Fairhope" Again in Commission

The hoarse whistle of the *Fairhope*, announcing her approach to the landing, delighted the ears of Fairhopers on Tuesday evening, and she is again in regular service. Under the competent direction of Mr. DeKalb, the new engineer from Philadelphia, the motive power has been thoroughly overhauled and is, we believe, in more efficient shape throughout than ever before. Captain Foster also embraced the opportunity to re-canvas the upper deck and make other needed repairs. The *Fairhope* has been greatly missed and her return to service was not only hailed with great satisfaction by Fairhopers, but by the large number of patrons in the country to the east who have learned to rely upon her for quick service to and from the city. On the day she came out again the *Carney* did not get to Mobile until 12:30 and then a number of the passengers got on the wharves at Montrose and helped to load jugs in order to save time. This is no reflection upon the crew or management, whose courtesy and accommodation have been greatly appreciated, but is a necessary condition where business has to be handled at intermediate points.

Good Roads Convention at Bay Minette

A good roads convention was held at Bay Minette on Wednesday of last week and a good deal of enthusiasm aroused on this very important subject. Dr. H. S. Greeno, of Fairhope, was elected chairman of the meeting and Ira B. Jones, of the *Baldwin Times*, secretary.

A committee on permanent organization, consisting of S. C Jenking, E. Q. Norton, G. W. Burns, W. C. Dinwiddie, Judge J. H. H. Smith and the county commissioners reported recommending that the temporary officers be made the permanent officers of a Baldwin County Good Roads Association and presenting a list of names of prominent citizens in all parts of the county, to act with the County Commissioners and the officers of the association as a committee to take up the work of road improvement in Baldwin county.

Dr. Greeno, the president, informs us that it is intended to have another meeting in June, that the Bay Minette and Fort Morgan R. R. will run a special train from the end of its line to Bay Minette for the convenience of those who wish to attend; that Bay Minette people propose to give a barbecue, and that he wants to get the Fairhope band to go along and enliven the occasion with its music.

A wise choice of chairman was made in the selection of the Doctor, and it will not be due to any failure on his part, if good results do not follow the work of the new organization.

Much credit is due the *Baldwin Times* which took the initiative in calling the convention.

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parent decadence of single tax effort and enthusiasm. It is afforded by Fairhope.

Beginning in a most humble way, without any recognition or endorsement whatever from those who were considered at that time the leaders of the single tax movement, against difficulties, natural and imposed, which might well have seemed insuperable, its progress has been constant, rapid and substantial.

The eyes of the world have been largely directed toward it. Leading newspapers have, on their own initiative, published pages regarding it. Magazines have sent their representatives to study it and write it up. Professors and students from institutions of learning have come to subject its methods and accomplishments to keenest analysis.

These have found no room for doubt of the sincerity and unselfish purpose of its promoters. They have recognized it as a success and its success as due, in very large measure at least, to its policies.

Scores of single taxers, many of them widely known, have visited the Colony, some of them skeptical at least, if not hostile. Almost without exception they have become deeply impressed with the value of the work it is doing, and have become its ardent supporters—many of them identifying themselves with it by becoming members.

The hope and enthusiasm of many single taxers discouraged by lack of results from other methods of work, has been aroused anew by its tangible accomplishments.

All of this has been accomplished almost without expense, it may be said—for the money which has gone into land in Fairhope (and for many years no assistance has been asked of other single taxers save to enlarge its territory) is invested where it brings increasing results both in propaganda and practical beneficence year after year.

Organization, as pleaded for by the *Review, is* greatly needed in the single tax movement. Yet there are organizations which exhaust the energies of their members in their own maintenance. And, we presume, its only idea of organization is to organize single taxers for effective work for the single tax.

It is one of the unique features of Fairhope, however, that under its plan of organization non-single taxers are to a large extent utilized in helping to forward the single tax cause.

It certainly seems to us, therefore, that Mr. Miller's suggestion of a thorough investigation of Fairhope is

very pertinent and timely: but, in view of the striking contrast between its record of the last ten years and that of the single tax cause in general, the spirit in which such investigation should be conducted certainly ought not to be that of censorious criticism, magnification of possible errors of judgment, or airing of personal grievances; but that of warm fellow-feeling and appreciation.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Am I to be accused of exaggeration and insincerity when in these Letters I have praised the polite and respectful conduct of our children and youths? I trust not for I have always written truthfully of them. There are a few boys—a very few—who have been complained of. One of these I had to forbid the privilege of the short cut across my grounds on the way to the village, because he was not content to follow the walks, but stepped out of them and across the flower borders so as to save a few seconds of time in getting to the lower gate. Now I have always regretted that I did not try that boy once more, for I cannot think but that he would have been happier to do the right thing had I been more patient with him. Occasionally I have had stolen a valued single flower; and all the little oranegs, four or five of them, and not anywhere near ripe, were taken one night from a tiny tree. While on the subject of using the Pines' gardens as a short road to the village, I will say that I like to have my friends and those visiting our colony who are capable of enjoying the simple work I have done here, pass through my garden freely during the day, and on moonlight nights when invited. The sound of footsteps at night through these long walks, the click of the gate latch, I confess disturb me. As a rule, I am always at my desk here, and hearing the gate open, I listen wondering if it be some caller; and I am always forced to stop my work and listen for the closing of the gate for I know to my sorrow that if left open I shall surely have a visitation of "piney woods" hogs. Once this happened, and a thrifty sweet potato patch of one hundred and fifty hills was devasted: of the then ripe potatoes not one was left even of the very smallest size.

Our Ruskin contingent last Sunday celebrated Ruskin day by a dinner at Mrs. Stokes' pleasant home. At such a home and with such a hostess, I know that the occasion must have been a delight to all. I was honored by an invitation and was exceedingly sorry that I could not be present

The corn flower aster, (Stokesia Cyanea,) given me by Mr. Read, is now in blossom and is a thing of beauty. It has large, lavendar blue flowers and is one of the most admired plants at the Pines. I never look at it without gratitude to the giver.

Correspondent Clearly States The Fairhope Principle

To the Editor:

The Fairhope Courier is a welcome and valued visitor at my house, and has been since its beginning. It is read and pondered with great interest and care—all of it.

The news of your contention over the rent matter came at first as a sort of astonishment to me. Of course I concede that it is possible that both sides might be partly in the right and partly in the wrong. But of one thing I feel positively certain, beyond the shadow of a doubt; that the Fairhope idea, the reason for Fairhope's existence, is that the full, fair annual rental value of the land shall be rendered and received every year: rendered by the land users; received by the community.

And this is clearly and expressly stipulated in the

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Fairhope constitution and in the leases which the Fairhope Corporation executes and which the renters accept and sign. In expressing my idea and conclusion to the objecting tenants concerning this difficulty, I want to use as gentlemanly, fair and generous terms and words as possible, and I hope and trust you gentlemen who object to paying the full annual rental value of your holdings, will so understand me. And so, gentlemen, I beg leave to say to you that the only question or bone of contention that *can* have any logical and reasonable existence in this controversy, is whether your rent (or tax) is or is not equivalent to the fair and full annual rental value of your respective holdings. You should not pay one cent more, nor should you pay one cent less than that.

The methods of arriving at and deciding this truth and conclusion may vary, and the exact values may, possibly be never more than closely approximated but the *principle* must be steadily adhered to. And, gentlemen objectors, you can very well and readily understand that only such people, such tenants, can be acceptable residents in and of Fairhope, that will agree to this fundamental fact; that will start from and reason from and be guided and ruled by this foundation and foremost truth (as far as it relates to Fairhope and its affairs).

But while we concede this, yes, demand this, we must also and at the same time consider and acknowledge that this and all questions may be viewed from two or more sides. Differences in temperaments, etc., explain and account for this. We are all different, and none of us is perfect or omniscient. None of us "knows it all." And can or ought we to say more or less for Fairhopers? Take Mr. Gaston, for instance. Maybe he has, at some time or times, erred in his judgment of matters or men. It would be a marvel if he never had. But of *one* thing I—and the majority of other single taxers, too—am absolutely sure; and I have followed Fairhope and its course and experience from its beginning,—namely, that Mr. Gaston has always planned and worked energetically, ably and faithfully, and "with a single eye" for the best interests of Fairhope, its people and mission, as he saw and judged matters. That is to say, for demonstrating the merits and justice of the single tax, as far as it can be had or applied under present laws and conditions.

And I sincerely hope and trust that neither he nor other of the single taxers in Fairhope will ever go back on the fundamental idea and cause of the existence of Fairhope. And there is no need of fearing that Fairhope and its mission will fail, nor even as much as be injured in the slightest degree by reason of your recent little difficulty, if both sides (and not only one side) will always bear in mind the fundamental point, or truth, that it is the full and fair annual rental value of the land that is to be exacted and yielded each year, and not one penny more. Yours for the Cause,

Jamestown, N. Y. F. G. ANDERSON.

Card From Colored Pastor

There was a false notice written and tacked up around Fairhope, stating that the colored people did not want white people to attend their church. Said notice is false and is without authority from pastor, officers, or members, We always have thrown our doors wide to all. Come one, come all.

I. A. CHANCE, PASTOR.

[We are glad the notices referred to are disclaimed by the pastor, especially because of their implication that white visitors to the colored church were so misbehaving themselves as to make their presence unwelcome. We are glad to be assured that such is not the case. Ed]

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It should appeal to those who believe the path of progress does not necessarily lead to the substitution of a government trust for the multiple private trusts which in the enjoyment of special privileges have grown to be a national menace, but that EQUAL FREEDOM is a sovereign remedy for all our economic ills.

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Dr. Rowe has secured four or five lots on the south side of Fels avenue east of the Fairhope Improvement Co. cottages, is having the same cleared and will build thereon at once.

We are afraid Doctor Rowe is going to disappoint us on the ice plant proposition, though if the Corporation could go ahead and settle the water supply matter satisfactorily—which it should do as soon as possible on its own account,—he would probably go ahead with the plant. It is something very much needed and we believe would surprise every one in the amount of business it would do.

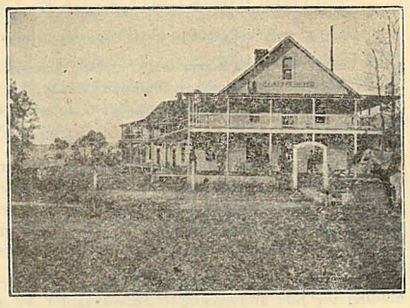
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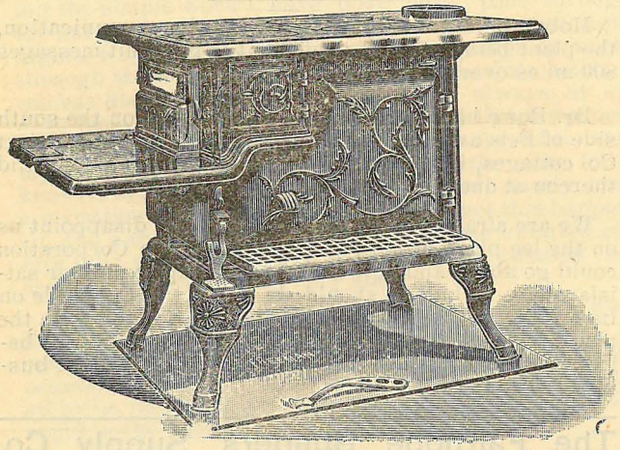
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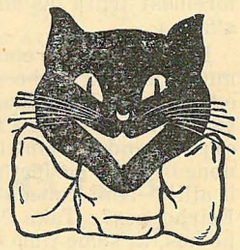
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The Inquisitive Boy Again

"Pa, what is Fairhope?"

"The Single Tax Colony, my son."

"What is the Single Tax Colony, Pa?"

"It is a community of several hundred people where the ground rent goes to the whole community, my son.

"Does the community tax the ground rent into its treasury, Pa?"

"No, that would be against the law, my son."

"How does it get it, Pa?"

"A land company called the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation owns the land and holds it for the purpose of turning the rent over to the community, my son."

"Is the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation a landlord, Pa?"

"No, my son; it only looks like one; a landlord is one who pockets the rent."

"Some people say the members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation are not single taxers, Pa?"

"I don't doubt it, my son; I have heard single taxers say the same of Henry George, but he got over it."

"What is a single taxer, Pa?"

"A single taxer is one who wants to establish the right of all to the use of the earth by taking ground rent for the whole community, where now it goes into private pockets.

"Pa, do the citizens of Fairhope have a right to govern themselves?"

"Yes, my son, they all have a voice in the national, state and local governments, just as in other places throughout the country."

"But is not the Colony governed by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, Pa?"

"Yes, my son; but only so far as it is necessary to maintain the single tax system without violating the law."

"Pa, if the ground rent belongs to all the people of Fairhope, should not they determine how it should be spent?"

"They have that privilege, my son."

"Pa, what right would the Single Tax Corporation have to force its policy upon residents of its land if the majority should not want it?"

"It only enters into free and voluntary contracts with its tenants; its policy is forced upon nobody, my son."

"Pa, suppose a majority of the community prefer just enough ground rent collected to pay county and state taxes, which would be less than half that collected now?"

"That would be breaking their contracts, my son; besides, it would be robbery."

"How would it be robbery, Pa?"

"Because the rent morally belongs to the community, my son, though legally it belongs to the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation."

"Is private ownership in land an aggression on our rights, Pa?"

"Yes, my son."

"Has a minority a right to defend itself against an aggression, Pa?"

"Yes, my son."

"Does the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation violate the law of equal freedom, Pa?"

"No, my son; it applies it further than it is applied anywhere else in the United States. Its members are anxious to go in that direction just as far as it is possible under existing laws."

"Let's go to Fairhope, Pa."

"All right, my son." W. L. R.

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Sample copies of the COURIER for use in securing subscribers will be sent free on request.

Come On With the Investigation of Fairhope

The *Single Tax Review* having proposed a thorough investigation of Fairhope, which is most agreeable to Fairhopers, the COURIER has opened a subscription to defray the expense of such investigation. The *Review* poposes as members of the investigating committee, Judge Samuel Seabury, Hon. Robert Baker, Hon. Jas. G. Maguire and Lawson Purdy. These names suit the COURIER admirably, either to make the investigation in person, or select those to do so.

The COURIER started the subscription with $5 and reports a subscription of two dollars from S. H. Comings of Fairhope. Let all who want Fairhope investigated come on with their subscriptions. All will be acknowledged in the COURIER.

President Roosevelt has declared positively for the government regulation not only of railroads but all large corporations—or so reported in a Press Dispatch; which shows that Mr. Roosevelt does not make the proper distinction between public business and private business. Something must be done with the railroads because they are essentially monopolies and exercise government functions but no system of "regulation" will be satisfactory. As for corporations large or small or individuals, all that needs to be done is to take away their special privileges.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Shingles. G. A. R. Lawrence.

Pork, mutton, and beef for Sunday dinner. Wilson and Nelson.

Bell and Baldwin are kept very busy now putting in wells and cisterns.

Henry Gunnison is mate on the steamer Fairhope and proving very efficient.

The Christian church Sunday school picnicked at the Mackintosh place on last Friday.

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The Rev. Mr. Woods, a Methodist Episcopal Minister of Daphne, spoke at the Disciple Church on Tuesday evening and organized a Methodist class, with Mr. Empire Stites as class leader.

Heavy rains early this week stopped potato digging for two or three days. The price has, as we feared, dropped down pretty low. They are only bringing $1.25 to $1.50 a barrel. Beans are bringing forty cents a bushel.

Messrs. Himrod and McKay and their families will leave Fairhope May 21, for their home in Waterford, Pa. where they will spend the summer. The gentlemen will visit their property in Wilcox county frequently this summer, and will move there with their families in the fall.

Mr. C. F. Blank wife and daughter left on Wednesday morning for their northern home at Miller, Ind. They are a most estimable family and their many friends parted from them with much regret. They will probably not return next winter but will let their son and his wife come down and enjoy the Fairhope climate for a season. Before leaving they got their nice cottage on Magnolia avenue completed within and without. It is an ornament to the village and a credit to the owner and the efficient contractor, Mr. C. E. Littlefield.

Big drop in shingles. G. A. R. Lawrence.

Building material cheap. G. A. R. Lawrence.

Will Manteuffel is working in W. A. Baldwin's planing mill.

The Pilcher family will soon occupy the handsome new Blank cottage.

The Gass cottage has received a new coat of paint greatly to its improvement.

Now is the time to get the best shingles for $4 per thousand. G. A. R. Lawrence.

Rev. A. E. Shupe lost his buggy, but found all repaired, wilh a new harness in it.

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New issue of Fairhope Souvenir postal cards, on sale at the COURIER office, nine kinds, one cent each.

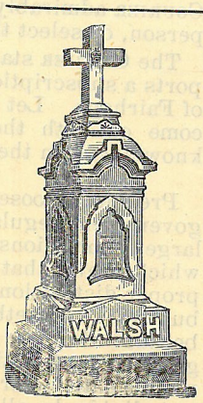
The Baldwin County Telephone company, of which Dr. R. A. Hail is president and manager, is now connected with Mobile over the Southern Bell lines. The new line is working very nicely.

The frame is up and enclosed on the new Gooding cottage on Fels avenue. It is a two story structure and shows up very prominently in its sightly location.

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Note the new ad of Harry Bray, dealer in builders' supplies, Mobile, which appears in this issue. Mr. Bray has taken up his residence in Fairhope for the summer, has already done a good deal of business with Fairhopers and wants to do more. He prides himself on prompt filling of orders, which would alone commend him to those who have been up against the annoying delays so often experienced in getting supplies after their orders were placed. He could be seen in person here on Wednesday and Saturday evenings after the arrival of the Fairhope.

Our lumber dealers are especially busy this season, loads of lumber being sold every day. Much more building is being done this season than in any other town in the county, due, we believe, to the ease with which people can get fine building sites here. This, in turn, has stimulated our local dealers to put in large stocks of building material, and induced Mr. Baldwin to build the planing mill. There is no place in the county where a lot can be secured so easily and all the material for building purchased so quickly as in Fairhope.



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Another daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Barnhart on last Sunday. Mother and child doing well.

Mrs. Coulter left for the summer on Monday morning after having seen her cottage on Bay View avenue completed.

Screen doors, panel doors, window sash, adjustable window screens and etc. at
Mershon Brothers.

Mr. Harry Bray and family and his partner, Mr. Fike, came over on Saturday evening to occupy the Miss Lee cottage for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Strong will move into the Stevens cottage, about June 1, and will remain until midsummer, when they expect to return to Waterford, Pa.

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Those who have cared for their vines have a prospect for a good crop of grapes this season. Those of Father Knowles look particularly fine.

Frank Brown is burning a kiln of about 70,000 brick this week. Profiting by experience in making the first kiln, these are expected to be of better and more uniform quality. He is also trying a few tile and some other things in the kiln.

The ladies of the Village Improvement Club, gave an ice-cream social at the hall on last Friday evening. Music was furnished by the Fairhope band. Mrs. Bancroft gave in her inimitable style, a selection from Widow Bedott and Mr. Lancaster also recited.

The many friends of the De Le Mare's will be interested to know that a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. De La Mare, on May fifth: also that they are counting on returning some day to live at Fairhope. They are now living at Goose Lake, Manitoba.

Remember the COURIER office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

A farewell party was tendered Miss Esther Blank, on last Friday evening by a lot of her young Fairhope friends. A delightful time was enjoyed with games, music and refreshments. The following were present: Misses Hazel Pilcher, Ivy and Bessie Littlefield, Ola Powell, Vera Mershon, Frances Gaston. Messrs. Chas, Cook, J. W. Black, Robt. McDermaid, Will Dealy, James Gaston, Archie Littlefield, Arthur Dealy and Henry Gunnison.

Meeting for Worship

A meeting for worship after the manner of the Society of Friends is held at the residence of Archibald and Elizabeth Crosbie, Fairhope, on Firstday (Sunday) mornings at eleven o'clock giving opportunity for christian fellowship in the freedom and simplicity the truth as it is in Jesus requires.

All inclined to attend are welcome.

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Want Column

WANTED—A good cook, a chambermaid and two dining room girls; all white. Address, stating experience and wages, in care of Fairhope Courier.

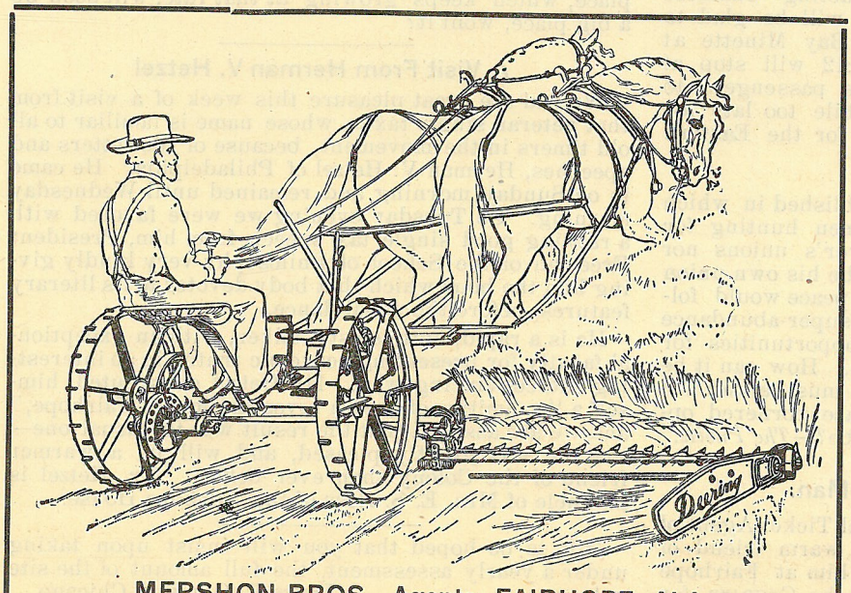
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Mr. A. Wangemann of Chicago, has our thanks for full description of a method whereby he is sure a good supply of water can be secured out of our quicksand.

Tom Bawden, editor of *Our Commonwealth*, Detroit. has had a severe spell of sickness and was compelled to miss a few issues of his paper. We hope he will soon be restored to his usual health and vigor.

The new Bay Minette & Fort Morgan railroad is completed and trains are running nearly as far south as Magnolia Springs. True to promise, they had trains running in time to get at least a part of the season's truck crop out over it, and regular passenger service was inaugurated on Monday of this week.

Lawson Purdy of New York writes us that he has a request from a man in England for the plan of a single tax colony, and thinks he cannot do better than to send him a copy of the charter and constitution of the Fairhope Corporation, which he requests us to forward for the purpose. We have taken pleasure in doing so.

People who have experienced the difficulty of getting from Mobile to Bay Minette, transacting business there and getting back the same day will be glad to know that train number one, passing Bay Minette at 3:27 p. m. and arriving at Mobile at 4:12 will stop at Bay Minette regularly when there are passengers to get on or off. This train reaches Mobile too late for connections with the afternoon boats for the Eastern Shore however.

"If conditions were sought and established in which jobs were hunting for men instead of men hunting for jobs, we should have neither employer's unions nor laborer's unions. Every man would be his own union and general prosperity and industrial peace would follow. How to effect this change from a super-abundance of workers to a super-abundance of opportunities for work is the crux of the labor problem. How can it be done? There are but two ways. We must either kill off surplus workers, or we must release cornered opportunities for work. Which shall it be?—*The Public.*

Feeling of a Fair minded Man.

Mr. W. I. Midler of Chicago, General Ticket Agent of the Pullman Car Company, who was a warm friend of the late Charles J. Stromberg, visited him at Fairhope several times and has been a reader of the COURIER for several years, in a letter renewing his subscription expresses a sentiment which it seems to us ought to be that of every fair minded man whether a believer in the single tax or the Fairhope method of applying it or not. He says:

"Accept my best wishes for the fairest kind of a trial of single tax. Of course that is all your people are asking. Chicago, wants, or thinks she wants, to try municipal ownership. Well and good, let her try it. Life is experimental. Generally when we get through trying it is time to go hence."

A Plan for Getting Water Out of Quick-sand.

H. F. Ring of Houston, Texas responded to our request for information of a practical plan for getting an abundant supply of water out of quick-sand—without the quick sand—by giving us a plan proposed to him—which seems a very practical one. It is to sink a large iron pipe into the quicksand, and then put down a smaller pumping pipe, thickly perforated with holes, in the center of the large pipe. The space between the two pipes is then filled in with gravel and the outer pipe withdrawn. The gravel acts as a strainer, passing the water through, but holding back the sand. Mr. Ring has thirty feet of the large pipe, three and a half feet in diameter which he procured at one time for such purpose, but found he didn't need, which he very generously offers to donate to the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, if it will pay the freight on it.

Great Building Activity Since January First.

George N. Maddock of Spokane, Wash., wants to know the number of new buildings erected on Fairhope land since the first of the year, (possibly he feared our rental controvery had acted to check building.) An inventory of the buildings surprises even us. We count fifteen entirely new residences, including those now in construction: the new planing mill of Mr. Baldwin, the new lumber shed of Captain Lawrence, and Wilson's new bake shop. Extensive betterments have also been made to a number of buildings, including the Coming's house (where it amounted to a good deal more than the original building) the COURIER office, Mershon Bros. store, Mrs. Call's store and residence, the residence of Mrs. Call Senior, the addition to the hall, etc-etc. A rough, but we believe conservative estimate, of the amount invested in improvements on Fairhope land since the first of the year is $14000. Pretty good showing for a small place, isn't it? And a small place, which keeps growing at that rate, will soon be a big place, wont it?

A Visit From Herman V. Hetzel

We had the great pleasure this week of a visit from that veteran single taxer, whose name is familiar to all old timers in the movement, because of his letters and speeches, Herman V. Hetzel of Philadelphia. He came in on Sunday morning and remained until Wednesday morning. On Tuesday evening we were favored with a rattling good single tax speech from him, President Freeman of the School of Philosophy very kindly giving him the hour which that body devotes to its literary features, before the usual dance.

He is a rapid, enthusiastic talker, with an exceptional faculty for presenting economic truths in an interesting and convincing way. Mr Hetzel constituted himself a "committee of one on investigation of Fairhope," and we are assured that the result was the usual one—that he was greatly pleased, and will be a warmer friend of the Colony than ever before. Mr. Hetzel is an uncle of Mrs. E. S. Ross of the Fairhope House.

It is to be hoped that you will insist upon taking under a yearly assessment, the full amount of the site values. JAMES P. CADMAN, Chicago.

Deplores Controversy Over Fairhope

F. F. Ingram, of Detroit, in a personal letter to the editor, expresses great regret over the controversy that is being waged over Fairhope. He says: "It is deplorable that the controversy is becoming so general, I do not understand how good can result from exploiting it in this manner. It injures the general cause, is undignified and belittles single taxers. Why should not you folks thrash out your differences as a family matter amongst yourselves. I may write to the *Review* suggesting that those directly involved in the success of the colony are competent to adjust their differences and will do so, with less harm to themselves and to their friends, if permitted.

"I have read much of the matter in criticism, I have considered it in connection with what I learned about Fairhope when there, and what I believe regarding those foremost in the self-sacrificing work of the colony. My sympathies perhaps are influenced by my faith in the good judgment as well as integrity of the intelligent and studious minds that are responsible for Fairhope's being and are now doing the best they can for its prosperity. It seems to me they will succeed if given a chance and the limit of their patience and endurance is not over reached by this constant nagging. Everything seemed so promising and harmonious, all with whom I conversed so contented, even the critics that I sought for and found when I was in Fairhope. So soon following my visit this agitation seems shocking and incomprehensible."

Mr. Ingram's suggestion seems to us a most timely and practical one.

Not only are the people of Fairhope the ones best qualified to deal with their internal affairs, but they are the only ones who can settle such.

No possible good can come of taking differences over details of management before outside audiences.

No colonist with the interest of Fairhope really at heart would do so, and for others to do so is a gratuitous impertinence.

This does not, however, apply to discussions wherein the propriety of Fairhope's claim to be applying single tax principles is questioned. *The Courier* does not question the right of single taxers to criticise anywhere anything in Fairhope's policy which they conscientiously think unsound from a single tax standpoint. It is certainly incumbent upon them however, to keep such discussions free from personalities; to remember that Fairhope only claims to apply the single tax principle as far as possible *under existing laws*; to be very sure of their facts with regard to Fairhope's policy, and above all things to be sure that their own position is sound.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

May 17.—Last night at the School of Philosophy, we were entertained by Mr. Hetzel of Philadelphia, "old war horse" of the single tax, I heard some one call him. His address was most spirited and dramatic, in my judgment, better adapted for the permanent inculcation of the principles of Henry George among those who learn them with difficulty than any I have ever heard. His last point was the showing that the objection so often brought against the single tax, that it advocated coercion in the collection of rentals, is not true but that the method is to restrain the holding by one person without due compensation, of what belongs to the whole. Mr. Hetzel made but a very short visit, but he put in good work while here. He is the uncle of Mrs. Ross, and arrived on a very important date: that of the arrival of a new single taxer, Elizabeth Fairhope Ross. I called on that citizen and held her in my arms a few minutes— a strong, healthy, beautiful child.

One of the most gratifying late events here was the visit of Mr. R. L. Hicks, and his daughter Mary Hicks, from Bainbridge, Georgia. They are both ardent single taxers. Miss Hicks is a member of the National Woman's Single Tax Club, the only one in her state, so far as she knows. Personally, I was most gratified by the opportunity of meeting these people with whom I hope to keep in touch as long as I live. I beg Miss Hicks to pardon me for quoting from the charming letter she sent me soon after arriving home:—

"My father and I both feel richer for our little visit to Fairhope and most especially do we recall with pleasure the hours we spent at the library and in your beautiful garden. The plant you gave me was somewhat wearied by the journey, but is now beginning to look quite at home in Georgia soil. I shall cherish it most carefully, and even should we move to a distant state I shall take it with me as a memento of Fairhope and you.

"My father says he already feels the advantage, when talking single tax to hard-headed business men, of having a concrete example of its successful working to point to. We all follow with more interest than ever the doings of Fairhope as set forth in the COURIER. My father asks me to say that he is sending by express a copy of "A History of Georgia." and a can of the insecticide he recommended for your plants."

This insecticide I have but barely tried on one plant, but that slight trial shows its power. I sprayed a large tomato worm with it and he was "laid out cold" in short order. It is called Chloro-naptholeum. I understand it is a new thing and manufactured by but one firm. He gave me the address, but I did not record it and will ask him to be so kind as to send it when he writes.

Miss Chapman Discusses Rent Matter in a Letter to the Executive Council

TO THE FAIRHOPE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit, agreeably to your request, my estimate of the actual land value of my present holding, derived from a calculation based upon the percentage of increase of the general and local population to which the increase in values should certainly correspond, if rents are to be assessed on single tax principles. Given the necessary data, which, however, is not in my possession, and I could easily and readily ascertain the real value of every holding in Fairhope with almost mathematical exactness—as nearly, in fact, as it is possible to ascertain it under the present unnatural conditions.

The method and the manner of applying it are as follows:

Taking for a basis the fundamental principle of the single tax doctrine that it is the *presence of population* only that creates land values, which must, accordingly, increase or diminish in exact proportion to the increase or decrease of population, I proceed as follows: Taking as a starting point the nominal rentals affixed seven years ago, when the differences in the desirability of the several holdings and the local trend of population had begun to manifest themselves, I multiply that rental value by 1st—The per cent. of increase in the whole population for seven years, which gives the general ratio of increase in value of every holding in Fairhope (except those acquired more recently and located further from the center of our population) from the least to the greatest; and then multiply that same basic value by 2nd—The per cent. of increase in the immediate vicinity—the division, the street, the block, or even the corner, if the amount involved were large and I wanted to get it down fine for the same period. The sum of

these two multiplications would give the present value of the land concerned so nearly that no appreciable injustice could be done to anyone by assessing it at that figure.

For example. About seven years ago block 4 of the present rental list had a population of two families—the Smiths and the Phinneys. A few months later, when I moved onto my little holding of one acre among the pines, both families had departed, leaving only unfinished dwellings to show where they had been; that immediate neighborhood had lapsed into its wilderness condition, and I became the pioneer settler to start the present population. Bay view avenue, to which the holdings of J. Bellangee, J. J. Mogg and E. J. M. Stevens properly belong, as they front on that street and help to make up the percentage of its increase, had then no existence, except on paper; not being laid out and opened up for settlement until two or three years later.

Including the hotel, there were at that time just six dwellings on the three blocks constituting Magnolia avenue, three of which were empty, two of them being unfinished Since then two more dwellings have been erected—mine and Mr. Sumner's; for, of course, I do not include Mr. Trenholme's, which should be reckoned in with next year's improvements (1905) being only just commenced—making an increase in habitable dwellings of 33⅓ per cent. in six years for the whole street, while its resident population has just doubled during the same period—an average increase of one family for every two years'

Limiting my comparisons to the block between Bay View avenue and the slough, I find that the resident population has increased 200 per cent. since I settled there. Mr. Gaston estimates the average annual increase of population for the past six or seven years at 30 per cent., which strikes me as substantially correct. For a starting point I take the first full year's rental paid by me—$2.50, the rent for 1899—and multiply it by the general plus the local per cent. of increase in population for the six years of my occupancy, with the following result:

Six years increase at 30 per cent. per year is 180 per cent. For convenience of calculation and for fear of underestimating, let us call it 200 per cent., which, plus the local per cent. of 200, is 400.

Now, $2.50x4 is $10.00, the actual value of my holding for the current year. The same method shows that my rent for last year should have been $9 instead of $10.50.

This strikes me as being a simple, safe, and certain method of ascertaining both the general and relative or local appreciation of land values, one in perfect accord with single tax principles and one calculated to give general satisfaction, since it can never become oppressive, as the same resident population that increases ground rents brings with it the means to meet them, and I respectfully and fraternally submit it to your consideration as a possible solution of the problem you have found so difficult and unsatisfactory to handle this year.

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Fraternally Yours,
ALTONA A. CHAPMAN.

Personal and Local.

Captain George Lawrence sailed down to Shell Banks with the *Minneola* on last Sunday and brought up Mrs. Quick's father and her 13 year old son, who will spend the next two months with her here.

The Agricultural Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at Fairhope on Saturday, May 27th. "Good Roads" will be the important subject for discussion and a large attendance is hoped for.

"Miss Ross, B. 6:37 A. M.", is an entry on the register of the Fairhope House, under date of Monday, May 15th. Its significance is the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. S. Ross. Mother and child doing finely.

The Fairhope Mercantile Company's ad on page seven contains news of interest to the community. The stock is to be turned into cash as soon as possible, in order to settle the estate of G. E. Baldwin. The sale commences next Thursday.

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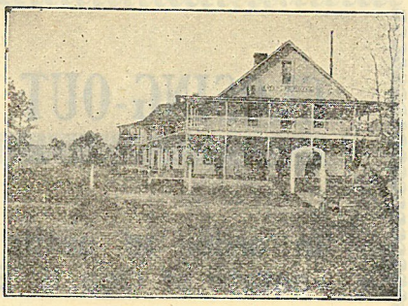
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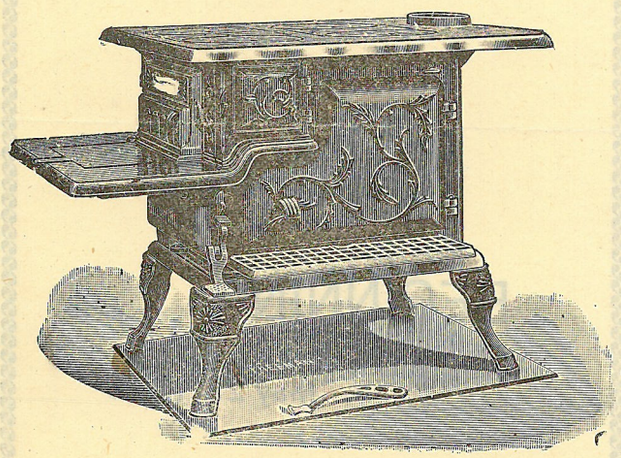
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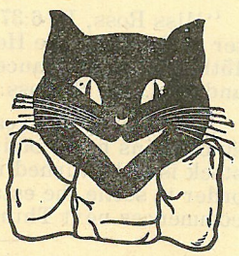
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Would Exclude Others than Single Taxers

Daniel Kiefer of Cincinnati writes: "Your 'Come On Single Taxers' in May 12 issue is excellent. If I had written it I would have urged all others to stay away."

We appreciate friend Kiefer's feeling that he would rather non single taxers would stay away from Fairhope, than come and be chronic opponents of the policy, but while this would undoubtedly be more to the peace of mind of resident single taxers, the writer is not yet ready to agree with him. If single taxers were more plentiful we might; but Fairhope exists for two reasons —to benefit directly all who come under its dominion, and all men indirectly by a practical demonstration of the wisdom of taking land values for public use. To these ends we want people. The more people the more benefitted, and the greater the force of the demonstration. We would prefer single taxers, of course; but we would not exclude others who may not fully understand and approve the policy, yet are willing to take our land upon the terms upon which it may be had. We may be able to make single taxers out of them. We have done that with a goodly proportion of our lessees who were not such at the beginning, and whether they believe in it or not, they are helping to make the demonstration of its wisdom for others to see.

The right must be reserved, however, to the members of the Corporation to control its policy.

One Socialist Learns in the School of Experience

The last number of *The Co-operator*, Burley, Wash., contains much that is interesting and profitable to those able to receive its lessons.

The *Co-operator* is the organ of the Co-operative Brotherhood, which established a co-operative colony at Burley, Wash., soon after Fairhope made its feeble beginning in Alabama.

The colony started out with a great deal of enthusiasm, and according to a financial statement made in the *Co-operator* has available assets at the present time of $21,092.45.

Of the colony's 300 acres of land about fifty acres is partially cleared and only ten acres "well cleared." This 60 acres has been leased for ten years to an "agricultural group" (presumably an independent group of voluntary co-operators).

A saw mill, which has been the chief means of support, is now offered for lease also, either to an individual or a company. "It needs a good executive head in charge" says the secretary in an article in *The Co-operator*. "We have twenty-two dwellings and a large boarding house. Nearly one half of our dwellings are now vacant," continues the same article.

It is easy to see from this showing that the usual fate of co-operative colony ventures has been experienced at Burley.

The effort to do away with individual initiative and have all work for the common good, has ended as elsewhere, in dissatisfaction if not disaster.

The difficulties encountered are well set forth by Kingsmill Commander, editor of the *Cooperator*; in the same issue he says:

In advocating the adoption of the present plan of management for Burley, I realized, as we all did, that it was simply a compromise with capitalism; that with its adoption Burley as a social experiment ceased to be. But at that time I could see no better-way to overcome the only too evident weaknesses of the old system, among which were the difficulty of placing and enforcing individual responsibility; the worker and the shirker sharing alike; the tendency to cultivate a reliance upon an intangible and impersonal "company" and to blame all non-success upon that company as represented by the board of Directors.

All of these things had to be overcome and the new plan was the best plan I could see to do it. Furthermore, my colony experience and more extended knowledge of life have convinced me that any plan of social adjustment that does not take into consideration and provide for those who desire to work alone and not co-operate with their neighbors is not founded upon correct principles. When a man is forced into following a plan of action he will resent it and will be mentally incapable of seeing the good points of the plan, no matter how many it may have. It is also indisputable that the man who desires to work alone has just as inalienable rights to the privilege of doing so, and of access to the storehouse of nature for that purpose as has the man who prefers to work in co-operation with others. In short, as long as each man can get the product of his labor, or the value of that labor and no more, (whence it follows, of course, that he is not able to exploit his fellow man) he will, under a just state of society, be free to work as he pleases, either individually or co-operatively. Men can be brought to see the beauty and desirability of co-operation only by letting them try the opposite course to their hearts' content; and even if they do not come to see it, they should be free to work as they please, as long as they do not thereby wrong others.

Equal individual freedom of action and yet the possibility of exploitation eliminated,—these are two absolutely indispensible features of a practical solution of the social problem.

Mr. Commander has evidently profited deeply from his experience. In fact, he talks like a good single taxer. However he is going to make another venture along the semi-socialistic lines of the Freeland colony, which has just succeeded the Equality colony, (another socialistic failure) at Bow, Washington.

The Freeland colony is attempting to apply the plans of Dr. Theodore Hertzka, whose book "Freeland; a Social Anticipation" is in the Fairhope library and was reviewed by G. W. Wood in the COURIER two or three years ago. We shall briefly review the Freeland plan in another issue.

Cr oss-Eyed Aldermen

Leslie's Weekly of New York proposes that the nuisance of offensive posters on the bill-boards of that city be extinguished by a prohibitory tax. There is no question that this would do the business. For the suppression of public nuisances of any sort there is no method so effective as that of taxation. Even the dunderheads among our aldermen are convinced of this, only they are intellectually cross-eyed, and can't distinguish between nuisances and advantages. They hold the view, for example, that dwelling houses are among the things which ought to be suppressed, and so they announce themselves as opposed to the proposal to reduce the taxation upon them. On the other hand, they firmly refuse to increase the taxes upon vacant lots which are being held for purely speculative purposes, showing clearly that they do not recognize the greatest nuisance a city can be afflicted with when they see it.—*Canadian Single Taxer.*

A meeting of the Good Roads Committee selected by the late good roads convention at Bay Minette, will be held at that place on next Monday to arrange for a grand good roads rally in June, and if possible agree upon plans to be submitted thereat.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

New shipment of summer hats, at Call's

Pork, mutton, and beef for Sunday dinner. Wilson and Nelson.

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George Steenstra sold seventy dozen Japanese persimmons from two trees last fall for $22.

The potato market has stiffened up some, a good quality bringing up to $2 a barrel yesterday.

Will Stimpson has a good stock of building material on hand. Call and see him when you are ready to build.

The overhauling of the bay steamer "Jas. A. Carney" will take three or four weeks and cost probably $3000.

A son, the first son and second child, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lawrence on Tuesday May 23, all doing well.

New things at Call's—Windsor ties, chemisettes, Japanese hat pins, the "Eternal Question" hat pins, and shirt waist sets.

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The steamer Fairhope was in dry-dock at Mobile, Monday and Tuesday having a new stern bearing put on. She got off Tuesday afternoon, a little late for her regular trip but reached Fairhope about seven o'clock.

Mr. Gelink, who came over to Fairhope on the suggestion of Mr. Richards of the Mobile Item, to spend a day, and remained a couple of months, and who made many friends, left on Monday for Ensley, Ala. He promised, however, to come again.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner left on Tuesday morning for their northern home at Geneva, O. They are among the most pleasant of our winter residents—not visitors—for they have their own cottage here, and their friends will look forward with pleasure to having them back in the fall. Fairhope, its plans and management as well as its natural advantages, has few better friends than they.

Mr. Ary Van Bendegom of Kenosha, Wis., has purchased the improvements of Jos. Schuller, just beyond the saw-mill. Mr. Van Bendegom has made quite a thorough investigation of conditions in Alabama, stopping off on his way down at Brimingham, Montgomery, Thorsby and other points above Mobile and going from thence to Marlow and vicinity in this county. He had heard of Fairhope, however, before leaving Wisconsin and determined to see it before locating, with result that he preferred it to any other place visited and bought out Mr. Schuller. He is a Hollander, well "Americanized" however. His family is expected in a couple of weeks.

J. W. Braam was received as a member of the Corporation last week.

Door and window frames made to order and all kinds of special work done at Baldwin's planing mill.

New issue of Fairhope Souvenir postal cards, on sale at the Courier office, nine kinds, one cent each.

Superintendent of Lands and Highways Bancroft has been doing some good work upon the roads this week, and much more remains to be done.

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The Baldwin County Agricultural Society meets in Fairhope hall tomorrow at 2 p. m. Subject for discussion: "Good Roads," a most important subject at all times, and particularly pertinent at this time. There should be a good attendance.

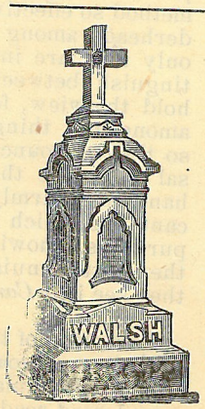
Mrs. McDavid and Miss Hall left for their home in Minneapolis on Tuesday morning. After having had their tickets extended at additional expense, they were still loth to leave. They will warmly recommend Fairhope wherever they go, and we are quite sure to see them here again.

The Fairhope will make double round trips between Fairhope and Mobile next Sunday, leaving Fairhope at 7 a. m. and Mobile, returning, at 9:15 a. m., and leaving Fairhope at 4 p. m., returning from Mobile on arrival. This will probably be the means of bringing over a number of Mobile people to secure cottages for the summer,

The following families of Hollanders picnicked at Volanta, on last Sunday: Steenstra, De Bruyn, B. and J. Van Bavel, Vander Wall, Koopman, Mensinger and Poorstra, and the Goor boys. While eating their dinner they took note of the number of products of the country spread before them and we are furnished a partial list: potatoes, beans, fish, eggs, milk, butter, beets, onions; preserved figs, pears, plums, tomatoes and garden lemons, cucumber pickles; ice cream made from milk from their own cows. Practically everything save the seasonings and the flour for their bread was home grown. They had plenty of fish from the bay, all they wanted and some to give away.

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On the afternoon of May 21 a largely attended wedding was held at the home of J. W. Robinson of Belforest, the contracting parties being H. O. Burrows and Miss Eugenia Robinson. Rev. A. E. Shupe of Fairhope performed the ceremony, which was followed by a wedding dinner at the bride's home and by a supper at the groom's home. The young people are members of prominent families of Belforest and will begin housekeeping on the groom's farm near there.

A Visit to Our Hollanders

The editor and wife took a little trip out through our Holland settlement last Saturday and were much pleased with the progress being made. Mr. Koopman is building a nice two story house on his lately acquired Yansma place: just beyond he was, at the time of our trip, cutting oats on the Duintjer place and they were excellent. Mr. Duintjer said they were sowed on ground from which potatoes had just been taken, without fertilizing or even plowing, being simply harrowed in. The Hollanders have cooperated in the very practical way of building a fence around their common holdings, which comprise 160 acres, on which there are seven families: Koopman, Duintjer, Jno. Van Bavel, Mensinger, Smit, Goor, and Vander Wall. A common road runs east through the center, branching to reach each house. On this road they have just put in a bridge across a branch making a thorough job of it.

All of the families have small but comfortable houses and everything kept up very neatly about them. Mr. Vander Wall, who brought with him a little more money than any of the rest, has the largest house and has a fine field of fifteen acres cleared. Their experience with potatoes has not been at all encouraging this season a "sickness"—(probably blight) having stricken the vines before the potatoes were fully matured, and the price being unusually low.

The potatoes will, in most cases, be followed by cow peas, which will give a large quantity of nutritious feed and leave the ground in improved condition.

They had very nice corn, rice, sorghum, peanuts, and sweet potato crops coming, beside good gardens. Some of the corn was in tassel. Their cows, they tie out on their places, in old country style, instead of turning them out in the woods.

They have a good deal of work outside, bringing in cash while getting their places in shape and those with whom we talked seemed in a distinctly cheerful and hopeful mood. They have worked hard—the women no less than the men—but they did not count on anything else and enjoy working when they can reap the results of their labor.

The DeBruyns are a new family living outside the others' enclosure, just north of Mr. Koopman's, where they already have a comfortable house up and are pushing the work of clearing vigorously.

Off to the south, in section 22, the others are in fifteen, is the home of Reimer Poorstra, one of the original party of Patterson Hollanders. Reimer has perhaps made the best showing for his means of any. He has fifteen acres cleared and well fenced and he and Mrs. Poorstra (for we are assured the most of the garden work is done by her) have the most luxuriant garden we have seen in this country and we have seen nothing to beat it anywhere. But if the views we took on their place turn out well, we intend to show some of them in an early issue and tell more particularly of what they have accomplished.

We could not but think of how the Colony plan has benefitted these people and we are glad to say that most of them at least appreciate it. While other new comers to the county have been compelled to buy land at $10 to $20 and $25 an acre, not nearly so well located as theirs—most of them going in debt for it and paying interest—they had no purchase price to pay and are paying only 25 cts. an acre or $7 a year on 20 acres which most of them hold, which includes the taxes to the county and state on land and improvements besides other advantages flowing from the Colony administration.

The man who cannot see that this is to the benefit of the poor man is blind because he won't see.

Meeting for Worship

A meeting for worship after the manner of the Society of Friends is held at the residence of Archibald and Elizabeth Crosbie, Fairhope, on Firstday (Sunday) mornings at eleven o'clock giving opportunity for christian fellowship in the freedom and simplicity the truth as it is in Jesus requires.

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Wm. Brown of Fairhope is one of the COURIER's best friends. For several years prior to his coming to Fairhope he subscribed for several extra copies of the paper for friends and he has just renewed the subscription of five of them for a year.

Wm. Mortimer, of Homestead, Pa., a "single wrapper" (only subscriber at his post office) responded promptly to our notice of expiration and exhortation to get out of the single wrap list by sending two new subscriptions with his renewal. If each of our five hundred or more single wraps would do this it would encourage us immensely.

Mrs. Louisa Southworth, an ardent single taxer and equal suffragist and a member of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, died at her home in Cleveland, O., on May 19th, in her 74th year. Our Mesdames F. L. Brown, Bancroft and Call, met Mrs. Southworth at a National convention of equal suffragists at New Orleans, a couple of years ago, and Professor Bellangee was a guest at her home in Cleveland for several days while in that city in the interest of Fairhope. She was a lady of large wealth.

The ladies of the Henry George Club are planning to send Mrs. Minnie (F. L.) Brown to the Women's National League Conference at Philadelphia, next month. It is very important that Fairhope should be represented at the Conference and no one is better fitted to do it with credit to Fairhope and herself, than Mrs. Brown. A number of subscriptions toward paying the expense of the trip have been made and others will be gladly received. The ladies are also planning an entertainment to make up any deficiency.

Noren "Heart and Soul With Us"

EDITOR COURIER:

No doubt if you could get together at Fairhope the gentlemen named by Mr. Miller they would decide to the satisfaction of any really earnest single taxer the points of difference. I doubt, however, if you can secure their service. Meanwhile I am heart and soul with you. Any mistake that has, perhaps, been made in relation to the boat is too small a matter to fuss about. I believe that you are doing the very best that can be done towards applying single tax under existing laws and I hope that you make no changes whatever unless such changes are approved by a large majority of real single taxers. Sincerely yours.

Allegheney, Pa., H. W. Noren.

P. S. I send you $5 to apply on the membership fee.

Regarding the Proposed Investigation of Fairhope

OPINIONS of our friends differ somewhat regarding the investigation of Fairhope by a committee of leading single taxers, as proposed by the *Single Tax Review* and approved by the COURIER, as the following extracts from letters to the COURIER show.

R. F. POWELL says:—"I have read the *Single Tax Review's* articles about Fairhope, including the editorial which suggests that a committee of prominent single taxers be appointed to investigate and report upon the Colony's affairs. I have also read the endorsement that the COURIER gives to this idea and the liberal backing that the endorsement is given by the editor.

"I am so thoroughly convinced that the opponents of the Colony's policy and management are not sincere in their criticisms, and that they are not seeking to advance the cause of the single tax, but are bent upon putting obstacles in its way, that I want through your columns to enlarge your proposition. Let us invite the very committee, Lawson Purdy, Hon. Robert Baker, Judge James G. McGuire, that Mr. Miller suggests to make and publish a full report on the Colony and its affairs, and as a proof of our faith in the fairness of our contentions and the justice of the Colony's cause, let us offer that for each dollar that the criticisers of the Colony or its management will subscribe toward the expenses of such an investigation by this committee, that we, the friends of the Colony, will subscribe two dollars. If they will raise $100 we will double the amount.

"I will be one of five or ten to enter into an agreement to this effect; in the meanwhile, while waiting to hear from the Colony criticisers, their friends and others, you can put me down for $10 toward the expense of such an investigation. I think they should 'either put up or shut up.'

"No wonder Brother Miller sees STAGNATION in the single tax cause. No wonder he is ready to 'confess that we are at present almost at a halt on the march; that we are encamped in the face of the enemy, without leaders and without a plan of campaign,' when he can find no better use for the space in his columns than the lending of about one-sixth of it to criticisms of Fairhope and its promoters, which is about the only place in all America that is active enough in the great cause to attract even public comment. That Fairhope and its good work is getting wide publicity he freely admits. If I were sure that my prayers would be answered, I certainly would pray without ceasing to the Lord to please put sense enough into the hearts of single taxers everywhere to cause them to turn their guns upon the enemies of the cause instead of its friends, since the enemies are so numerous and the friends so scarce and "disorganized." Why waste one-sixth our ammunition gunning for mice when the woods are full of elephants and gunners are so few and far between?

"If Miller, Norton and Brokaw could only be brought to realize the facts in the case they would at once see that they are being cleverly used by land speculators. That they are, Arnold-like, deserting the cause of freedom for that of the oppressor."

W. L. Ross says:—"You may put me down for $5.00 toward paying the expenses of a committee to investigate Fairhope, as suggested by the Editor of the *Review*. I had heard all kinds of absurd statements about Fairhope before going there to investigate for myself, and I am sure others who investigate will become enlightened just as I was. They will approve the Colony's plan and administration and will become its warm friends and supporters."

GEO. D LIDDELL, Providence, R. I., disapproves: "I hope you will pardon my saying so, but I think you are entirely wrong in this matter of investigating Fairhope. In my opinion, when any outsider whatever had the impudence to demand an investigation o

Fairhope, those in authority there should have told them to go straight to ——.

"The land on which the Fairhope Colony is built is the legal property of the members of the Fairhope Corporation; in other words, the stockholders. This Corporation as lessor makes contracts with tenants, lessees. It agrees with its lessees to expend the total rent that remains after paying the taxes levied by government in public improvements. Is there any question it has done this? If there is such a question it is a question for adjudication between the Corporation and its lessees, and the *Single Tax Review*, or any other butter-in, has no business with it whatever."

DAN KIEFER thinks it a mistake, but subscribes $5:—"I think your encouraging that suggestion of Miller's for an investigation is a mistake; but, since you have started a fund for the purpose—and though, like you say of the COURIER, I am not overburdened with funds—you can put me down for $5.

"I hope you wont get enough subscribed to make it a go—and in that case you can apply it in part payment for one of those Raffia hats for my wife—and call upon me for the other $5."

Disputes Proposition that Population Alone Makes Land Values

EDITOR OF THE COURIER:

In Miss Chapman's letter to the Executive Council in your issue of the 19th inst., I find these words: "Taking for a basis the fundamental principle of the single tax doctrine that it is the *presence of population* only that creates land values, which must, accordingly, increase or diminish in exact proportion to the increase or decrease of population."

But I do not see how that statement can be maintained otherwise than as a faith or religion. It is so notoriously not true.

Take a case. Suppose 100 tramps invade Fairhope some evening without a cent of money or a particle of credit, and none of them doing labor, just merely a bunch of typical tramps, well known over the northern states.

They must consume vital capital or die. Fairhope gives them a supper and a place on the porch to sleep, and in the morning a breakfast follows. Say this goes on for a week, when a suggestion that they saw up some wood disperses the crowd.

Is Fairhope any richer? Did land values increase? Would the presence of that kind of population increase anything?

But suppose they had money and disbursed it? Then they would not be tramps. I see how this distribution of cash might increase values. But suppose they worked, performed labor. No matter, they might labor 20 hours a day if their work was unprofitable, and increase the value of nothing. I remember a calculation made during President Cleveland's administration that one half of the labor of the nation was wasted doing unprofitable work.

I therefore suggest an important amendment to Miss Chapman's statement by adding to "presence of population" the words, "who are doing *profitable* business." Thus amended I think all will agree to it. If Fairhope was in a part of the world where "population" was used for food the case might be different. The incursion of tramps would increase vital capital in that case.

Truly yours,

I. LANCASTER.

The Village Improvement Work

We are indebted to Friend Powell for very interesting bulletins issued by the American Civic Association of Philadelphia. This organization is an enlarged "Village Improvement Club," to work with local town governments, voluntary associations and individuals in improving and beautifying the cities and towns of the country, and it seems to be doing a very valuable work. "Bulletin No. 3" issued by the association can be had upon application to the association, North American building, Philadelphia.

Fairhope might and must be, if not a model of a cleanly and well-kept town, at least an inspiration and example in this respect as well as in that of applying a proper economic policy.

We have in our local "Village Improvement Club" an organization which has been of greatest advantage to the community, but might have done far more if the comparatively few devoted women who have been active in it had received the hearty support of the whole community, as they should have had.

Every man, woman and child in Fairhope ought to be enrolled as an active worker in its ranks. It is the *one* organization outside of the Single Tax Corporation devoted to the *public* interest, and whatever other clubs and interests there may be, all should join hands in its work.

And, besides the work which may be done through it, every home owner in Fairhope should be a "committe of one" to keep our streets and public grounds in attractive order, as well as his own premises. Professor Comings has set a most laudable example in this respect.

We have this great advantage at Fairhope over all other towns, that whereas elsewhere a large share of the benefit of public spirited work for the common good is absorbed by land owners, here they can not be so perverted from their purpose.

The Value of Land Governed by Supply and Demand

In the last issue of the COURIER Miss Chapman argued the common claim that population alone affects land values, and in an article in this issue, Mr. Lancaster proposes an amendment to Miss Chapman's statement by adding to "presence of population" the words: "who are doing profitable business."

It seems to us this matter would be simplified for both Miss Chapman and Mr. Lancaster by the statement, which is indisputable, that the value of land (as of everything else) is fixed by the law of supply and demand. Population increases land values generally, because more people make more demand for land. If however, a case existed where increased population did not mean increased demand,—if for instance, all the people wanted to get away, there would not only be no increase in land value, but the value already existing would disappear. On the other hand, if anything occurred to cause increased demand for land, without increased population land values would rise.

Mr. Lancaster's proposed amendment is not well taken. The fact as to whether or not "profitable business" is done on the land, has nothing to do with its value, except that opportunities for the profitable use of land will cause greater demand for it. The demand for land for a play-ground would be just as potent a factor in influencing its value as a demand for it for any "profitable" use from growing cabbages to running a bank.

Applying this reasoning to the value of Miss Chapman's lots on Magnolia avenue, the real question is not primarily: "has population increased on that street" but: "does a demand exist there for lots at the rental fixed by the Council" and the answer must be "yes." Thus, since the last valuation was made, Miss Haworth, and Mr. Gaston have both taken lots there (by transfer from Mr. Wood); Mr. Blank purchased the improve-

ments at a fair valuation upon and secured the transfer of the lease of three lots from Mrs. Webster. Miss Herring has taken three lots, and others would have taken lots there if they had been obtainable.

The Best Thing Has Happened Fairhope

EDITOR COURIER—

I have noted the criticisms of Fairhope in the *Single Tax Review* and elsewhere. From my view-point it is the best thing has happened Fairhope. All who have watched the determined fight of the Fairhope people, believers in the practicability of right principles, will see that while admitting mistakes made, they at the same time turn on the searchlight, reporting fully and freely the resonant echoings of the "knocker's hammers." The course adopted must commend itself to all who are heart-sick of current underground methods of frenzied finance. GEO. CARTWRIGHT, Toronto, Can.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The closing excercises of the Fairhope public school are in progress today.

Dr. and Mrs. Cottle and children left for their home in Marshalltown, Ioa., early last week. They will return.

This is the third consecutive issue of the COURIER in which we have had to announce two births in Fairhope. See us grow.

Captain Joseph Lawrence has just completed the building on Fairhope beach of a flat or house-boat, 7x20 ft. for P. A. Parker, of Volanta.

Mrs. Nichols and son Forrest, who have been in Montgomery for several months are at home again. Mr. Noble of Montgomery is visiting them.

Mr. F. F. Conway, special deputy collector of customs, and S. Y. Locke cashier at the custom house, Mobile, were over on Thursday evening looking after cottages at Fairhope for the summer.

Master Marc Molyneux had a narrow escape from drowning on last Saturday. While swimming at the bath-house he was seized with cramps and had gone down twice before being rescued by his companions.

A new single taxer—a boy—and the first-born, at the home of Stuart Yarnelle on Friday of last week. Mother and child doing finely. Mr. Yarnelle's mother arrived on the evening before, just in time to be of assistance on the important occasion.

Mr. Wilkinson assistant state examiner of public accounts, in his report to the governor on the books of the Baldwin County officers, takes occasion to criticise the valuation of lands in this county. He says: "There is an average tax valuation per acre of $2. Speculators are in possession of large tracts and hold them for higher prices."

L. H. Read of the Southern Floral Nursery Co., at Fruitdale, is still planning to make his headquarters at Fairhope, just as soon as he can dispose of his property there to advantage. In a late letter he says: "We have great faith in Fairhope and its future. We have now the record of having shipped out of Fruitdale during the past ten months crops that brought more cash into the place than any one else, with one exception." This is certainly a good record for friend Read, as there are some quite heavy fruit and produce shippers at Fruitdale. We hope he will soon be able to get down here and help to swell our exports. Mrs. Read in a note with his, said: "We are all enjoying our home again but would gladly return to Fairhope if we could have our home there. I think it an ideal place to raise children. One hears so many ideas advanced there it broadens his ideas even without effort on his part."

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A cut of the Blank cottage should have been received for this issue, but failed to reach us in time.

Rudolph Reller of Brooklyn in an interesting and encouraging letter encloses flowers plucked from the grave of Henry George. He orders a quantity of the Fairhope Souvenir postal cards, to sell to single taxers frequenting his place of business, which is 3712 Thirteenth ave., Brooklyn.

Mr. W. H. Dorchester is reported seriously ill with appendicitis—in fact not expected to live. He worked at the Exchange store, until seven o'clock, as usual, on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday morning he sent up the keys and reported that he was unable to come up. On Thursday morning he was taken to Mobile on the steamer and operated upon at the hospital by Drs. Hail of Fairhope and Acker and Owen of Mobile, but too late it is reported. Mrs. Dorchester is with him at Mobile.

The *Register* of Tuesday, had an interesting article about the old Eastern Shore Transportation Company's steamer "Heroine," which it is admitted by Manager Carney will not run again to the Eastern Shore. It is said she may have her cabin's and machinery removed and the hull be converted into a barge. The "Heroine" has been an excellent boat in her time—and a long time at that—but boats cannot last always.

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Women's National Single Tax Conference.

The Fifth Annual convention of the Women's National Single Tax League will be held in Philadelphia, Pa., on the 15th, 16th and 17th of June, 1905, on the invitation of the Women's Henry George League of that city.

Sessions will be held afternoon and evening on Thursday and Friday, and the election of officers will be held on Saturday morning.

Well known Single taxers, both men and women, will make addresses, and delegates are expected from many clubs in the State.

Women who believe in the Single Tax may become members of the National Single Tax League by forwarding their name, address and one dollar to Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe, 150 A street, N. E., Washington, D. C., the National Treasurer.

For information as to entertainment, address Mrs. E. B. Montgomery. 2253 N. Camac St., Philadelphia Pa.,

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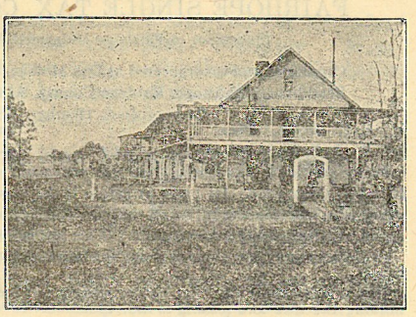
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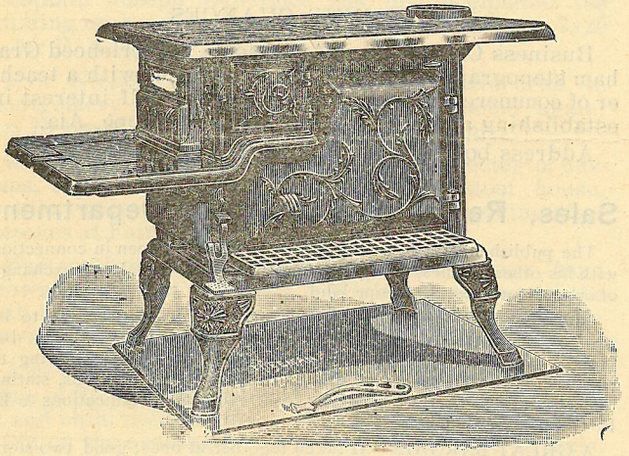
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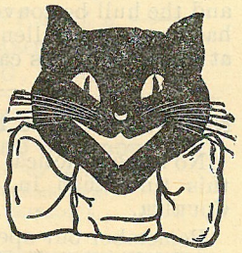
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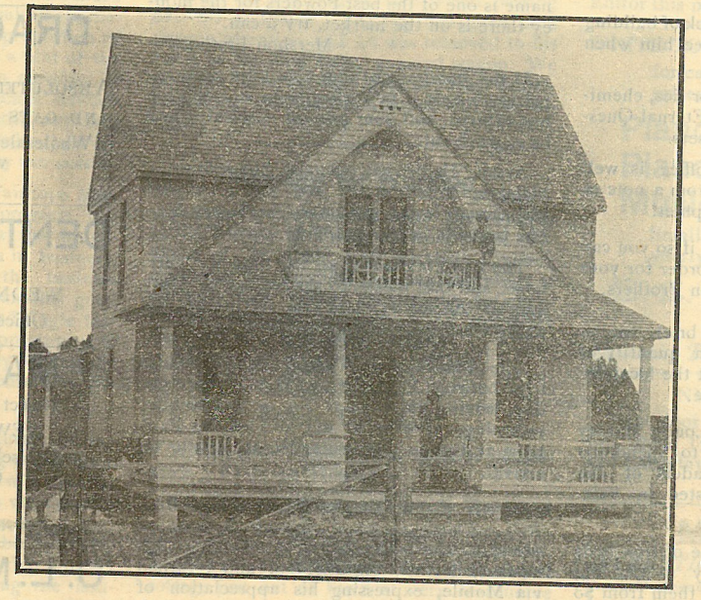
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One of Our 1905 Improvements

OUR picture this week is of the cottage just completed by Contractor C. E. Littlefield for Mr. C. F. Blank, one of the best of the fifteen residences built in Fairhope since January 1, 1905. The cottage is very conveniently arranged, with six comfortable rooms, three on each floor, with the handsome veranda in front shown in the picture, and porches on both sides of the kitchen in the rear. The parlor and sitting room are connected with sliding double doors, and two of the three nice chambers on the upper floor have full length sash opening on the pleasant second floor balcony. The house is ceiled throughout with yellow pine, finished in oil. For those who would like to know the cost of building in Fairhope, we may say that the cost of this cottage is very close about one thousand dollars. Mr. C. E. Littlefield, the builder, would no doubt be glad to corrrespond with those wishing to build here, and to give them estimates on plans they desire to submit.



An interesting fact in connection with this improvement is that it is on Magnolia avenue, on a lot secured of Mrs. Webster, and that the bargain for the purchase of the improvements upon this and the two other lots held by Mrs. Webster was concluded on the morning following the strong complaint of certain Fairhope tenants against the rental valuations for 1905, as fixed by the Executive Council. Mrs. Webster's name appeared on the list of complainants, and the rent would perhaps have been somewhat burdensome to her, because she was only using one of the three lots she held.

Mr. Blank, however, who purposed putting the unused ground to use, thought the rent very reasonable and paid Mrs. Webster a fair, even liberal price for her improvements and took the lots off of her hands.

Strange Criticism from Single Taxer

IN commenting upon the various criticisms of Fairhope reproduced in the spring number of the *Single Tax Review*, Editor Miller says, among other things:

"In printing these communications and newspaper clippings regarding Fairhope it is necessary to say that however much the colony on the shore of Mobile Bay has been advertised as a single tax experiment, its success would not furnish a demonstration of the single tax, nor its failure disprove it. The colony has many admirable features, but the fact that its affairs are administered as a close corporation, that such corporation exercises all the functions of a landlord, even to the extent of refunding the state and county taxes to the richest of the community, which involves in some instances the payment of a bonus to certain individuals for residence within the colony limits—all these considerations and some others take it out of the domain of single tax and make it a co-operative experiment of some interest as a semi-socialistic, semi-single-tax colony governed along autocratic lines."

The astonishing thing about this, to us, is that the editor of the *Single Tax Review* should consider Fairhope taken out of the "domain of the single tax" and class it as "semi-socialistic" because under its policy are being worked out the very results claimed for the single tax by its advocates everywhere.

How often have single tax advocates, from Henry George down, argued that the single tax i sno menace to wealth—real wealth—but that under it the man with a fine home, the manufacturer with a large plant, the owners of fine offlce buildings, the merchants with big stocks, would have their burdens lessened by it instead of increased?

The vindication of these claims of single taxers by Fairhope (through its assumption of state and county taxes, in consideration of the payment by individuals of the full rental value of land) is one of its most valuable accomplishments.

On the question of its so-called "autocratic" government enough has, it seems to us, already been said. It does not, at any rate, affect the single tax features of the colony.

Pennsylvania the Limit in Monopoly Rule

Pennsylvania has gone the limit in land monopoly. There are thousands of acres owned and controlled by coal companies which could be farmed at a profit if it were possible to get it at a reasonable price. But before they will give men a chance to farm it they let it lay idle. Just the other day I asked a man what rent he would charge me for an acre of ground for a truck patch this summer and he said "ten dollars." I said "No: I don't want to buy it." So I'll do without a truck patch.

Wishing Fairhope and all her people all the success possible and that she may be a land-mark of single tax which will never fall, I am yours truly,

Brockwayville, Pa. L. D. REARICK.

Judge Samuel B. Browne of Mobile, judge of the circuit comprising Mobile, Baldwin and Washington counties, has been a reader of the COURIER for several years and renewing his subscription says: "I could not get along well without the COURIER—it sets me to thinking and often enlightens me upon matters I have not had time to investigate, and is always a welcome visitor to my library."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mutton, veal and beef for Sunday dinner. Wilson and Nelson.

A. H. Barkley of Chicago is the guest of his father, L. Barkley.

New fans, embroideries, summer corsets, under-muslins etc. at Call's

Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mr. Real of Chicago, who is planning to locate near Fairhope, has purchased Mr. Smit's team, wagon, plows, etc.

Will Stimpson has a good stock of building material on hand. Call and see him when you are ready to build.

New things at Call's—Windsor ties, chemisettes, Japanese hat pins, the "Eternal Question" hat pins, and shirt waist sets.

Remember the COURIER office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

Are you going to dig a well? if so you can save money by giving us an order for your tile. Mershon Brothers.

Mr. Brown's second kiln of brick turned out very well, and he has now a quantity of excellent brick on hand to meet the local demand. Note his ad in this issue.

Miss N. Clements and Miss Louise Manley of Tampa Florida are here to spend the summer. They have been readers of the COURIER and are much interested in Fairhope.

We have by far the best line of iron beds that ever came across the bay to our big state of Baldwin. We can sell them from $3 to $12. Come in and look over our stock. Mershon Brothers.

Latest advices were to the effect that Mr. Dorchester, who was operated upon for appendicitis at Mobile, last week, and whose condition was considered very dangerous, is getting along very nicely, with excellent prospects for recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Freeman left on Monday Morning for their summer home in northern Alabama. The many friends made by them here regretted to see them leave even temporarily, and will be glad to see them come back again this fall.

The Gulf Cedar Company of Mobile brought its employes and their families to the number of 150 or more, over to Fairhope for an outing on last Saturday. They came over on the "Dolive"—her first trip of the season. They brought a band with them and plenty of refreshments of all kinds and had a gay time.

F. L. Brown has been very successful with his experiments at tile making, burning a few with his recent kiln of brick. He has a number of Fairhope-made tile on exhibition at his place, and is prepared to manufacture them to order. He plans to put in more machinery and make tile and terra cotta on a larger scale.

The steamer "Dolive" started on its trip along the shore at Fairhope on Monday and Tuesday mornings, the "Caloosa" making the lower landings and going thence direct to the city. On Tuesday however, the "Caloosa resumed her regular run to Fish river points leaving the "Dolive,' to make all the eastern shore landings.

A gallery has been added on the front of the Hail building.

New issue of Fairhope Souvenir postal cards, on sale at the COURIER office, nine kinds, one cent each.

Simon Yansma left Fairhope Tuesday for Chicago, and after visiting relatives there will go to Holland, expecting to return here next spring.

H. S. Walker, of Mobile has purchased a lot on the beach just below the Colony land and expects to build a summer residence thereon at once.

Magnolia Baking Powder under our own name is one of the best Powders for the money there is on the market, try a can.
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If the number on your COURIER or wrapper is "6-2-05," or earlier, your subscription has expired, and your prompt renewal would be appreciated.

Arthur Dealy has resigned his position in Mershon Bros'. store, and will go in with Mr. Oswalt into a stationery, book and novelty business in the postoffice room.

The COURIER works all the time for Fairhope, and that means to the interest of every man in the town. Do you reciprocate by doing what you can for the COURIER?

The Fairhope will make double round trips between Fairhope and Mobile next Sunday, leaving Fairhope at 7 a. m. and Mobile, returning, at 9:15 a. m., and leaving Fairhope at 4 p. m., returning from Mobile on arrival.

Mr. W. B. Sheldon, a business man from Atlanta, Georgia, came over on the Fairhope Monday afternoon for a short visit to his brother, Dr. G. A. Sheldon, and returned via Mobile, expressing his appreciation of the cordial reception given him by the residents of Fairhope and his favorable impression of the town and its future.

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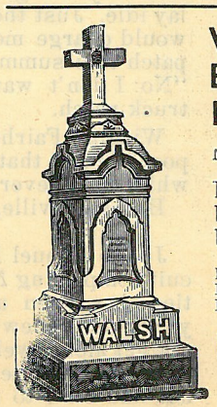
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Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page moved over to Mobile on Monday, to make their home there.

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The closing out sale of the Fairhope Mercantile Company stock is in progress this week, and Mr. Cook, executor, and his assistants are up to their elbows in business. We regret, however, to see the business closed out. There is room for another good store in Fairhope and some good single taxer would find it an excellent opportunity to get into a good business here by buying the remainder of the stock and continuing the business.

The Baldwin County Agricultural Society held its regular monthly meeting at Fairhope last Saturday. "Good Roads" was the subject for discussion. Resolutions were adopted declaring the sense of the meeting that the cost of good roads should be borne by the property benefitted, and favoring a direct tax for road purposes but opposing the issuance of bonds. The June meeting of the society will be passed on account of conflict with the St John's day celebration of the Masons. The July meeting will be held on the last Saturday of the month at Timney's Hall, on Fish river.

Jno. W. Scheible and Co., insurance agents of Mobile, who have been advertisers in the COURIER during the past year. are pleased with the business they have enjoyed from Fairhope people and have renewed their contract for another year. Mr. Scheible has been able to make the companies he represents see that the Fairhope land leases are not such as should cause the rejection of risks on improvements built upon land held under them, and has placed insurance on a number of the best properties in Fairhope. His agency was burned out of its quarters on St. Francis street in the big Battle House fire. and is now located in very comfortable and convenient offices at 72 St Michael street.

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As the G. E. Baldwin estate must be settled at once, we request that all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the Fairhope Mercantile Co. will please call and settle. W. A. BALDWIN.

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Serious Accident

Mr. H. S. Lighthall, one of the COURIER'S esteemed subscribers living about seven miles south of Fairhope, near Marlow, sustained an accident on the Fairhope wharf hill on Wednesday. He was descending the hill on his wagon with a load of potatoes when the neck-yoke broke, letting the wagon run against his mules and throwing him off in front of the wagon, one wheel passing over his abdomen. Dr. Sheldon gave him prompt attention and he was removed to his home in Mershon Bros.' covered wagon. We are glad to report that he is reported as getting along well, and it is hoped will soon recover.

Meeting for Worship

A meeting for worship after the manner of the Society of Friends is held at the residence of Archibald and Elizabeth Crosbie, Fairhope, on Firstday (Sunday) mornings at eleven o'clock giving opportunity for christian fellowship in the freedom and simplicity the truth as it is in Jesus requires.

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Good Roads Meeting at Bay Minette

A meeting of the executive committee of the Baldwin County Good Roads Association was held at Bay Minette on Monday. The resolutions adopted at the Agricultural Society meeting at Fairhope on Saturday were read by E. Q. Norton. Letters were read from County Commissioner P. J. Cooney of Marlow, and E. M. Waters of Gateswood.

Resolutions favoring a bond issue for the building of roads were presented by Mr. J. G. Saxe of Bennett, and after considerable debate were adopted by a vote of five to four. The editor of the COURIER, it is hardly necessary to say, opposed the proposition. We afterwards prepared a minority report which we asked to have filed with the resolutions adopted.

It was decided to hold a grand good roads rally at Bay Minette on July 18. It is hoped to have Lieut. Gov. Cunningham, R. R. Poole, commissioner of agriculture, and other notable speakers in attendance. An excursion will probably be run over the new Bay Minette & Fort Morgan R. R. for the occasion, and it is planned to have the Fairhope band go along and enliven the occasion with music.

MINORITY REPORT

That we believe the people of any locality should have the power by vote of a majority to tax themselves to any amount they see fit, for good roads or any other public purpose; having been denied this power by the constitution and the limit of taxation having already been reached, the only practical proposition is to make the best use of the means at hand, which are, the one fourth of one per cent now levied for road purposes and the labor of citizens subject to road duty.

To the latter we are chiefly indebted for such roads as we now have and, unsatisfactory as it is, it must needs be the chief reliance. To make it as effective as possible, education on the line of most approved methods of road working should be had, and enthusiasm aroused by good roads meetings throughout the county and by the newspapers.

That ten days road service in one year is excessive and that the acceptance of $3, in lieu of such liability, discriminates in favor of the man with ready money and against the man who has'nt it and most needs consideration, therefore we would favor a rule which would require five days service or a $5 payment.

That the amounts collected by road overseers in lieu of road duty should be immediately returned to them to be expended upon their roads with approval of their county commisioner, vouchers for expenditures to be submitted with their reports.

That we oppose the proposition for the issuance of bonds because no amount of money which could thus be secured in Baldwin county would begin to cover even the main highways, while the taxing power of the county for the future, would necessarily be exhausted in providing for the interest and sinking fund of the bonds; that a bond proposition means at the very best the raising of $2 for every dollar expended; that in any such wholesale expenditure of money extravagance is probable and "graft" possible; that the claim of increased ability to take care of such indebtedness, from increased assessable valuation is fallacious, as demonstrated by all past experience everywhere; that the making of roads by the issuance of bonds, will not relieve the citizens of road duty, because the repair of bond built roads and the making of new roads will have to be taken care of by such labor, and finally: that in view of the overwhelming vote of the people of the county against a road bond issue so recently there is no hope of the passage of such a measure and to urge it is simply to distract the attention of the people from the means for good roads which are in their hands.

Robinson Crusoe Economics.

L. G. Bostedo, stock broker at 301 Stock Exchange building, Chicago, issues *The Bear*, "An Occasional Market Letter," in which he gives pointers on the market to his customers, and incidentally discusses political economy. Sometimes the market news seems incidental and the economic discussion the main feature. In the May 19th issue he uses Robinson Crusoe, as a text and discourses as follows:

"The Robinson Crusoe introduction to economics, once deservedly popular, has been somewhat passe of late. It is urged by the professors that the study of the predicament of one man and a servant and a dog on an island is of no use in ascertaining the laws of wealth and values in society; the former case presents a simple, the latter a complex problem.

"I should say that knowledge gained in any way is at least harmless, and whether it can be made useful depends upon the ability of the person in possession of it to properly apply it. I suspect that the Crusoe illustration has become unpopular with the professors simply because it *does* tend to make clear a subject which they wish to befog. At any rate I am running *The Bear* and shall choose my own methods. If any professor wishes to show wherein I am wrong my space is at his disposal. I have crossed quills with them before and they are my particular delight.

"Let us then not be afraid to learn something dangerous by renewing our acquaintance begun many years ago with "Poor old Robinson Crusoe," and let's call him "Bob" for short.

"With these preliminaries disposed of let us turn our attention to Bob. At first let us imagine a large island or continent with Bob the sole inhabitant. We shall find many novel things in such a situation. In the first place Bob is an absolutely free man. He cannot be either slave or tenant—there is not much difference between the two. On the other hand he cannot be either slave-owner or landlord — there is not much difference between those two, either, is there? What is the essence of slave owning, the thing about it that makes it profitable to the owner and disastrous to the slave? Why, simply that the owner takes from the slave a large portion of what he produces leaving him as a rule only enough for a mean existence. Isn't it the same with the landlord and tenant? By landlord I mean a man who owns and rents land, not one who owns and rents buildings. A man who rents you a building really gives you something for your money

"But not to forget Bob and the island, or continent, containing all kinds of raw material: How will he prosper? Will he get rich—if so, how rich? Here is

a fine chance to imagine how rich a man could get without having other people to do the work and a government to back him in taking from them a large share of what they produce. How rich would Rockfeller get on the American continent all alone by himself? He would have a good opportunity—all he would have to do would be to roll up his fig leaf and go at the continent. When he died he would leave just what he produced less what he had consumed. He would probably be as rich as a squirrel in December. There is a big difference between producing things yourself and having the power to compel thousands of other men to do it for you. It not only makes a great difference to you, but also to them.

"It seems obvious that Bob could not become a millionaire but he could be quite comfortable. It seems certain that he could have good shelter, plenty of clothing and food by working less than 300 days a year and 8 hours a day. He would never be out of a job: the island would always be there and he could go after anything he wanted any time. He no doubt would miss mixing with the 400, but his position as to the material necessities would be more comfortable and secure than that of the mass of men today."

Mr. Bostedo is a single taxer, it need hardly be said, and has been a member of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation for years.

Prefers the Fairhope Squeeze to the Pennsylvania Squeeze

Editor Courier:

I may not fully realize the wickedness of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, for I have read little more than THE COURIER has told. Still I have a sort of belief that I have heard about all the facts that are worth knowing, and I want to say that when I have to choose between the Pennsylvania squeeze and that of the Fairhope Corporation, I shall vote for the latter every time.

In this state the "ruling class" have stolen nearly all the vast natural resources and have figured the poor man out of nearly every opportunity for self employment and notwithstanding the poor man (bless his simple soul) lets them keep the stolen goods and go right on with the stealing, they are very fearful that Simple Simon will not do enough for them, so they make him pay taxes on the houses and hovels which he leases and also make him pay no small part of the taxes which the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Steel Trust, the Coal Trust, and the Standard Oil Co., ought to pay on their leases.

We have occupation taxes and poll taxes—taxes for doing something and taxes for doing nothing, and even taxes for being poor. And the tax burden on Simon is increased not merely by the tax shirkers, but also by the tax eaters—the jobbers and the grafters.

And small indeed is the good that Simon himself gets from all the heavy taxation. The public property—the common wealth—which his citizenship gives him the use and enjoyment of is a mere minimum. At this rate (since the great public domain is about all stolen) the heritage of Simon's children in the common wealth will be little enough.

Any man who has ever felt the Pennsylvania squeeze will tell you that the Fairhope pressure is nothing at all—only a friendly hug.

The fact is I want to come down to Fairhope and be squeezed with the real Single Tax Fairhope squeeze. If I do come and you stop the squeezing, I won't stay, for I hate humbugs. Yours sincerely,

Warren, Pa. A. G. BEECHER.

The editor and family are indebted to Mr. Empire Stites for a mess of delicious evergreen sweet corn, from some seed Mr. Stites brought with him from Michigan. Mr. Stites by the way continues much pleased with Fairhope.

Regarding The Investigation of Fairhope

EDITOR COURIER:

You may put me down for five dollars towards the expense of the proposed committe of investigation.

It will do Fairhope good and will not hurt the committee.

As to its personnel I am perfectly satisfied with the one appointed by Bro. Miller. No better could be suggested unless some one could be discovered who has had experience in conducting single tax communities.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters.

You are interested in the Garden City movement in England. Here is the last word I have received. It is on a post card from my much esteemed friend, Evacustes A. Phipson: "There are already 500 residents and thirteen firms are to build factories, so success is now secured. This should encourage Fairhope to invite manufacturers there also. As I said before, you must have (B)USINES(S). The two words ("business" and "usines," the latter French for "factories," and thus singularly formed—M. H.) are almost synonymous. You can never build up a community on agriculture alone. I am sorry Rider Haggard did not visit your city."

By this I presume Mr. Haggard is at Garden City. You will remember he was to have been at our Conference, but failed because of his English engagement. We shall hear more of him, doubtless, and in connection with the great "housing scheme."

It was not practicable to continue the little visits to our unpretentious Fairhope homes, and I have suspended them—at least for the present. Before the suspension, however, I must mention the last one made. This was to the "Cabin," "Crail Cabin," I think it is, the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty and Crail, their baby son. Mr. Dougherty is our printer and Mrs. D. is a librarian by profession, an expert who will be of great service to this library, especially in aiding us to establish the card system of cataloguing, with which she is practically familiar. Mr. Dougherty was in the campaign in the Philippines, and has very interesting experiences, with which I trust he will entertain the Progressive League one of these days, or perhaps in these columns when they are enlarged.

Crail Cabin is way over beyond Dr. Clara's house, but I can see it from the Pines, ensconced in the verdure of a partly cleared lot where the pines have been respected, and it is what one would call "cute." I went over to photograph it, and being invited to rest on the cool west veranda, the place grew upon me. I looked through the trees at the placid bay, drank in the balsamic odors of the pines and asked mentally what it is that makes the charm of the home feeling. It is not the beauty and costliness of the premises, nor the modern improvements, dear as they are to the housekeeper. Alice had practically none of these, except a pump and plenty of water. There was the clean, bare floor, a few books and pictures, an Oliver type-writer, sunlight everywhere and quantities of flowers; yet there

was a home-like air all about it that one might not find in the mansion of wealth and taste. There is this air in many Fairhope homes, and notably in this "cute" little Crail Cabin. The veranda is closed in by wire cloth as should be in this southland. The few comfortable chairs, a library table, books, and the general air of culture, was soothing and restful. I nearly broke the Tenth Commandment over a huge, luxurious lounge upholstered with leather. I would have its counterpart at the Pines, only I should have to move out of any one of the rooms to give it place! If I had it on the west veranda I would close it in with wire netting and sleep there till cold weather.

The thought of sleeping outside the house vividly recalls quaint foreign scenes in that slow old Mexican town, Guaymas on the Gulf of California. We went through there en route for Topolobampo, and having a fight with the custom house we pitched our tents on the shingle and stayed for weeks. We learned that a struggle with a custom-house is about as unequal as Don Quixote's with the windmill! but the experience was valuable. In Guaymas I first saw the people sleeping out of doors. Going along the sidewalks after dusk you constantly ran against cots and hammocks, or stumbled over some blanket-wrapped sleeper.

The Interest Question

TO THE EDITOR:

I am glad to see the question of interest discussed in your paper. Some single taxers claim the interest question is unimportant because whatever interest exists after single tax is in operation will be just. It seems to me, however, that we ought to be able to come to a conclusion beforehand, whether interest will rise or fall by the adoption of the single tax.

I believe the single tax philosophy is sufficiently robust to have a definite attitude in regard to interest. Before we can understand the question clearly I believe it is necessary to divide interest into two parts, or at least add a distinguishing name to one of its phases.

That return or product from the use of capital above what same labor would produce without capital, is one kind of interest.

That interest which we mean when we speak of current rate of interest, is quite another kind. The former I will call economic interest; the latter, commercial interest. Economic interest will always exist, but commercial interest will disappear under single tax.

Mr. Chubb's statement in last COURIER that "The question is not whether there be few borrowers or many, but whether there be a sufficiency or scarcity of capital," is faulty because he omits half of the equation. No deduction can be made by simply considering amount of existing capital. Commercial interest depends for its existence on a perpetual borrowing class, and the current rate is large or small according to ratio of borrowers and lenders. Under present conditions a borrowing class always exists because, being shut out from equal opportunities to nature's storehouse—the land—they are unable to supply themselves with sufficient capital; but, under equal access to land, they would cease to be borrowers of capital, because that law which prompts each to supply his wants with least exertion would cause each to provide capital of his own.

There is always a limit to the amount of capital an individual can use in production, and although it varies in different pursuits it is always a certain amount per capita, and if more capital be introduced it results in waste instead of production.

The question of a limit to a person's desire for capital (tools) must not be confounded with a desire for wealth. It is safe to say the desire for wealth is un-

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Interest cannot be based on the claim that some capital can produce without labor. Labor is always required in production, and although in some pursuits labor does not have to be continuously applied, as in storing wine, keeping bees, or growing grain—nevertheless these are labor pursuits just as much as any other, planing boards, for instance.

If any alleged capital could yield a product without labor, that capital and product would really be embodied in the economic term land—for example, wild bees and their honey, wild cows and their calves, wild ungathered grain, etc. These things are not wealth at all in an economic sense. Henry George, seeing the great variation in the productiveness of various kinds of capital, sought to strike a mean between them all, to account for an existing current rate of interest; but I think what he really had in mind was not a commercial rate of interest, but an average economic interest rate, which is an entirely different thing.

Yours truly, T. P. LYON.

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Additional Personal and Local

Miss Bertha Hedges is visiting the Gaston family and enjoying a rest from her long and arduous course at Providence Infirmary, Mobile, from which she has just graduated as a trained nurse. Miss Bertha has exhibited a degree of pluck and perseverance in sticking to her unpleasant self-imposed task worthy of the highest praise. She is the first and only one to complete the course in the institution and receive a diploma out of ten or more who entered about the time she did. This indicates how severe the ordeal is. She expects to go north in a few days to visit relatives whom she has not seen for years and will then return to take up her work in Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cresswell entertained the Christian Church choir very delightfully at their charming home, "Henrietta Cottage," on Wednesday evening. The following were present: Rev. and Mrs. Shupe, Messrs. and Mesdames A. H. Mershon, Chas. Wilson, C. E. Littlefield, E. T. Molyneux. Dr. and Mrs. Mershon were kept away by illness in the family. Misses Hazel Pilcher, Iva and Bessie Littlefield assisted the hostess in serving delicious refreshments.

"The Single Tax Limited" was the subject for discussion at last Sunday's meeting of the Progressive League, and Mr. Frank L. Brown was the leader. The discussion proved quite interesting. On next Sunday Miss Chapman will be the leader and her subject will be "What is the unearned increment? Miss Chapman always speaks well and the discussion should be interesting.

Everybody remarks upon the condition in which Engineer DeKalb and his fireman, Jno. McDonald (colored) of the steamer Fairhope keep their engine room. With boiler, condenser and other auxiliaries painted white, brass work polished, and oil-cloth covered floor, it looks like a gentleman's yacht. The machinery works as well as it looks too, and the popular little steamer is in fine running condition.

Messrs. J. W. Moorman and L. Vander Beck have formed a partnership to conduct a building and contracting business Their first job will be the building of Mr. Rowe's six-room cottage, and barn, on Fels avenue, the contract for which was let yesterday.

Mr. Yarnelle's mother returned to her home in Chicago, on Tuesday, after a pleasant visit with her son, E. W. Yarnelle and wife during which it was her pleasure to receive a new grandson.

Captain Foster and family moved yesterday from the Getty cottage into the Mrs. Mead cottage at the top of the wharf hill. This is the most convenient location possible for the Captain.

Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Mulkey's parents, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Freeman to their home in the high-lands of North Alabama in hopes of benefit to their health.

Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Cresswell's mother, arrived last evening to occupy the handsome new cottage on Bay View avenue, just built by her sister, Mrs. Coulter.

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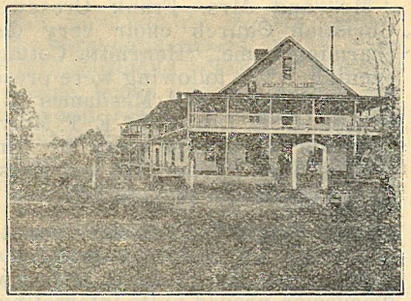
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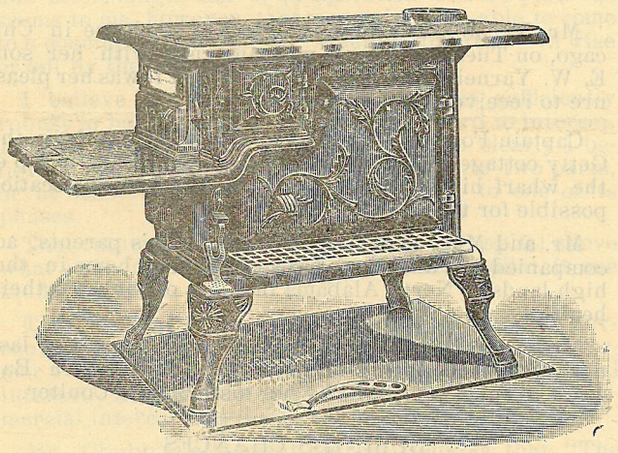
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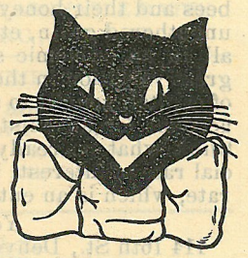
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More Stock - Less Potatoes

Potatoes have fallen to the unprecedentedly low price of 65 cents a barrel, which but a trifle more than covers the cost of the barrels, freight and wharfage. Farmers who had not dug and shipped their crop, will either endeavor to store their potatoes and work them off as soon as the local demand will call for them, or feed them to stock.

The extremely low price is due to a combination of causes the chief of which is the large stock of northern potatoes carried over and thrown on the market in the spring to compete with the new southern grown crop. A great many car loads of northern potatoes have been shipped into Mobile recently and they were being peddled from wagons around the streets when we were in the city last week.

Irish potatoes being the principal market crop of this vicinity, this demoralization of the market is a hard blow to our farmers. They have, of course, another chance to recover their outlay for fertilizers by following the Irish potatoes with sweet potatoes or corn, or some other crop, but they had planned to do that after making a good profit from the first crop.

In talking with a number of representative farmers we find that they are rapidly coming to the conclusion which has been held by us for several years, that the safest, and in the long run most profitable course here, as elsewhere, is to go more into stock. This is the only way by which farming can be done profitably in the central and western states and is peculiarly adapted to this country with its mild climate, fine water and unlimited capacity for producing forage.

Such crops as cow peas, velvet beans, vetch, peanuts etc., are not only of extraordinary feeding value, but require very little commercial fertilizer and—save peanuts—leave the ground richer, even if only the roots are left in the soil, while carefully husbanded manure from stock is the best fertilizer in the world—here as well as elsewhere.

With the land brought into and kept in good condition by leguminous crops and manure, it will no doubt be advisable to plant a few acres of potatoes or beans for an early cash crop, but they ought to be incidental rather than the chief reliance.

A Good Crop Report

We are glad to note one exception to the rule of farmers who have come out short on their Irish potato crop this year. This is Mr. Walter Oberg, the hardworking little Dane who, with his equally hardworking wife, lives about five miles east of Fairhope, on this side of Fish river. Mr. Oberg came in to renew his subscription after settling up with Mershon Brothers who handled his potatoes and we persuaded him to give the COURIER a report on his experience this season.

In giving it please do not understand us to present it as an example of what may be done by anybody any year, but bear in mind that we give it as an exception for this year, for Mr. Oberg is one of a very few who have made anything on potatoes this year. Here is his report:

Planted first week in Jan. 15 bu. seed, costing $21.25 on 2¾ acres, using 2 tons fertilizer costing $48. One and one-quarter acres was new ground. The other acre and a half had grown a crop of oats followed by cow peas.

Shipped 50 bbls. May 2 and 3 at $3.10	$155.00
Shipped 37 bbls. May 4 at $2.75	101.75
Total Cash received	$256.75
Deduct seed and fertilizer as above	$69.25
87 bbls. at 40c, freight and wharfage at 15c	47.85
	117.10
Net Cash Return	$139.65

Or, $50.78 an acre.

The last shipment was docked 25 cents a barrel on account of being wet by rain while hauling in.

Mr. Oberg still has at least 15 barrels of fine potatoes stored away at home, which he will not sell at the present low price.

On one and a quarter acres a crop of cowpeas is already well up. The balance he planned to hold idle until October and then sow to oats, but we have urged him to first grow a crop of cowpeas upon it, which he still has time to do, and which will improve the soil as well as be very valuable in themselves.

The Folly of Bond Issues

A little over one-tenth of the total revenue of Mobile county is consumed in paying the interest on bonds issued for one purpose or another. If to the interest is added five per cent for a sinking fund to cancel the indebtedness in twenty years, it would take 20 per cent., or one dollar in every five of the gross revenue. The largest item of bonded debt is one of $169,000 "harbor and improvement bonds" issued in 1871. These bonds have been comparatively recently refunded, and now draw five per cent interest. Some Mobile county bonds draw as high as eight per cent, and these bonds probably drew eight per cent before refunding. Even at the present rate of five per cent., $1.70 has already been paid in interest on every dollar of these bonds, and the principal is yet wholly unpaid.

If Baldwin county embarks on a scheme of bond issuing she will soon be in like, or worse condition. $200,000 worth of bonds is the figure proposed by some of the bond advocates. If these be floated at five per cent., which is the minimum rate which can be expected, the interest alone will amount to $10,000 or about $1500 more than the county's present taxing power for road purposes.

The $200,000 would be expended on a few roads where the largest "pull" could be exerted upon the commissioners—and a considerable portion of it very likely wasted—and all of the county's road revenue, would necessarily be applied to paying interest leaving no funds at all available for repairs, or for the new roads which the new development of the county will require.

"But what will you do?" say the bond advocates when a bond issue is opposed, "you will either have to issue bonds or do without roads." We deny this necessary alternative, but even admitting it we would say: better do without roads than adopt a plan which will require the raising of at least two or three dollars for every dollar which gets on to the road. Keep the question up to the people by letting them travel bad roads until they are ready to adopt a sensible plan for securing good ones.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Watermelons on ice for Sunday dinner. Wilson and Nelson.

The Gass family have moved over to their summer cottage.

Rev. F. M. Woods, of Daphne preached in the hall on Tuesday evening.

Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Will Stimpson has a good stock of building material on hand. Call and see him when you are ready to build.

New things at Call's—Windsor ties, chemisettes, Japanese hat pins, the "Eternal Question" hat pins, and shirt waist sets.

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We neglected to note in last issue the departure of a pleasant winter visitor, Mrs. Ahrens and her daughter who left with Mrs. Unger.

Miss Bertha Hedges left for St. Joseph, Mo., on Tuesday and will spend the summer with relatives there and at other northern points.

The Sunday evening round trips of the "Fairhope" afford opportunity for a delightful little excursion. The round trip fare is only twenty-five cents.

E. Smith will store his potatoes and rely upon the local summer market rather than sell at the present ruinous prices. He has done quite well in that way heretofore.

Captain Babb has purchased the interest of Gus Oberg in the Fairhope livery. Lawrence Tilson is his right hand man in the stable now and may himself purchase an interest in it.

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The Sunday school of the Mobile Christian church will picnic at Fairhope on next Thursday, the 15th. The local Sunday school will join them and everybody is invited to come and have a good time with them.

When in Mobile the other day we met Mr. J. S. Watters, formerly of New Orleans, a thorough going single taxer, who has visited Fairhope. He is in thorough accord with the COURIER'S position on all the points of controversy.

The Eastern Shore Transportation Co.'s big steamer "Dolive" had a lot of new tubes put in her boiler when she was overhauled and her speed greatly improved. The Fairhope still easily leads the procession of bay boats in speed however.

The postoffice is being remodeled to make room for the book, stationary, and news business to be conducted by the new firm of A. M. Dealy and Co., A new cabinet has been purchased by Postmaster Oswalt, fifty one boxes larger than the former, a number of them being bronze lock boxes, and it has been moved well to the rear of the building leaving a large space in front, for the lobby and the new business. The old cabinet has been purchased by Postmaster Thomas for the Magnolia Springs office.

Plenty of crabs now.

Watermelons are on the market.

Walter Gabel is working in the Wilson and Nelson meat-market.

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Mr. Jos. Schuller and family have left us going we understand to St Louis where he expected to secure employment with a florist. We regret to lose the family and cannot but feel that the move is not a wise one for them Mr. Schuller was getting himself nicely established in a comfortable home of his own, and we greatly doubt if he will have as much to show for his work at the end of the next two years as for the two years he spent at Fairhope.

Mr. Ernest De Kalb, the new engineer of the steamer Fairhope, has worked wonders with that boat. He has raised the boiler four inches thus ensuring greater draught to the furnace, reduced the consumption of coal from eight to five tons for same amount of service; increased the available horse power from 75 to 173 indicated and reduced the running time to one hour twenty minutes, in making the fifteen and one-quarter miles from Fairhope to Mobile. Mr. De Kalb is a master workman and does things.
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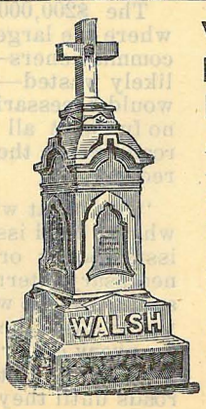
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Mrs. S. R. Patterson is over from Mobile for a few days, visiting her daughter, Miss Winnie.

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The saw mill which P. A. Parker is putting in at the mouth of Fly Creek will soon be ready for operation. There is a good deal of timber easily accessible in the vicinity, and a mill should do well there for a time.

The numerous Fairhope friends of Mr. W. H. Bryant, the popular manager of the Home Telephone Company, will be pleased to know that he has been made vice president as well as manager of his company, which has decided to largely increase its capital stock, improve its local service and secure long distance connections throughout the south.

The Schooner Minneola, Captain Lawrence, arrived from Scranton, Miss., at noon on Monday with 250 barrels of oyster shells, for use on our streets. She made a quick trip, leaving Fairhope at twelve o'clock on Friday. Mr. E. W. Jefferson went along for the trip and enjoyed it greatly. The Minneola is a fine sailing schooner.

The Fairhope Dramatic Club gave a delightful entertainment at the hall on last evening, followed by dancing. The program was as follows: Music, Fairhope band; piano duet, Misses Frances Gaston and Hazel Pilcher; vocal duet, Dealy Brothers; recitation from Troilus and Cressida, Shakspeare, I. Lancaster; music, band; burlesque, "The Reformers," Mrs. Bancroft, Mr. Trenholme; humorous recitation, Dr. Sheldon; piano solo, Miss Ola Powell; vocal solo, "Down in the Deep," Dr. Sheldon; character song, "Any Rags," Will Dealy; Medley, band.

The burlesque by Mrs. Bancroft and Mr. Trenholme, was written by the latter and was a good-humored and very fetching take off on local controversies and conditions.

Notice

Regular meeting of the members of Fairhope Exchange at store building Wednesday evening.

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All my household furniture, beds, chairs, tables, stoves, etc., on sale daily at sacrifice prices at my residence just south of Fairhope schoolhouse. Everything remaining unsold to be closed out at auction on Thursday, June 14. JNO. SMIT.

The town well is giving very poor service now-a-days. It is the exception rather than the rule that any water at all can be secured from it Whether the trouble is that the sand has come up inside the new strainer, or that it was wrapped too closely and will not admit enough water, or whether the trouble is somewhere else, we do not know. It does not appear that any attention is being given the matter, by the present Council. We do not like to criticise, but we trust the Council in endeavoring to avoid the criticism so freely showered upon the late Council, (which "did things") will not lay down and let such important public services get and keep out of order.

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The good roads agitation has made quite a demand for oyster shells and there is a prospect that they will become quite a valuable by-product of the oyster business.

F. W. Chapman of Fairhope contributed an interesting article for the last issue of the *The Standard*, on "Birds by Night." Mr. Chapman is a close student of nature and writes very entertainingly.

R. S. McMahon of New Iberia, La., who visited us during the conference and was so much pleased with the Colony's work, is planning to run over again soon for a week or two, and hopes to bring his wife and perhaps some of his children along to enjoy the bathing.

The *Standard* appeared last week in a new dress and greatly improved in appearance. The printing is now done in the office of the German American Publishing Company, in Mobile, which will be a great deal more convenient in every way for Mr. Norton than having his printing done in Birmingham as heretofore.

F. W. Rose, of the *Herald*, Piedmont, W. Va., writes us: "I just send you a line to let you know that I am going to 'investigate' Fairhope. Myself and wife expect to be with you Thursday, June 21 or 22." Mr. Rose's investigation will be with a view to locating as soon as he can dispose of his interests there. A cordial welcome awaits him.

The COURIER office had a pleasant call on Tuesday, from Mr. Samuel Levinson of New York, representing Doubleday Page and Company, the big publishers who are now exclusive publishers of Henry George's works. Mr. Levinson is himself a single taxer and would like very much to come to Fairhope and engage in some line of manufacturing.

The New Way is a new publication of which Vol 1. No. 1,—June—has come to our table. It is devoted to the "unfoldment of the higher life." Our friend Anita Trueman is one of the contributors and Bolton Hall is a future contributor. It is published by The New Way Publishing Company, 1107 E street N. W., Washington, D. C.

In the agitation for building good roads by the issuance of bonds the holders of large tracts of Baldwin county lands for speculation will be found favoring the bond issues and they will be the "influential citizens" who will have the most to say about where the money will be expended. Their aim will be to get good roads to open up their lands, and then sell them off at greatly advanced prices, leaving the new home-makers to *pay the bonds.*

Land the First Link

"No matter to what degree the division and subdivision of labour may be extended, the whole body of co-operating workers must for ever remain entirely dependent upon Nature. They can create nothing, hence their prosperity and well-being, nay their very existence, depend on their having access to the great inexhaustible natural storehouse, whence, by labour, everything essential to life and comfort can alone be derived. The first link in the great chain of co-operative production is always formed by those producing direct from Mother earth ..... Hence it is that the prosperity and well-being of the masses of every country are mainly determined by those customs, laws, and institutions, which determine their relations to the natural sources of the country they inhabit.—*Toward The Light.*

Regarding Proposed Telephone Extension

Messrs. Frank Brown, Braam and Yarnelle, are very anxious to have the Corporation telephone line extended out to them. At the last meeting of the Council Mr Braam was appointed a committee to ascertain the probable cost of the extension, and it was suggested also that he see if enough money would not be advanced by those interested to cover the cost, to be applied upon their last half year's rent

The COURIER is directed by the Council to announce that the matter of the proposed extension will come up for action on Monday evening, June 19, and every tenant of the corporation either favoring or opposing it, is invited to be present and express his views.

Rental Values Must be Fixed by Supply and Demand Under Present Conditions.

In some recent discussion of the rent question it has been argued that in attempting to take the value of lots as fixed by supply and demand within the Colony, we are in danger of taking more than the real value. That supply and demand is not a proper guide, because it is affected by land speculation outside of Fairhope, and that what should be taken in rent is simply the value which would attach to the various sites if the single tax were everywhere applied.

It seems to us this is very poor reasoning. It is difficult enough to ascertain the value of sites from the known facts of present demand and supply. If it were attempted to substitute for these, speculations as to what would be under imagined conditions, we would certainly be involved in hopeless controversies.

But even if it were possible to ascertain what would be the real rental value under general single tax conditions and the rents were fixed accordingly, it would be neither just to individuals nor to the interest of the community. The values due to the demand for land under existing conditions would still remain; but instead of being taken for the community they would go to the fortunate possessors of choice sites, who would exact from later comers the full difference between the Colony rental and the present value. Indeed, an immediate effect would be to increase that present value by adding to the demand for land for use, a demand for the purpose of being able to collect the margin above the Colony's rent—a real speculative value.

Again, attention is directed to the fact that the constitution and leases of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation both provide for the collection of an "annually appraised rental which shall equalize the varying advantages of location and natural qualities of different tracts and convert into the treasury of the Corporation for the

common benefit of its lessees, all values attaching to such lands not due to the efforts or expenditures of the lessees." Both lessees and Corporation are thus bound to the collection by the Corporation of the full value of the land from year to year.

The absurd point has been sought to be made that the phrase "not due to the efforts or expenditures of the lessees" would prevent the collection of anything more than the value of the land at the time of its original purchase—all value since added being alleged to be due to the "efforts or expenditures of the lessees." The obvious meaning of the expression referred to is that in fixing the rental no account should be taken of the value added by the particular lessee upon his particular piece of ground.

J. W. Braam on Benefits of Fairhope's Policy

EDITOR COURIER:

The recent criticisms on Fairhope have led me to enquire how much of the revenue was spent for labor, to whom it was paid, and whether it is a greater benefit to the colony to disburse the revenue in this manner, or to drop the single tax plan, sell the property and become private land owners.

The officials of the Corporation have kindly loaned me their books, and from them I find that in the six months ending Dec 31, 1904, the following amounts were paid for labor:

The improvements effected by this labor and the time spent on each are as follows:

[In reading proof of Mr. Braam's article we are satisfied that his report of expenditures for labor is not complete and being unable to consult with him in time, we have set aside his tables for revision and insertion next week. The very excellent argument is not affected by lack of the exact figures. ED.]

We now enquire how much of this work would have been done under the private ownership system. Under this system there would have been no cleaning up of the park and of the bay front; indeed, there would be no park and the bay front would be fenced off. The big magnolia would be private property, and the platform and seats would not be there. Judging by examples of other eastern shore towns scarcely any labor would be expended on the wharf hill or any of the streets. Some surveying would probably have been done if, indeed, there was a town here. But even this is extremely doubtful, for in order to start the town a long wharf was necessary, and private capital would probably not have attempted to build it. Suppose, however, that the privately owned town were here, there would be no town telephone system. There would not even be a "back yard" system, as Mr Parker maliciously calls it. There would be no bridges to repair. People would probably climb down one side of the gullies and up the other.

The long school year, three months of which are paid for out of the colony revenues, is something which would certainly be lacking if Fairhope had never been a single tax community, and I doubt very much whether it can be equalled in any town in the south of the same size.

The greater part of the labor on public improvements performed here, would therefore, not have been done at all under the old system, and what was done would have been done by negro labor as far as possible.

The wages that are paid out for improvements promote the general public prosperity in many ways. I have partly outlined them below, carrying them forward to three places only. They go much farther, but space and time will not permit me to carry them farther. The outline is, no doubt, incomplete; for it takes much time and work to trace out a matter of that sort and I shall be glad if someone will write a more complete outline for the COURIER at some future time.

- Wages paid for making improvements repairs and for teaching are again spent for the following purposes:
  - Goods from Fairhope stores
    - More help in stores
      - Creates tendency to higher wages.
      - Creates demand for more houses.
      - Creates more demand for produce.
      - Creates greater demand for food and clothing.
    - Increased business in stores
      - More business for the Steamer.
      - More business for the wharf.
    - More demand for store sites
      - More revenue for the Colony.
      - Higher rents.
    - Stores enlarged and other stores built
      - More competition.
      - More work.
      - Outside people attracted to stores.
  - Land rents
    - Public improvements
      - Public gets use of improvements.
      - Material used, if produced by Fairhope industries, promotes prosperity of Fairhope.
    - Wages spent for improvements are again spent as follows—
      - Business for Fairhope stores.
      - More rent.
      - Boat fares.
      - Social contributions.
      - Outside purchases.
      - Savings.
    - Longer term of school
      - Better education.
      - More mental development, greater equality of opportunity, and better citizenship.
    - Wages for administration are again spent as opposite—
      - At Fairhope stores.
      - Rent.
      - Boat fares.
      - Social contributions.
      - Outside purchases.
  - Boat fares
    - Helps pay operating expenses of boat
      - Helps support crew of 6 or 7 men who spend most of their wages at Fairhope, promoting local prosperity.
      - Boat attracts passengers from great distances, who patronize Fairhope more or less, and it fosters growth of habit of coming to Fairhope.
  - Social and Charitable
    - Supports clubs, societies, church
      - Promote sociability, culture, education, and tend to make Fairhope the social Mecca for a great part of the county.
  - Outside purchases
    - Boat freight, wharfage and fares
      - Helps support boat and crew, with consequences noted above.

It may be to the personal interest of some of the members of the Corporation to have Fairhope sold out and the property divided, but it is to the interest of the people at large that Fairhope continue to do business on the same plan as heretofore, and any one who cannot overcome his desire for gain to that extent should not call himself a single taxer. J. W. BRAAM, Fairhope.

Single Tax Making Great Progress

EDITOR COURIER:

It surprises me that any observant single tax man should think that the single tax cause is not making progress. It has made great progress in the last few years.

There may be no more out and out single tax men but new ideas which involve great changes do not come into general acceptance by the proselyting of individuals, but by that steady evolution of gradual and imperceptible change in the general concensus of public opinion, which as in the growth of a tree can only be observed by looking back through a number of years.

The cardinal principle of the single tax is that all natural monopolies should be common property, land being the most important.

And I believe that common ownership of such secondary natural monopolies as street railways, gas plants, railroads, etc., must first furnish the impetus of familiar usage in the principle of common ownership in those things which are natural monopolies in order to prepare the minds of the people for the reception of an economic system based upon the principle of common ownership in that which is the greatest of all natural monopolies.

Looked at in this light and in view of the great progress in municipal ownership ideas, and the tendency to make government more democratic, by such things as the referendum, thus giving the people sufficient control over their public servants to secure efficient service in the management of public utilities, it can scarcely be said that society at large is not progressing toward the single tax system. EDWARD GATES, Chicago.

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One of the most practical phases of reform work, independent of legislation, is that of organizing the voters into voluntary associations for the questioning of candidates as to their attitude toward desired reforms. We are favored with a recent circular issued by the Harris County (Texas) Direct Legislation Club of Houston, of which our friends H. F. Ring and J. J. Pastoriza are respectively president and vice president. Having failed to secure the insertion of the principles of the initiative, referendum and recall in the present city charter, the club was organized and it addressed a letter to each of the candidates for mayor and alderman at the democratic primaries May 29, asking each if, in the event of his election and the presentation of a petition signed by a thousand or more citizens of Houston, he would by his vote and influence aid in carrying out the wishes of the petitioners with reference to holding an election upon the proposed propositions, and, in event of a majority voting in the affirmative, endeavor to carry out its wishes. The names of two candidates for mayor and fourteen candidates for alderman are quoted as having replied affirmatively to the letters, and are recommended by the club to the suffrages of their fellow-citizens.

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The Fairhope Band went over on the *Fairhope* last Sunday morning and spent the day in the city returning in the evening. With the steamer's flags flying and the band playing as she went up the river in the morning they attracted a great deal of attention. The band has improved greatly of late and renders excellent music.

E. T. Molyneux tells us of a visit to a colored horticulturist across the bay near Fowl river who had some original ideas in horticulture. He had a nice blight free pear orchard and his remedy was kerosene oil. He said when the blight struck a limb badly he sawed it off within a couple of inches of the trunk and

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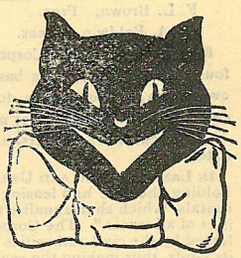
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An Arrival From France

Mr. A. W. Robac, wife and young son, arrived on Tuesday evening from Paris, via New York. Mr. Robac is a Frenchman but spent some time in this country years ago and his wife is an American lady. He has in mind to engage in the mercantile business, and we hope will decide on due investigation, to locate with us. [Later—He has secured the west half of the Mrs. Bessie Call lot and will build upon it at at once.]

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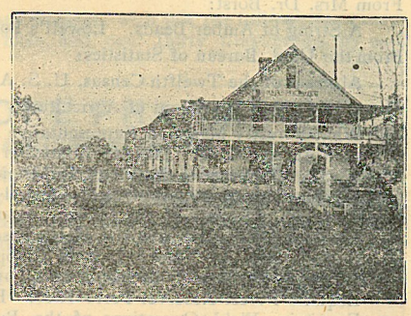
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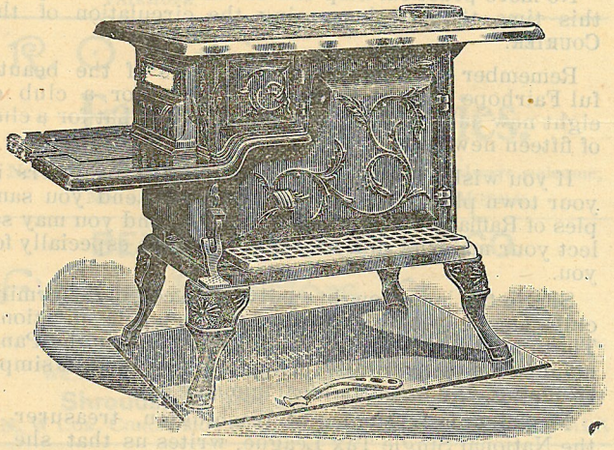
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Scottish Tax Reform Conference

Land Values, Glasgow, Scotland, for June, contains much interesting news of the movement in Great Britain, including a report of the Scottish Conference to Promote the Taxation of Land Values, held at Edinburgh, April 28.

Among the names of those given as in attendance were numbers of officials of various grades, from members of Parliament to town councillors. Thirty town councils and twenty-seven parish councils were represented by delegates. Many others sent regrets, as did 25 members of Parliament.

The resolutious passed of general interest were as follows:

"That land values, arising as they do from the presence, growth and activity of the community, are proper subjects of taxation for local and national purposes, while the present system of taxation, in so far as it exempts these values and imposes the burden on industry, is unjust, and constitutes a hindrance to municipal and industrial development."

"That the taxation of land values would prevent the holding of land out of use, and is therefore essential to the solution of the housing question; by giving labour freer access to land it would stimulate trade, agriculture, and other productive industry."

The Conference was a very enthusiastic and harmonious one, and closed with a public meeting in the evening attended by about 2,000 persons.

Public Improvements Profit Land Speculators

Referring to the projected Pittsburg and Erie ship canal project, the Johnstown, Pa., *Democrat* says:

"The ship canal project which Pittsburg is booming with so much enthusiasm has already resulted in the speculative advance of real estate values in the Beaver valley. In other words, the owners of land which will be benefited by the proposed improvement are anticipating the future and are compelling those who use or wish to use opportunities to pay, not what the opportunities are worth now, but what they expect them to be worth years hence, after millions of public money have been expended in opening a waterway. This is another illustration of how private fortunes are often built up at the cost of the whole people. The owners of the land along the proposed ship canal will reap the entire benefit of that great improvement in the enchancement of values. Yet they will contribute nothing, or but nominally to the cost That will come indeed out of the pockets ofthe people at large."

So it will be in lesser degree only, from good roads in Baldwin County built through miles of speculatively held land, whose owners will contribute cents only where they will reap dollars.

The National Conference of the Women's Single Tax League is being held at Philadelphia, the closing days of this week. We especially regret that the women of Fairhope are not represented at the Conference, for this organization at its last convention, held in New York City, warmly endorsed the work being done at Fairhope. We have however, among those who will be in attendance, a number of ardent friends.

The COURIER wishes for the Conference an interesting, harmonious and profitable session.

The Good Roads Rally at Bay Minette

The people of Bay Minette are making great preparations for the good roads rally, which is to be held there on July 18th. The *Times* says: "The people of Bay Minette and the north end of the county generally, have constituted themselves hosts for that day and have determined to leave nothing undone to give the people of Baldwin County and particularly their fellow c tizens in south Baldwin a genuine old fashioned southern barbecue, and to make the day long to be remembered in the annals of the county." Let us accept the generous hospitality of Bay Minette and go up and meet with them on the day named to discuss the important matter of better roads and extend our acquaintance among our fellow-citizens. It will do us all good. The COURIER hopes there will be a large attendance from Fairhope and vicinity. And let us take the Fairhope Band along. The boys will go for their expenses only and the balance of us should contribute that as our share of the expense.

"It may accurately be said that there is practically but one great impediment in the way of a sweeping improvement which would elevate the physical and moral welfare of the people. This is the interest, and the overdue regard to the interest, of the landowner, and the political and social influence that he and his class can exercise. Let the value of land be assessed independently of the buildings upon it, and upon such valuation let contribution be made to those public services which create the value. What is our rating (taxing) system? It is a tax upon industry and labour, upon enterprise, upon improvement; it is a tax which is the direct cause of much of the suffering and overcrowding in the towns. And remember that overcrowding is not a symptom only, but a cause of poverty, because it demoralizes its victims and forces them to find relief in excesses. By throwing the rates (taxes) on site values, communities which have created these values will be set free—free, in the sense that they can expand, free to direct their own destinies."—SIR HENRY CAMPBELL BANNERMAN, leader of the English Liberal party.

Gov. Vardaman Shows Proper Spirit

Gov. Vardaman of Mississippi has said many things which have not done him credit in our opinion but he strikes a manly note in the following statement regarding the offer of Andrew Carnegie for a library on the state university campus: He said:

"I would rather see the walls of the state university and colleges crumble into dust and the buildings be battered and grimy than that they should be built up and handsomely painted and furnished by this money which has been coined from the blood and tears of the toiling masses, demanding the usury of self respect, which we cannot afford to pay. We may not have in Mississippi the scientific equipment for imparting knowledge and all the modern accessories that make up the great institutions of learning, but we have the means of making strong and stalwart men and women who scorn the slavery of wealth and stand unequalled in their proud independence of thought."

Baldwin County Tax Commissioner, Abner J. Smith and the county commissioners are reported as having made a great many raises in land values in the county. A great howl will doubtless go up when the notices are served.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Ice Cream Freezers, at Mershon Brothers.

Note Frank Creswell's announcement on last page.

Baldwin and Bell are putting in a cistern for Mrs. Hunnel.

Meats, ice, and melons for Sunday at Wilson and Nelson's market.

Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Remember the COURIER office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

Are you going to dig a well? if so you can save money by giving us an order for your tile. Mershon Brothers.

Mr. Robac is hard at work on his store building just opposite the COURIER office and as soon as it is completed will install a stock of merchandise in it.

The Sunday evening round trips of the "Fairhope" afford opportunity for a delightful little excursion. The round trip fare is only twenty-five cents.

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Master Geo. F. Sargent a Mobile lad living in the McDermaid cottage sustained a painful injury last Sunday morning by falling on a barbed wire fence and badly lacerating his right leg. He was immediately conveyed to Dr. Sheldon's office, where his wounds were dressed and they are rapidly healing.

The Fairhope band managed a very pleasant excursion on the Steamer Fairhope on Tuesday evening. The boat left the wharf about 7:30 and steamed down the bay landing at the Point Clear south wharf where they were politely invited in by the manager and danced a few sets in the handsome dining room. They then took the boat again and steamed out into the bay returning about 11 o'clock. On account of a storm threatening about leaving time, the crowd was not large, but the evening turned out to be delightful and the trip was greatly enjoyed by those who went.

Important action was taken by the County Commissioners on May 31st of special interest to Fairhope and vicinity, in ordering the establishment of a road from "Yancey's Branch" to Fairhope and letting the contract for bridges thereon over Montrose Creek and Fairhope gulley. Yancey's branch is the little stream just beyond the "Jackson oaks," so often a picnic ground for Fairhopers and their visiting friends. The road passes through Daphne, just between the Randall store and the drug-store and on south past the old Judge Hall place, and then bearing westward, passes through Montrose on Montrose Avenue, the main street, crosses Rock creek at the ford near its mouth, and Fly creek on the present bridge, then bears westward again passing Volanta on the street just back of the houses recently built there; crosses the Davis tract about through the center, across the gulley, and through the Ettel place, just east of his barn, coming out into Summit ave as platted and opened by the colony, just to the east of the George Lawrence Jr. place. The contract for the bridge across the gulley between Ettels and Davises was let to P. A. Parker for $800.

Morrel's meats are the best, try them. Mershon Bros.

Keep it in mind—we sell furniture.—Mershon Bros.

The bay steamers began their summer schedule yesterday leaving Mobile at 3.30 instead of three.

New issue of Fairhope Souvenir postal cards, on sale at the COURIER office, nine kinds, one cent each.

A farewell dancing party was given the Smits in the hall on Wednesday evening. They left this morning, all but Jake, who will remain, for the present at least.

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Mr. M. V. Watros arrived home on Sunday evening and received a hearty welcome back from his many friends. He has had a number of flattering offers of positions away from Fairhope but very much perfers to stay here. of course. He has not yet decided just what he will do but we very much hope he will make arrangements to remain for he is of the kind of man needed here.

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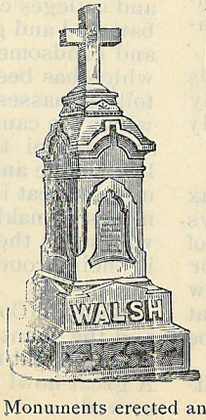
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J. W. Braam on Benefits of Fairhope's Policy

EDITOR COURIER:

That portion of my article of last week which was incomplete, and to which you kindly called my attention, has been revised and corrected. Some of the details cannot now be obtained quickly, as, for example, the amounts paid to Mr. Littlefield, which were paid by him to others. It seems that Mr. Littlefield had charge of the construction of the school, and the amount opposite his name was the amount of his pay rolls. Most of this went to the men he hired, and their names would appear herein if I had the information at hand. Moreover, this article does not show the amounts paid out for material which was made at Fairhope, and a portion of the purchase price of these materials represents money paid out for labor, which really should be included in a statement of this sort.

These figures, as was stated last week, are for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1904. During this time the amounts stated below were paid out for labor to the persons opposite whose names they appear:

Bancroft	$77.68	Sam Goor	$72.57
Van Bavel	11.25	Schuller	11.94
J. Smit	30.70	Stimpson	45.02
Gray	.70	Mulkey	54.36
Beltran	24.53	Leonard	15.22
P. Smit	6.60	Cope	1.82
Blomquist	.56	Jelle Goor	3.75
Parker	15.01	Arthur G.	.84
C. M. Stearns,	8.81	Stokes	7.57
Jefferson	91.58	Hanson	2.50
Lawrence	2.50	Weaver	.63
Tilson	1.07	Baldwin	4.31
Bell	6 12	Mathews	9 30
Darby	40.13	Patterson	53.09
G. Lawrence	26.98	N. Smit	1.00
Hackert	2.09	Gaston	183.05
Davis	10.00	Cambell	45.37
Emerson	14.37	Curtis	4.62
Barnhart	15 00	Bellangee	25.00
Mrs. Howland	.75	Hotchkiss	5.00
Dinkins	112.50	Miss Shepard	43.75
Littlefield	180.47	Watkins	12.00
Oberg	10.00	R. Bell	1 95
Brown	1.85	Ewald	2.75
Comings	4.00		
		Total	$1302.66

The amounts expended on the various improvements by the labor noted above, are as follows:

Cleaning up park and bay front	$ 6.00
Improving Fairhope Ave. and bay front	20.80
Improving Wharf hill	97.00
Surveying	35.70
Cutting wood, clearing, etc	28.90
Building telephone lines	177.96
Fencing	1.30
Repairing bridge	7.00
Moving barn and Mr. Gill's house	26.18
Clearing, repairing, etc	14.80
Building schoolhouse	245.72
Repairing well	51.23
Salaries of officers	175.00
Salaries of teachers	156.25
Repairing wharf	210.30
Painting warehouse	14.00
Painting sign	2.75
Miscellaneous	31.77
Total	$1302.66

By referring to the outline printed last week, it will be seen how this money again benefits the public after it has been expended for improvements. If the land were private property nearly all of this money would go into the pockets of the land owners and benefit only them.

J. W. BRAAM.

The Fish river nine so-called beat a nine of Fairhope boys by the awful score of 25 to six at Volanta last Saturday.

The Misses Hall of Mobile came over with Miss Chapman on Sunday morning and remained with her until Wednesday morning.

Mr. George Kettle, of Chicago, bearing a letter of introduction from Mrs. David Unger our late visitor, has been investigating Fairhope this week.

The Christian Church Sunday-school of Mobile picnicked at Fairhope yesterday. They came over on the Dolive about 150 strong, arriving about 10:45 and left at 5 P. M. A nine from the Mobilians played a game of ball with the Fairhope nine, resulting in a victory for the latter by a score of 14 to 10 with a half inning unplayed, eight of the Mobile's scores were made in the first inning.

Progressive League Notice

Next Sunday there will be a special meeting of the Progressive League. The president, Mrs. Comings, will give a review of J. G. Holland's poem, "Kathrina," and the question of closing during the summer months will be discussed. All attend; meets in Hall at 3 o'clock. A. K. Trenholme, secretary.

Want Column

WANTED—two dining room girls and a kitchen girl—Fairhope House.

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Frank L. Brown, Fairhope,	5.
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No subscriptions have yet been received from Fairhope's critics nor do we anticipate any from that source. It is very evident they are convinced that their purposes regarding Fairhope would not be served by an investigation by a committee of unprejudiced single taxers of national reputation. We shall leave the list open a little while longer and if no response is heard from them we will probably call the matter off.

Remember the request of the Executive Council for an expression of the lessees on the extension of the Corporation telephone out to Brown's and Braam's It will be before the Council on next Monday evening, the 19th. The COURIER heartily favors the extension at the earliest practical moment. Public operation of public utilities is one of the cardinal features of the Fairhope plan and should not be weakened upon.

To an article on good roads in last week's *Times* Mr. W. C. Dinwiddie subscribes himself: "Yours for good roads on any plan or by any method." Enthusiasm for a laudable end is praiseworthy only when it is coupled with wisdom in adapting means to ends. The COURIER is as much in favor of good roads as anybody can possibly be, but it is not going to let its enthusiasm lead it into advocacy of a plan which will tax the people two to four dollars for every dollar which actually goes into good roads, which will spend that money on a few trunk lines and leave conditions worse than before with regard to the neighborhood roads which are really of much more importance, and which will tax the whole people for the benefit of a comparatively few. Such is the proposed bond plan.

Thanks to the new constitution of Alabama, a bond issue cannot be made without a vote of the people. This will give splendid opportunity for educating the people as to the proper method for securing good roads, who will derive the most benefit from the bonds if issued and who will have the lion's share to pay.

Eighty eight per cent of the people of Scotland are huddled together on one per cent of the land. Forty-five per cent of the entire population of England and Wales live upon 1½ per cent of the land, More than one-quarter of the area of the city of Liverpool is building land withheld from use.

Important Business Change

The important business announcement is made on the eighth page of the purchase by Mr. Frank Creswell, of the stock and business of the Fairhope Mercantile Co. The COURIER regretted the prospect of the closing out of this business and hoped that some good business man would seize the opportunity—for there is certainly room for another big general store here.

And we know of no one better qualified to make a success of the business than is Mr. Creswell. He has fine business qualifications, has secured a wide acquaintance with the public in his service with Mershon Brothers, and we are sure, will conduct a store which will draw trade and help greatly to advance the commercial prestige of Fairhope—which, under the Fairhope plan will benefit not only him but its every citizen and interest. Mr. Creswell is not only up to date in his business methods, but liberal and public spirited as a citizen and will at all times, we are sure, be ready to do his full share toward advancing the interest of his home town. Success to the new house.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

June 10. * * Did I ever tell you of the "fun" I am having with my amateur photography? At first I sent all my "exposures" to the Rochester School of Photography, of which I am a member, to have them developed. I then printed from the negatives thus secured; printed on ferro-prussiate paper, or platinum or solio paper. The first makes the beautiful, lasting blue print; the second the soft black and white tones, and the last the beautiful brown tints, my favorite for the last year or so. The platinum is the most trying of all the sensitive plates or films that I have experimented with. The least moisture in the closed and sealed box where it is kept. and your print will be "muddy." To keep it dry the Eastmans send in each box a little cotton-wrapped "button," as they call it, which is as hard as a stone, nearly, when in right condition; but let the least moisture get to it and it becomes soft and must be dried in the oven before being put back in the box; but, by this time, in my experience, your sensitive platinum paper is spoiled for a nice picture. Of course my blunders have been appalling in the past, and are still too frequent, but the field for blundering is now larger since I manage a dark room and develop my own plates. This used to look like an impossible accomplishment, but I could not continue depending on the school of photography at Rochester to answer my multitudinous questions The teachers were always most kind and patient, but I feared they might go crazy over my ignorance; and then they always urged pupils to do their own developing—it was so easy! In fact I find it not only difficult, but decidedly *scare-y*. The pitchy darkness of the room, from which every ray of white light must be excluded; the dim little flickering flame of the ruby lamp, the anxious watching of the "developer" after you have poured it over your plate, a perfect blank as yet; altogether, tend to make you nervous. You gently rock your tray, making the liquid pass back and forth over the plate. If you have got everything right thus far, a seeming miracle occurs in a few minutes. On that blank plate faint outlines show, and soon the whole picture can be seen as you hold up the plate before the ruby light. You are paid for all your trouble. The wierd seance in the uncanny darkness is nearly over. You must wash your plate and then lay it in a chemical solution which will "eat" off the film of gelatine, leaving your plate quite transparent, though showing every delicate outline of your picture. This is your "negative," and when dry it is ready to print from. All you have to do is to place against it a sheet of sensitized paper, say solio paper, and place it in the sun, and the

sunlight reproduces the picture to the minutest detail. My best 5x7 plate picture, thus far, done without the slightest assistance, is the interior of Alice's cottage. It shows her against the light, sitting by her table, reading. She is all in white and wears her usual wealth of flowers. It is very much admired and wins me much praise. I shall be happy to send a copy by mail nicely mounted to any one wishing it.*

For the development of the smaller exposures, the 4x5 films, I use the machine of my good neighbor, Mr. Chapman. This is a dark room, practically; a little closed, nickle-plated box holding both film and "developer," and it works like a charm.

June * * Why do not you, my dear M., who are so comparatively near to Saint Louis, visit the N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Company? You must know of the great work of N. O. Nelson, who in 1886 adopted a profit-sharing system with his employees. For over 19 years he has "paid dividends ranging from 4 to 10 per cent. on each one's salary or wages." He now proposes to extend the dividend to his customers. This seems to me a mistake. It cannot exemplify any principle of right or justice, and it makes extra bookkeeping necessary. Better far that each buyer should, from the first purchase to the last, receive his goods at a price that permits no further profits than those due the management and the employees. Of course, my opinion in this matter may not be valuable. But you will find Mr. Nelson a most agreeable gentleman, and his conversation rich in general experience and reminiscence. When I moved here from Kansas City I missed my connection at St. Louis, and had the whole day before me from 7 till 5 p. m. Mr. Nelson is an old friend and correspondent of mine, and after my breakfast I called him up, hoping merely that he might give me an hour or so sometime during the day. Of course he is a very busy man, and I doubted that I should have the pleasure of meeting him. He came to me, however, though he had a wedding on his hands on that particular day, but he said that he would see me after the wedding breakfast. He asked me what I would like to do meanwhile. I told him to take me to the best public library in St. Louis, where I would browse among the books with absorbed delight for unnumbered hours. He came back duly, took me to see his great factory, and accompanied me to my train when the hour came for me to go. This will show you how very gracious and kind he is, for I could not boast an intimate acquaintance.

Mr. Nelson has always been much interested in our Fairhope enterprise, and hopes to visit us some day. His is, I believe, the largest profit-sharing plant in America, as Godin's is the largest in Europe—Godin, you know, is the founder of the *Familistere* at Guise, France, a plant representing many millions, and which has been a working success for over thirty years. His works—*Le Government; La Mutualite Sociale* (a work describing in detail the profit-sharing plan of the *Familistere*), and *Solutions Sociales*, which, you know, I translated into English many years ago. (*Social Solutions*. John W. Lovell Co., New York). These works in the original, presented to me by their author and bearing his precious autograph with kindly inscription, and elegantly bound, are choice treasures in this library.

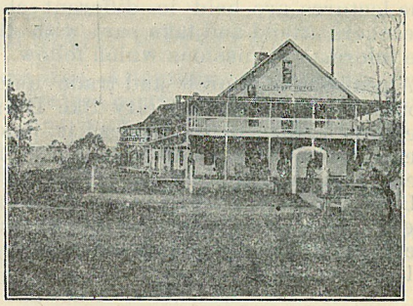
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Preachers and Trade Unions

Cincinnati, O., June 11, 1905. At the Vine Street Congregational church, the pastor, Herbert S. Bigelow told how the preachers and trade unionists of Binghamton, N. Y. have gotten together.

"This movement in Binghamton," said Mr. Bigelow, "is full of significance. A series of economic lectures have been arranged under the joint auspices of the churches and the unions. The unions sell tickets and make themselves responsible financially for the course.

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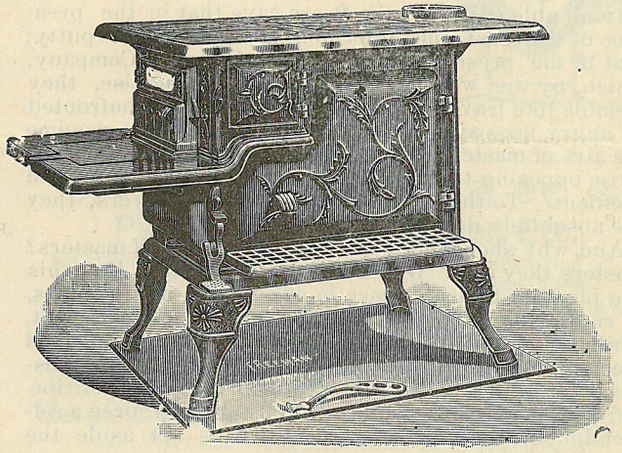
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The lectures are held in different churches and the preachers attend and take part with the unionists in the informal discussions which follow.

A coalition of church and trade union organizations would be invincible in a city like Binghamton and in the first lecture of the series, it was proposed that these powerful bodies unite upon the Initiative and Referendum as a practical program for action.

Binghamton is exceptionally clean politically. But even here, the people realize that the Initiative and Referendum is a much-needed safeguard against municipal corruption.

THE ASPHALT TRUST

As in Cincinnati, so in Binghamton, the question of paving is one of uppermost interest. The exactions of the Asphalt Trust have driven the people to rebellion.

A newspaper, the Binghampton Press, a journal splendidly equipped and deservedly popular, submitted to the taxpayers a postal card referendum, and the decision was overwhemingly for brick as a substitute for asphalt.

The Press is now sounding the alarm that the Aldermen are under the spell of the trust and are about to vote for asphalt in spite of the declared wish of the people.

This shows that the city charter ought to be amended so that the people can demand a referendum on any such measure in which they are interested and so that their vote can be made official and binding upon the Council.

AIRS OF MASTERS

In an able editorial, the Press says that in the presence of the trust, the aldermen are as soft as putty; that in the presence of the Street Railway Company, which, by the way, has a perpetual franchise, they tremble like leaves in a gale, but that when confronted by angry tax-payers, "the people's servants assume the airs of masters and dictators. To the commands of those opposing the real interests of the city, they are obedient. To the just demands of the tax-payers, they are absolutely deaf."

And why should they not assume the airs of masters? Masters they are. We call them servants. But this is a pleasant fiction. Once in office, they are masters. Of course we may defeat them for re-election. But, while in office, we can only entreat, we cannot command them. This is so everywhere, save in cities like Los-Angeles, where the charter provides that by a petition of five per cent of the voters the citizens can force a referendum on any question, and thereby set aside the acts of their law-makers.

RESTORATION OF POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY

The councilman of Los Angeles are in fact servants. The people have the legal means of commanding them. In Cincinnati, and Philadelphia, and Binghamton, the councilmen for the time being are masters. If they choose to defy the public and serve the corporation, the people may resort to mob rule but they have no lawful and peaceable redress. The Initiative and Referendum is the restoration of popular sovereignty.

The preachers of Binghamton were outspoken in favor of this reform and, as the trade unions have long favored it, there is no doubt that with the support of so able and honest a journal as the Press, this right of the people to take a hand in making their own laws may be speedily established.

"I think that if it is thoroughly understood that the Corporation is to take all the economic rent, that Fairhope will grow much faster than if there is a doubt about it. Certainly it will present more attraction to one who understands its purpose. Such will feel more assured that there are opportunities open there now, and that there will be more opportunities in the future."—Geo. N. Maddock, Spokane, Wash.

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Mr. Essendorp and a party of land seekers drove into Fairhope on last Friday evening and telephoned over to Mobile for a naptha launch which came over and took them to the city.

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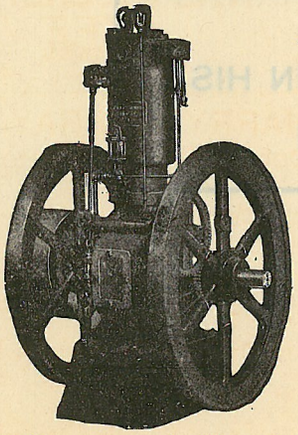
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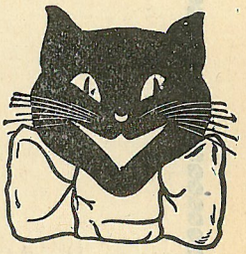
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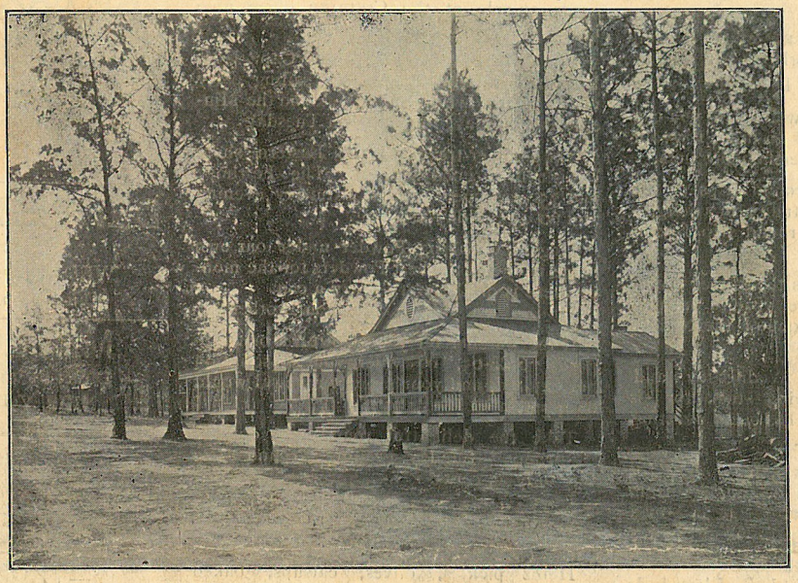
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Fairhope Improvement Company's Cottages

WE are pleased to present herewith a very pretty view of the two attractive cottages built by the Fairhope Improvement Company on Fels avenue last winter.



These cottages are of five and six rooms respectively, with closets, shower baths, piped for water and sewage, wired for electric lights, completely finished and furnished throughout, and among the most comfortable and attractive cottages on the eastern shore.

They were occupied as soon as completed by the Himrod and McKay families, who occupied them until about June 1, and by the time this reaches our readers will probably be occupied by Mobilians who will remain until October 1 or later, by about which time the cottages will be again in demand by northern visitors.

We are indebted for this handsome addition to our Fairhope improvements chiefly to that enthusiastic and tireless Fairhoper, Mr. R. F. Powell, who, seeing the demand for cottages here and the opportunity for the profitable investment of capital it afforded, organized the Fairhope Improvement Company to build cottages for rent or sale on Colony land.

The several thousand dollars spent by the Improvement company locally for labor and material contributed greatly to the prosperity of the whole community and the investment will, we are sure, yield a very satisfactory return to the stockholders. We are assured by Mr. Powell that the company will increase its investments in Fairhope the coming winter, and we hope it will do so. We know of no more favorable opportunity for legitimate investment than in well planned cottages on Corporation land, and under the Fairhope plan the benefit is not confined to the investors and a few landlords, but is distributed over the whole community.

Best Method of Securing Public Services

A PROFITABLE subject for discussion in Fairhope at the present time is, it seems to us, whether such public services as water, lights, telephones, etc., should be supplied free of direct charge and the cost of maintenance borne from the rents, or whether a specific charge be made for such services, approximating the cost. Both plans have been tried to some extent by the Colony and both are provided for in the constitution.

Of course the question of public or private ownership and operation of such services is beyond the range of pertinent discussion, for the latter is forbidden by the constitution of the Corporation and is against enlightened public sentiment everywhere.

Either of the plans of public administration referred to would be in harmony with the constitution, and either would be just; the real question, as between the two, being, as we see it, "which would be the most practicable under existing conditions?" The writer, while believing that the plan of making all such services free of direct charges and maintaining them out of the rent fund is the ultimate ideal plan, is, after giving the matter much thought, very much of the opinion that the other is better adapted to our present conditions.

It is the commonly accepted plan. It provides for payment for a service directly by the person receiving it. The expense of collecting several funds rather than one is more than compensated for by the friction avoided. Funds for securing public services could be much more easily secured and their repayment more certainly provided for under it, and no contractual obstacles would exist to prevent a change to the other plan whenever public sentiment favored it.

We believe that this plan is particularly applicable at this time to the water system, and that under it the much needed improvement of the system by the laying of mains and the installation of additional pumping facilities could be secured in the near future.

Certificates redeemable in water uses or in cash from the net earnings of the system could be issued for advances toward the cost of construction, payable at different periods, and in lieu of interest, a "bonus" given on those whose payment was deferred. Sums amounting to $1200 or more were subscribed while Mr. Mogg was here and was pushing the matter on the plan of making the water free, but charging $35 and upward for connection with the mains, but an objection to this system was that no help could be secured from others than those directly interested, and that the large initial payment would be prohibitory to many who would be glad to take water and pay for it annually or in semi-annual or quarterly payments. Doubtless those who subscribed these amounts would be perfectly willing to pay the same sums as advance payments on water rates at cost price, accepting certificates as described therefor; and additional sums could be secured from outside friends with surplus means available for safe investment at moderate return.

The COURIER's objection to borrowing money and paying interest for road improvements does not apply

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

New goods arriving daily at Creswells.

Ice Cream Freezers, at Mershon Brothers.

Mr. Gill has taken charge of the Baldwin store at Volanta.

Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Wilson's ice cream for Sunday; leave your orders Saturday; gal. 1.25; 2 qts. 65c, 1 qt. 35c, delivered.

Neighbor Swift is building another cottage on Bay View avenue, adjoining the one occupied by the Fosters.

Remember the COURIER office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

Are you going to dig a well? if so you can save money by giving us an order for your tile. Mershon Brothers.

The Sunday evening round trips of the "Fairhope" afford opportunity for a delightful little excursion. The round trip fare is only twenty-five cents.

Mr. Knott and his sisters the Misses Knott of Mobile, pleasant summer visitors on previous seasons have rented one of the Nichols cottages for the summer.

Frank Creswell spent Wednesday and Thursday in Mobile, buying stock for his new store. Arthur Dealy has been assisting him in the store this week.

The Christian Church is being piped for acetylene gas which will be supplied from Professor Coming's generator. It is hoped to have the new lights in operation on Sunday evening.

We have by far the best line of iron beds that ever came across the bay to our big state of Baldwin. We can sell them from $3 to $12. Come in and look over our stock. Mershon Brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman and baby are off on a northern trip, which will include a visit to Mr. Coleman's people at Milwaukee and Mrs. Coleman's at Petosky, Mich. Mr. Coleman expects to be back early in July, but Mrs. Coleman will be away until Sept. 1.

Mr. Comings has placed open air acetylene lights on his front and side galleries, lighting up the premises most beautifully at night. They have also put in a gas stove for summer cooking using the acetylene which works admirably.

Our old time friend and fellow-member Mr. Wm. Schemenour spent the early part of the week with us. He is a millwright by trade and has been since February several miles northeast of Fairhope having put up a small saw-mill for W. C. Turner and another for C. Allegri, both in the Belforest neighborhood.

That zealous single taxer and good friend of Fairhope, Louis LeSaulnier, the "Single Tax Druggist" of Red Bud, Ill., who visited us not long since, renewing his subscription to the COURIER, says: "The COURIER helps to stimulate thought, and I like to keep posted on events at Fairhope. I think Fairhope will raise a better crop of men and women than surrounding towns, and who would not rather have the Colony people for a landlord than a private individual who is often hard to find, overbearing, and only pays a very small per cent. of his ground rent to the government which protects him in his monopoly or, rather privilege, of charging for the right of using even the vacant lands. I think you got a very valuable member in Mr. Ross, the hotel manager."

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New issue of Fairhope Souvenir postal cards, on sale at the COURIER office, nine kinds, one cent each.

The Quick, H. M. Foster and Capt. Geo. Lawrence familes made up a sailing party which went down to Shell Banks on the Mineola last Sunday, returning on Tuesday.

The summer travel to the Eastern shore has set in, in good earnest. The Fairhope had 75 passengers over on Saturday evening and 60 on Sunday morning.

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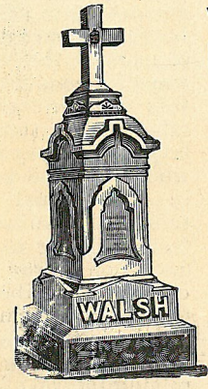
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Frank Creswell.

Mrs. Comings is expecting a lady of wide experience, from the north, to open and take charge of "The Gables" as a family hotel, and with all their new furnishings, and the fine new building, with gas, water and shade in abundance, it will be a most desirable place for the vacation rest.

Mrs. Powell and Miss Ola expect to leave on the Mallory steamer on Sunday to join Mr. Powell in Philadelphia for the summer. Miss Ivy is sick with typhoid fever in Philadelphia but is receiving the best of care in a private hospital and is reported not in a dangerous condition. Their many friends will hope for her speedy recovery.

On Monday morning last the Dolive started on her run at Fairhope with result that the Caloosa, which was to go over direct from Battles, had more than her limit of passengers. The Dolive was reached by telephone at Daphne and turned back meeting the Caloosa off Fairhope where she took her passengers and proceeded to the city leaving the Caloosa to go back to Battles and pick up the remainder.

Mr. E. P. Kinne of Weeks Bay, was an appreciated visitor at the COURIER office on yesterday. He heartily approves of the COURIER'S position on the question of issuing bonds for road building. We learned through him of a fire at the Kinne-Whipple mill on last Fr iday morning which burned up all the rough lumber on hand and came very near taking the mill. Mr. Occobock of Chicago accompanied him on his visit to our town.

Master James Gaston and a traveling man whom he was driving with one of the Fairhope Livery teams had a rather exciting time on last Saturday at Bighead gully. The heavy rain of Saturday morning had swollen the gully so that the horses were carried off their feet and swept with the buggy down the gully quite a distance before they reached a shallow place where they could get a foothold. The team was unhitched and scrambled up the bank, and James and the traveling man came back to the barn and got another buggy, with which they proceeded on their trip, the other buggy being secured after the flood had gone down.

Joint Meeting of Council and Lessees

Pursuant to notice given through the COURIER there was a fair attendance of lessees of the Corporation at the Council meeting on Monday evening to consider the matter of extending the telephone system to Browns and Braams in section sixteen. It was in the nature of an advisory referendum. Mr. Braam who was appointed a committee to ascertain the approximate cost, reported that it would be in the neighborhood of $50, for the poles, wire and construction, and that the amount would be advanced by those interested, to be repaid by credit upon rents when convenient to the corporation. After full discussion a motion to authorize the parties interested to make the extension to be repaid the expense incurred for wires, poles and installation after Jan, 1, 1906, carried by vote of 23 to 10.

The following resolution offered by Mr. Gaston was unanimously carried.

"That the officers of the Corporation prepare a full report of business for the first six months of 1905, together with a statement of the condition of the Corporation June 30, and submit the same with an estimate of the revenue for the last six months of the year, and such suggestions as to its expenditure as the Council sees fit to make, at a meeting of the lessees, to be called for the purpose early in the month of July."

This resolution was offered and adopted in furtherance of the action taken by the members in February last in voting to admit the lessees, non-members as well as members, to participation in determining the use to be made of the public funds.

Meeting for Worship

A meeting for worship after the manner of the Society of Friends is held at the residence of Archibald and Elizabeth Crosbie, Fairhope, on Firstday (Sunday) mornings at eleven o'clock giving opportunity for christian fellowship in the freedom and simplicity the truth as it is in Jesus requires.

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A cablegram of the 18th from London, England, refers to the inauguration of passenger service on the river Thames by the London County Council. This would appear to be an extension of the municipal transportation idea to water transportation, the first of which we have heard. We have referred the matter to Mr. Fels with request for further information.

The editor expects to take a trip east and north in the near future. Will probably leave over the Mallory steamship line on Sunday, July 9. The trip will be mainly for rest, but we hope to meet many of the friends of Fairhope, renew pleasant old acquaintances and make equally pleasant new ones. As soon as fully decided upon, we will give our itinerary as near as may be and state where we may be seen or communicated with at given times and places.

W. L Crosman, a vetern single taxer and prominent for years in the International Typographical Union, was chosen on May 17th, as one of the four delegates from the Boston Typographical Union to the annual convention to be held at Toronto, in August. On the back of Mr. Crosman's card as a candidate was printed the following quotation from Progress and Poverty:

"The reform I have proposed (Single Tax) is but the carrying out in letter and spirit of the truth enunciated in the Declaration of Independence—the 'self-evident' truth that is the heart and soul of the Declaration—

> 'That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.'

These rights are denied when the equal right to land—on which and by which men alone can live—is denied."

An Improvement on Town Meeting Plan

A great deal has been said by certain critics of Fairhope in advocacy of the "town meeting plan" of conducting Colony business. The fact is that the Fairhope plan of having the ordinary details of business attended to by the Executive Council—simply a "standing committee"—subject at all times to a referendum to the whole body of the membership, is a great improvement over the town-meeting plan. If it were attempted to do business on the town meeting plan about the first motion to be made when some proposed improvement came before the meeting would be to "appoint a committee to especially consider the matter and report." The Fairhope Executive Council, composed of those in charge of the various departments of the public business and giving the same their especial thought, is just such a committee. The one thing needed to make the plan perfect is the fullest publicity regarding the acts of the Council, so that if it takes any action not approved by the members, or fails to act upon desired matters they can immediately assert their will through the initiative and referendum.

In one of Herbert S. Bigelow's recent addresses he recognized the optional referendum provided for in the Oregon constitution, as an improvement on the town meeting plan. He said: "They have as much control over their public servants as the New England town meetings. Moreover, the Oregon plan is an improvement on the other. The people of Oregon do not attempt to make laws in an emotional or unwieldly mass meeting. They secure the right to vote upon any measure by petition. Then they may discuss it in their clubs and homes and read it in their papers and go to the polls and vote with deliberation.

"The phenomenal progress of this principle of direct legislation by the initiative and referendum is the most hopeful sign of the times."

A Typical Case

Dan Davis, Jr., is another one of our boys who has decided to invest in real estate and make some money easily, and has bought three of the Bottom subdivision lots of C. B. Sims. Dan has lived right by that piece of land all his life, and could have bought the whole business when he was a little fellow for less than the three lots cost him now. It is too late to do that, but values will continue to go up, and he will get the benefit. If those three lots increase in value fifty dollars each in the next year or two, he will have made one hundred and fifty dollars without doing any work on them at all. One of the lots he wants to build on, the other two he holds for speculation—Citronelle Call.

Mr. Davis may be taken to represent in this case, in himself, the two aspects of land speculation. As one who wanted land to improve—which would be to the interest of every citizen of his town—he met the necessity at the outset of paying a large unearned increment to the existing owner, which was that much of an obstacle in his way, and left him that much less capital with which to buy material and employ labor. If he improves the lot he will have a value in his improvement equivalent to his investment, but that value will not increase with time, but rather begin immediately to decrease. If by supplanting the previous owner he gets in position to extract an increase in value like that which he had to pay, he becomes a beneficiary of the injustice of private appropriation of ground values instead of a victim. In either case the injustice remains and experience shows that the beneficiaries constantly decrease in numbers proportionately, while the victims increase.

Shore Road Should Be Extended to Battles

We noted last week the action of the County commissioners in providing for the opening of a new road from Yancey's branch to Fairhope.

It seems to us that steps should be at once taken to have the road extended on south through Fairhope to Battles, which is fully as much needed, and will be a trifling expense compared with the road north of Fairhope.

As now provided for, the road seems to stop just as it reaches the boundary of Fairhope. Perhaps the commissioners having in mind the enterprise exhibited by Fairhope in making its own roads, even to bridging its gullies presumed that Fairhope might be relied upon to continue the road through its territory at its own expense, but is there any just reason why Fairhope should build its roads at its own expense while roads are built through other towns at the expense of the county? We suggest that a petition be filed with the commissioners before their next meeting asking that the road turn west after crossing the Ettel land to our Bay View ave., thence bridging the gulley just north of the Swfft Atkinson tract to the Mogg corner, thence down Mag-

nolia ave., to the head of the wharf hill, across the colony's bridge over Stacks' gulley across the Nichols' tract where a street is already made, and then in a direct line as near as may be across the White tract, Olsen and Mackintosh places, across Big-head gulley passing just in front of Thomas Wilson's place and coming into the present Battles road at the corner of the place formerly occupied by the Barnharts.

Exact Knowledge in Soil Culture.

How refreshing the report of Comrade Oberg on his good crop of potatoes. While others have scores of barrels rotting in sheds and barns, he has realized a net cash return of $139.60 on two and three fourths acres, that is $50.65 an acre.

Now the question is—is Mr. Oberg's land superior to other land in this region?—How many others planted potatoes as early as the first week in January and marketed them as early as May second and fourth? How many used commercial fertilizer at the rate of nearly three fourths ton per acre? And how many kept an exact record of the cost of the crop?

To be sure this is no great showing, for, when the labor on those two and three fourths acres is deducted —some twenty days work—at least twenty five dollars it would bring down the net cash returns to 114.60 not a princely return but how gratifying compared to having the crop rot because too late for the early market.

No doubt our Agricultural Society will try to show the cause of such failures and teach us how to avoid them.

The truth is that agriculture is a complex science and the great wonder is that any one could succeed in farming or truck gardening or fruit culture without a knowledge of the chemistry of soils and the needs of growing plants.

I know a good deal about one method of cultivating garden vegetables, that is the "hit or miss" plan; the soil wants dressing, I know that, and so I put in a lot and generally of several kinds so that if one be not the right one another may be! Much valuable manure is thus wasted which an ability to make chemical analysis of the soil would prevent. M. H.

Another Favorable Crop Report

We are favored by Mr. Gus Leiser, another of the few farmers who came out ahead on the potato crop this season, with the following comprehensive account of his operations:

EDITOR COURIER:

Enclosed find statement of my potato crop for which you have asked me. Every expense is there, with the exception of my own labor:

EXPENSE	
30 bu. seed (my own) cost of raising	$15.00
15 bu. seed at $1.50	22.50
2600 lbs dissolved bone	41 60
4000 lbs phosphate	32.00
800 lbs mur. potash	24.00
3200 lbs cotton seed meal	44 80
Labor planting (hired)	20 25
290 barrels at 37½c	108.75
Hauling bbls (hired)	19 40
Filling bbls (hired)	20 00
Freight and wharfage	43.50
Total expense	$391 80
Income	$739 00
Expense	391.80
Net	$347.20

Shipped 290 bbls. Stored 25 bbls.

INCOME		
Apr. 29, 5 bbls at	$3.25	$16.25
May 4, 32 bbls at	3.10	99.30
May 6, 90 bbls at	2.75	247.50
May 9, 88 bbls at	2.50	220.00
May 11, 58 bbls at	2.25	130.50
May 19, 12 bbls at	1.60	19.20
May 30, 5 bbls at	1.25	6.25
25 bbls not shipped		
Total, 315 bbls		$739.00
Average yield per acre, 40 bbls.		
Average net gain per acre		43.50
Average received per bbl on 290 bbls		$ 2.55
Average cost per bbl on 315 bbls		1.25
Net per bbl		$1.30

On same eight acres have planted as a second crop: 4 acres cotton; 2½ acres cowpeas; 1½ acres peanuts.

Respectfully, GUS LEISER.

Best Method of Securing Public Services

(Continued from page 1.)

in this case, for the reason that the borrowed money in this case is invested not only in securing a public convenience which might not otherwise be had, but in creating a new revenue-producing property which will take care of the indebtedness incurred on account of it.

The columns of the COURIER are open for the discussion of this question. The matter of a sufficient supply of water is of the utmost importance. The best plan for securing it should be decided upon and then we ought to get to work at the earliest possible moment.

The Contention of Henry George.

Are the rich growing richer and the poor poorer? This question was discussed in the pulpit of the Vine Street Congregational church, by the pastor Herbert S. Bigelow, on Sunday, June 18. Mr. Bigelow said in part:

"Dr. Minot J. Savage is reported in the New York press as denying that the rich are growing richer and the poor poorer. This he characterized as a misconception for which Henry George's book 'Progress and Poverty' is responsible.

It would seem that the distinguished Unitarian preacher had misconceived the teaching of Mr. George. In Progress and Poverty, page 8, the author says:

'It is true that wealth has been greatly increased, and that the average of comfort, leisure, and refinement has been raised; but these gains are not general. In them the lowest class does not share.'

In a foot-note, Mr. George defines more precisely his contention. It is that advancing civilization does not increase the ability of the poorer class to obtain the necessaries of life.

INCREASING DEPENDENCE OF THE POOR

Dr. Savage was thinking, perhaps, of society as a whole. Mr. George admits with him that the average of comfort, leisure and refinement has been raised.

But Mr. George was not discussing the condition of the average man. He was discussing the condition of the poorest man. He maintained that the poorest class were more independent in a primitive society.

On the frontier, 'There is no luxury but there is no destitution. No one makes an easy living: but everyone can make a living, and no one able and willing to work is oppressed by the fear of want.'

When the log cabin disappears and the frontier becomes densely populated and highly organized, wealth increases, says Mr. George but 'so does poverty take a darker aspect. Some get an infinitely better and easier living but others find it hard to get a living at all.'

VICTIMS OF CHANCE

In his book on Poverty, page 93, Mr. Robert Hunter says: 'The history of the world has perhaps never shown more abject victims of chance than the modern propertyless workman.' Mr. Hunter quotes Mr. Carrol D. Wright as denying that the rich are growing richer and the poor poorer. Concerning this dispute Mr. Hunter observes: 'It is unneccessary to say that we might choose to take Mr. Wright's statement or choose to take his opponent's statement. It is largely a matter of temperament which side one takes in the matter, for, in either case, we have no facts to support our position.'

Wr. Wright and Mr. Savage voice an optimism which seems to be unmoved by the social tragedy. 'It is an optimism,' says Mr. Hunter, 'which results from ignorance or from the lack of any real concern.'

THE REAL QUESTION

The real question, however, is not whether the poor

are better off now than fifty years ago, but whether they are as well off as they might be. Are 94 per cent of the people of Manhattan homeless? Is one tenth of the population buried in the Potter's Field? Do the legal evictions on that unhappy island affect over 60,000 families annually? Are 99 per cent of the wage earners of Manhattan propertyless? Does the Astor family alone levy a tribute upon those miserable inhabitants of over $20,000,000. a year. Do 25 per cent of Dr. Savage's fellow citizens live in poverty? If these are facts, what shall we say? Shall we say, 'They used to be worse' or shall we say, 'They must be better'?

Man's Natural Rights

Comparatively few persons take time and pains to think seriously and impartially as to what are the natural rights of every human being. Consequently there are many conflicting and not a few pernicious theories concerning this very important matter.

First and foremost comes the right of every human being to the right of him or herself, and to the free use of all his or her faculties.

Second all human beings have an inalienable right to life. Otherwise they should never have been born. These are such rights as no individual, no combination of individuals, no man-made laws, no governments, however powerful they are, nor however wise they think they are, can deprive anybody from exercising without commiting a crime—and one of the most dastardly crimes possible to be perpetrated.

It necessarily follows that every human resident on this big earth possesses a God-given right to use a portion of the earth, for, as everybody knows, the earth which includes all natural elements—is the source of all supplies, and without access to it the race would speedily die off.

Now, in order to preserve the right of using a piece of the earth the user should pay into the public treasury the amount of the taxable value of the land, if it be valuable, because such value is not of his own creating, but is the product of community labor and enterprise. Its creators should have the benefit of what they earn.

On the other hand, whatever the owner produces on or in consequence of his possession of that land is strictly, absolutely and sacredly his own property. Therefore, no tax whatever should be levied upon such things. To extort taxes from individual industry in any form is absolutely robbery. Ralph Hoyt.

Inoculation of Soil

The publication of the results obtained with pure culture in inoculating leguminous plants has resulted in a very great demand being made upon the Department of Agriculture for inoculating material. The distribution made during 1904 was for the purpose of obtaining a large number of tests of the method under average farm conditions, and it was impossible to anticipate the demand which has arisen this spring (1905), the total quantity prepared for spring distribution having been made early in February it is expected, however, that this fall and next spring a further distribution will be made as far as limited facilities will permit. Statements to the effect that the department has stopped the distribution of these cultures is therefore erroneous. Applications for future distributions should state what legume is to be sown, time of sowing, and quantity of seed to be treated. —Bul. 72, Dept. Agr.

The Masons' big St. John's day picnic comes off at the Stewart farm, near Marlow, tomorrow. The Fairhope band is going along to furnish music, and everybody is invited.

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Personal and Local.

Mr. F. W. Rose, of the Piedmont, W. V., *Herald*, and his wife, have just arrived to "investigate" Fairpope on their own account.

L. H. Read of Fruitdale visited Fairhope between boats last Sunday, the guest of the editor and family. Mr. Read's interest in Fairhope is unabated.

Mr. Geo. Miller is building him a fine sailboat 18 ft. long with 6ft. beam at the shop opposite the hall. He expects to launch her the first of the week.

Grapes will be ripe in a few days. Father Knowles vines near the street on Fairhope Avenue are a "sight for sore eyes" with their loads of big fine bunches.

The B. F. McMillian family, of Stockton, are occupying their Fairhope cottage for a time. Their young son, is very ill with a fever which has continued for nearly 100 days.

The material is being put upon the ground for a cottage which Prof. Bellangee will erect for Miss Richards of Genoa, N. Y. on a lot on Magnolia ave, which he has transferred to her.

Mobile parties have rented Rest Cottage for a summer hotel and are advertising liberally in the Mobile papers. They opened last night with a dance and had an orchestra over from Mobile.

Sales, Rental and Exchange Department

The publisher of the COURIER has decided to open in connection with his other business a department for the sale, rental and exchange of improvements on Fairhope land.

Only such properties will be listed as are considered by us to be good values at the prices asked. Those having properties to dispose of are invited to place them in our hands. Those desiring to purchase improved places are invited to communicate with us, stating their desires as near as may be. Address all communications to E. B. Gaston, Fairhope.

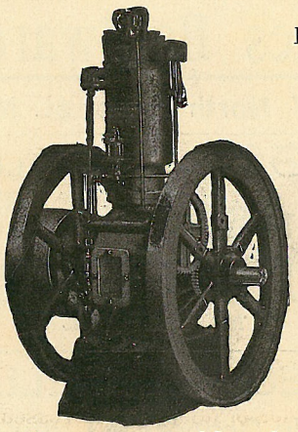
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A New Industry

Dr. Rowe after a thorough investigation of the squab business, has decided that it promises good profits here and is going into the business on quite an extensive scale. He will have completed this week on his lots on Fels ave., a squab house with 3 units, each with accomodations for 96 pairs, to which will be added as the business demands. The equipment for the houses has been ordered, including nest bowls, automatic drinking fountain, bath pans, cleaning utensils, etc, all of the most approved pattern. Just as soon as the houses are ready to receive them, they will be stocked with imported Belgian Homers from one of the largest breeding establishments in the country.

The establishment of this new industry will be watched with a great deal of interest. The Doctor is a thorough going business man who will give every detail the closest attention. When the pigeons are received we shall give the matter further attention.

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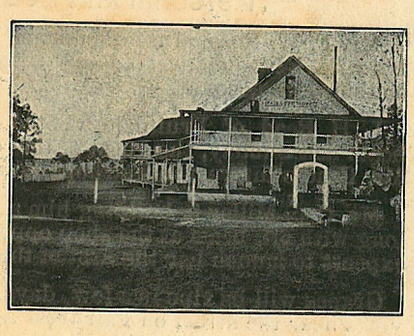
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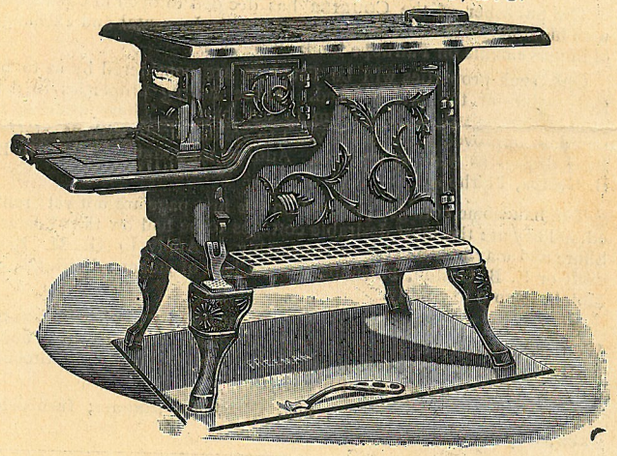
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Woman's National League Convention

None of the COURIER's correspondents favored it with a report of the fifth annual convention of the Woman's National Single Tax League, held at Philadelphia, June 15 to 17 inclusive, but we take the following from the report of Mr. D. S. Luther to the *Public*.

The convention was called to order in Independence Club Hall, by Mrs. John Sherwin Crosby, of New York city, president of the League, the business session being preceded by prayer by the Rev. Robert Long, of Philadelphia. The address of the first afternoon was made by Mrs. Margaret W. Hughan, of Brooklyn, on "The Origin of the Slums." The discussion that followed was led by Dr. Florence Leigh Jones, of Brooklyn. At the first evening's session Mr. Frank Stephens, of Philadelphia, made an address of welcome which was most happily responded to by Miss Grace Isabel Colbron, of New York city.

Friday afternoon's addresses were made by R. F. Powell, subject, "Fairhope;" by Miss Mary Hicks, of Georgia, subject, "Single Tax in Women's Clubs;" by Mrs Jennie L. Munroe, Washington, D. C,, subject, "Single Tax at the Capital." In the evening a banquet was tendered the visiting delegates at the Roosevelt hotel. Mrs. Florence A. Burleigh, president of the Woman's Henry George League of Philadelphia, after brief remarks, introduced Mrs. Crosby, president of the National League, to preside. Addresses were made by Henry George, Jr., subject: "Mayor Weaver's Supreme Opportunity;" by Miss Jane Campbell, of Philadelphia, subject: "Woman's Progress;" by Miss Grace Isabel Colbron, of New York city, subject, "A Word from Abroad;" by Hon. John S. Crosby, of New York city, subject: "The Signs of the Times;" by Miss Amy M. Hicks, New York city, subject: "Some Ways of Working for the Single Tax;" by Mrs. Harry Coope, Washington, D. C., subject, "The Coming Portia." There were also impromptu addresses by H. V. Hetzel, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Minnie Ryan, of Brooklyn; Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe and Miss McGee, of Washington, D.C.

The final session on Saturday, was followed by a luncheon tendered the delegates by the Philadelphia League, at their club rooms, No. 1415 Locust Street. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Mrs. John Sherwin Crosby, New York city, president; Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe, Washington, D.C., vice president; Mrs. Jane Dearborn Mills, Boston, third vice president; Mrs. Lizzie M. Scofield, Philadelphia, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Kate E. Freeman, Brooklyn, recording secretary; Dr. Mary D. Hussey, Orange, N. J., treasurer; Mrs. Minnie R. Ryan, Brooklyn, auditor; Mrs. Rose M. Helm, Adrian, Mich., and Dr. Anna. M. Lund, Chicago, executive board.

Brooklyn was selected as the place, and the last week of May as the time, for holding the annual convention next year,

Before adjourning, the constitution was so amended as to admit men to associate membership, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that we, the members of the Woman's National Single Tax League, desire to heartily commend and indorse Mayor Weaver and his supporters for the stand taken by him in his fight for true and honest administration of the civic affairs of this great city.

Resolved, That we admire the bravery and sound common sense of the Swedish workingmen who have refused to take up arms against Norway, and that we recommend their action to men in this and other countries, believing that when government officials realize that all men will refuse to fight, war will cease.

Resolved, That we believe the single tax to be the fundamental reform, without which other reforms will be of no avail.

Resolved, That we ask President Roosevelt to appoint women as well as men on the proposed commission to investigate the divorce question, as women are even more vitally concerned than men; also that we join with other women's clubs to send him a similar request.

Resolved, That we believe that women should be allowed to exercise their right to the ballot.

John Z. White's Pacific Coast Tour

Under the very able management of Mr. F. H. Monroe, John Z. White is on a Pacific coast lecture trip, which, beginning May 12, at Rock Island, Ill., will include almost daily lectures—and in some cases more—until Sept. 2.

The appointments from July 1 are as follows:

June 22 to July 5, San Francisco, Cal.
July 6, Santa Rosa, Cal.
July 7, Alameda, Cal.
July 8 and 9, Sacramento, Cal.
July 11 to 14, Portland, Oregon.
July 15 to 16, Tacoma, Washington.
July 17 to 23, Seattle, Washington.
July 24, Westminster, B. C
July 25 to 30, Vancouver, B. C.
July 31 to August 1, Nanaimo, B. C.
August 2 to August 7, Victoria, B. C.
August 8 and 9, Orillia, Washington.
August 10 and 11, Olympia, Washington.
August 12, Sumner, Washington.
August 13, Seattle, Washington
August 14 to 15, Everett, Washington.
August 17 to 20, Spokane, Washington.
August 22 to 24, Kalispell, Montana.
August 26 to 27, Great Falls, Montana.
August 28 to 31, Helena, Montana.
September 1 and 2, Butte, Montana.

Mr. White will be able to fill a few dates after closing his Butte engagement, en route to Chicago. Address Mr. F. H. Monroe, 610 Steinway Hall, Chicago, for particulars.

Fourth Of July At Fairhope

There will be no regular celebration at Fairhope on the fourth—that is no speaking—but arrangements are being made for a jolly good time on the beach and bay.

The *Fairhope* will make double round trips as on Sunday, so as to bring over those from Mobile who desire to come and return them in the evening,

There will be highly amusing sports and games on land and water, music by the Fairhope band, etc.

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Remember the COURIER office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

The Sunday evening round trips of the "Fairhope" afford opportunity for a delightful little excursion. The round trip fare is only twenty-five cents.

Clothing and shoes purchased at a big discount must be moved at once to make room for new goods now ordered. Prices are way down. Frank Creswell.

Wharfinger Patterson—who has his living rooms above the wharf ware-house—has had a well point driven into the sand beneath the house and a pump placed upstairs. It is very convenient.

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Miss Rosa Clisby, of Montgomery, Ala. has just closed a successful term of school in the North River Park school district. At a meeting of the residents of the district Miss Clisby was unanimously chosen as her own successor for the term beginning Oct. 1st '05.

Mr. George Miller launched his new sailboat the first of the week She is a beauty and sails well. Others will probably be built. There ought to be a good fleet of pleasure craft here, but a good breakwater for their protection is badly needed.

An alligator created a sensation by making his appearance in the bay near the Fairhope wharf on Wednesday. He was seen by many and variously estimated in size at from 6 to 10 ft. Many shots were fired at him. None was known to have taken effect, but he soon took his departure for parts unknown.

Mr. J. Monks, late of New York, but for a few months past at Spartansburg, N. C., is visiting Fairhope. Mr. Monks is an ardent single taxer, and has been a reader of the COURIER for years. He visited Fairhope about 4 years ago and is well pleased with the improvement made since then. He would like to come to Fairhope to live and we hope will decide to do so.

Notice has been given of a meeting of the Baldwin County Combined Farmer's Association to meet at Silver Hill, July 8th. at 11 A. M., to consider the question of dropping the organization and disposing of funds in the hands of the treasurer. Dr. H. S. Greeno is president of this organization and J. G. Saxe, of Loxley, secretary. It is very important that a quorum be present.

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Mrs. Graham has been doing some clerical work in the Courier office this week.

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Fairhope will contribute a good quota to the passenger list of the Mallory steamer sailing next Sunday, the following expecting to go east then. Mrs. Powell and Miss Ola, Mr. and Mrs. Rose and Miss Haworth. It is probable there will be nearly if not quite as many on the following Sunday when the editor expects to go. It is a delightful trip —especially in the summer.

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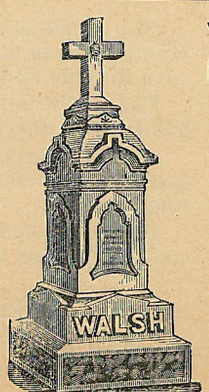
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Fairhope stores have agreed to close at 10 A. M. July 4.

A fine rain on Tuesday, helped the farmers greatly in planting their sweet potatoes.

The good ladies of the V. I. C., employed Mr. Cope to repair the platform around the big magnolia on the beach.

Finest watermelons and canteloupes put on ice to your order, and delivered when you want them. Frank Creswell.

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Wagons! Wagons! We sell the celebrated Weber wagons in four different styles. Call and see them and get *prices*. Mershon Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Golson and children and Mrs. Golson's mother, have rented Miss Haworth's nice new cottage on Magnolia Avenue.

Mr. Wood saw Mr. Dorchester at the city hospital, Mobile, on Monday. He is steadily gaining and will be able to come home in a few days.

Mr. W. L. Morris, of Des Moines, a former acquaintance there of most of our Des Moines contingent, is investigating this section with a view to locating.

One of the Fairhope Improvement Cottages pictured in our last issue was rented the day following to Mr. Cunningham of Mobile, and his family moved in the same day.

Among the local edible products now, are Irish potatoes, string beans, tomatoes, corn, okra, beets, cucumbers, watermelons and muskmelons, grapes, peaches, plums, fish and crabs.

The many Fairhope friends of the Webbs will hear with great regret of the death of Mr. L.W. Dennis, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Webb, which occurred at Kushla last Wednesday.

Miss Celeste Shepherd, a former valued employe of the COURIER was pressed into service again, to help on this issue. Miss Frances Gaston, one of the publisher's chief assistants being indisposed.

Mr. Comings has purchased the Bingham improvements, adjoining The Gables. The Binghams will spend their summers in Arkansas, but hope to come here winters, as they like Fairhope and her people.

A call for volunteers to help clean up the bay front park for the fourth, brought out a few of the public spirited ones. The notice was not extensively published and many, doubtless, found it impossible to attend. The following were among the volunteers: Father Knowles, Mrs. Bancroft, B.H. Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Brown, Mrs. Hail, Prof. Bellangee, Mrs. F. L. Brown, Daphne Brown, Vernon Leech and Arthur Gaston.

Mr. E. Stites showed a party of Michigan friends around Fairhope on Wednesday and tried his best to make them see that Fairhope was the place in which to make their future home. The following comprised the party: Mr. B. F. Neal and wife and Mr. Fred C. Peak and wife, of Traverse City, Mich. They are so well pleased with Fairhope that they will probably remain—in fact they have rented the Miss Rathburn cottage, while looking for a place to buy or improve.

The "12 mile passenger boat Gladys" —as advertised, made her debut in the Eastern Shore passenger trade, last Sunday, but has not found it practicable to make the 2 or 3 round trips touching all points as promised, nor has she been able to beat the Fairhope to the city. On Wednesday she left Battles at 7 o'clock, and was away out in the bay off Fairhope wharf by the time the Fairhope got away. She also cut off considerable of the distance by making a direct course for the mouth of the river, passing through the "four-stakes, but the Fairhope passed her in the river, and beat her to the wharf by at least 5 minutes, landing the passengers at Mobile that morning at 8:45.

The Sunday-school classes of Rev. Shupe and Miss Effie Mershon, were treated to a watermelon picnic at the home of the former on Tuesday. Some of the thoughtless boys, disregarded their teacher's wishes and tramped off to Cow-pen lakes after dinner, and as a result one party got lost in the woods, and did not find their way back until night, after about a twelve mile tramp. They were a "sadder and wiser" lot, and wont do it again—till next time. The streams and woods, have a well-nigh irresistable attraction for boys.

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The Courier is indebted to Congressman A. A. Wiley for a very handsome official government map of the United States, for which he has our thanks.

The benefits of public ownership will be largely reaped by landlords elsewhere, but in Fairhope the people are their own landlords and get the full benefit

A large number of notices of expiring subscriptions have been sent out this week. On account of the editor's expected trip next month prompt remittances will be greatly appreciated.

"Do not permit one cent of the ground rental value of Fairhope to find its way to any place but Fairhope's treasury. So long as you do that you will be a Single Tax colony and not one instant longer."—T. A. B. Norris, Dunkirk, N. Y.

Mr. W. L. Crosman of Boston, delegate to the I. T. U. convention at Toronto, writes on receipt of late copies of the Courier: "I note great improvement in the appearance of the paper over the last ones I had seen. It is a credit to Fairhope."

The Henry George Lecture Association under the able management of Mr. F. H. Monroe, and Fairhope, are the livest features of the single tax movement today. See announcements of Mr. White's dates from July first to September second, elsewhere.

We have been enjoying the visit of our fellow reform editor and single taxer "from the year one," Mr. Rose, of the Piedmont, W. Va., *Herald*, and his wife. Brother Rose is delighted with the Colony and will return home determined to close out his business there and come to live with us. He hopes to be back to stay by September. He will have a comfortable sum to carry out his purposes here and is of the kind of people we need.

An esteemed friend who contributed to the Land Fund years ago, recently inquired if subscribers to that fund were not entitled to the Courier. For the benefit of others to whom the same idea might have occurred, let us explain that the Courier is published by Mr. Gaston individually and receives no benefit from subscriptions to any Fairhope public fund, so that there is no reason why anyone should expect the Courier except those who subscribe for it.

Brother C. W. Thomas of the *Citronelle Call* piloted a pleasant party which visited Fairhope last Sunday and included, besides himself, Miss Amy Wentworth, Miss Bernice Dickey and Mr. L. Otto Stuber. It was the editor's pleasure, and that of his daughter assistant, Miss Frances, to take them on a drive around the village and suburbs, and Miss Frances accompanied them to Mobile on the return trip. Mr. Thomas is one of the rising newspaper men of the state, clean, public-spirited and enterprising, and foremost in everything looking to the advancement of his town. He has recently been elected president of the Citronelle Chatauqua Association, and is also a member of the town council. Mr. Stuber is cashier of the Citronelle bank.

Welcome the Coming, Speed the Parting

Several families have left Fairhope recently, for various reasons. It is not at all unlikely that some are thinking they "see the finish," of Fairhope, but such are very short-sighted. They will find that it will be but a short time till all the vacancies are filled and not only will the places of those who have gone be taken but for every one who has left there will be four or five to come. That has been the history of the past, and there need be no fear but that it will be so in the future. Elimination is as truly a factor of growth as accumulation, and the Colony as much to be congratulated upon the leaving of one who has found it impossible to be content with its plans or with the country, as upon the coming of one who gives promise of being an enthusiastic and active friend of both. The Courier's chief regret because of those who have left recently is on their own account. Knowing what we have been permitted to, of their conditions prior to coming here, and while here, and having the fullest confidence in the future of Fairhope, we are very sure they will soon regret leaving and wish they were back again; as have a very good percentage of those who have come and gone in previous years. However, we wish for all of them all the success and happiness, they deserve, wherever their future lot be cast. "Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest."

Fairhope Doing What It Was Intended to Do

Editor Courier:

Single taxers throughout the country should take note of, and appreciate, the fact that what the disturbers complain of is what we all want the administration at Fairhope to do. I subscribed a few dollars to Fairhope with the distinct understanding that you would do there just what you have been doing, and I cannot understand that any single taxer has contributed for any different purpose. The main, the essential, purpose of the Fairhope experiment seems to have been faithfully followed, and certainly could not be seriously affected by the purchase of any particular kind of a boiler for the steamer Fairhope or the remark, years ago, of Mr. Gaston that he was glad to get away, in Fairhope, from the hustle and turmoil of the outside world, or words to that effect (which dreadful remark Mr. Gaston is accused of having made).

While I have my pen in hand let me say that I have been inclined to be, as are some of your friends, "agin" the investigation, for the reason that, where not trivial or seemingly malicious, the charges of the disturbers so far from being of failure on the part of the administration to carry out Fairhope's avowed policy, were made *because* that policy has been and is being carried out. Since, however, such an investigation as is proposed might result in much good to Fairhope and the great cause it represents, let it be held if conducted by such men as were named in connection with it, and you may put me down for $2.00 towards expenses.

Fraternally,

Binghampton, N. Y. John H. Blakeney.

Not a Matter of Choice but Justice

EDITOR COURIER:

The doctrine of single tax is founded on eternal justice hence there is neither ambiguity nor obscurity. Any one with ordinary common sense, will see at a glance the justice of returning to the rightful owner the full rental value, without regard to the needs of the township or county: this is not a matter of choice, but justice.

I was glad to see the proposition for an investigation of the affairs of Fairhope taken up so cheerfully and seeing the generous offer to defray part of the expenses, I too, feel like adding my mite to it, to the extent of 50 cents, at thy call.

Please find one dollar for the COURIER.

Philadelphia, Pa., Thy friend, FRANK M. NORMART.

Work and Play in Religion

He who sings praises to God in a church building is only playing at praise; it is when he praises God by keeping His commandments that he praises him in reality and in truth. He who upon his knees beseeches God is only playing at prayer; it is when he utters his prayers to God by laboring in His name for what he believes to be according to His will, that he is praying in deed and in truth. He who confesses his sins to God is only playing at repentance; it is when he repents by turning from his evil ways that he actually repents. And he who withdraws from the world by outwardly separating himself from the ordinary relations of life, and by cutting himself off from the ordinary gratifications of life, is only playing at withdrawing from the world; it is when he rejects the selfish side of what comes to him in life, and lives in the love of what is just and helpful to his fellow men, that he truly withdraws from the world.—CHARLES H. MANN, in the *Public*.

The Work Cure

At the Vine Street Congregational Church, the pastor Herbert S. Bigelow, discussed work as a cure for pessimism. He said in part:

Through rejecting the miraculous element, we are none the less charmed by the literary power and the suggestiveness of the story of Naaman the leper.

He was an artist who drew that picture of the haughty captain scorning the advice of the prophet to go wash in the Jordan. Had he left the rivers of Damascus to bathe in that muddy stream? The plan was to simple, too commonplace. There was not enough mystery about it. He thought the prophet would surely come out and strike his hand over the place and call upon the name of his God. Elisha's prescription for the leprosy of Naaman was too cheap, too easy, too sensible.

A DISEASE OF THE SOUL.

I am thinking this morning, not of leprosy, but of another malady, for which the world craves a remedy. I am thinking of that disease of the soul called pessimism. Is life worth living? "NO!" said the nine thousand who committed suicide in the United States last year. I am thinking of these, of the nine thousand, who will commit suicide this year, and of countless others who would end life but for cowardice or superstition. I am thinking of those who have found life a disappointment, whose days are heavy-footed, in whose existence there is no zest, who, at most, are but drifting with the tide, weary of the voyage, yet dreading the end.

It is for this disease that I would prescribe. Yet my formula, like the advice of Elisha, may seem too trite and commonplace to deserve a trial. The Naamans who want salvation by mystey will reject it with contempt. My specific for the germ of pessimism is work, congenial work, useful work, well paid work.

At the extremes of our society there can be no wholesome happinesss. Those who are lifted above the need-to-work and those who are denied the right to work, are alike unfortunate. Between these extremes there are countless numbers who are under the necessity of giving their lives to work for which they are not fitted, which is not suited to their taste, which may contribute nothing to the good of society and for which they may have no respect.

LABOR'S BEATITUDE

Blessed is the man who has a job that he likes and is not afraid of losing, and one by which he can serve the world while earning a living.

"Life without labor is guilt," says Ruskin. The primal curse is man's greatest blessing. Service for service is the great moral law of the work-day world. Labor makes a strong arm, a quick brain, a stout heart. It compels order in the life and teaches patience and self-control. We little realize, even those of us who have unpleasant tasks, how much of our happiness we owe to the doing of our work.

> More than the hallelujahs of the choirs
> Or the hushed adorings of the altar fires,
> Is a loaf well kneaded or a room swept clean,
> With light heart love, that finds no labor mean.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

We, a quorum of the members of the School Garden committee responded to a call of the president, Mrs. Comings, a few days ago and arriving at the hall found it locked. The janitor it seems had not been notified. Other members came as far as the village centre and "watched out" for lights in the hall, but seeing none came no further. Still, we decided that we would do our committee work anyway and so we did, sitting quite cosily on the steps and on the edge of the porch. We decided to notify Mr. Freeman that we would want his services as informally agreed, and also to plow the ground and prepare for draining and planting it to cow peas preparatory to the fall work of bulb planting. A most valuable pamphlet has just come from the national Dept. of Agriculture, "Progress in Agriculturial Education." It is a report of Experiment Stations for the year ending June 30, 1903 and is profusely illustrated from photographic views. It is well adapted to wake us up to the importance of this part of our school training. It gives the progress of the work in the North Atlantic, South Atlantic, South Central, North Central and Western States, and in our insular possessions, Hawaii, Honolulu, Porto Rico, and in European countries. To be sure, we lack means to do all we should do, but the fund already in hand will give us a good start. Let us wake up to the importance of improving our system of education.

* * Behold me, Dr. M., sitting at my veranda writing table, enjoying the delightful breeze and sipping tea from a dainty cup—tea grown not two rods away. Very empirical was our method of curing it, and the leaves were gathered when too old; but I report quite a success, and that the decoction tastes decidedly like Ceylon tea. I shall try again when the next exfoliation takes place. Who knows but we may come to raise our own tea in Fairhope? The trouble is in the curing, for we are told this is the secret of all the different brands—Oolong, Ceylon, Japan, etc.—is all in the age of the leaf and the manner of curing. The tea plant grows well here and is hardy, of course. * *

Another surprise experienced at the Pines is the discovery of a kind of huckleberry growing under the pines. It is very large when grown under favorable conditions, thick skinned, sweet, and possibly is not a huckleberry at all. It tastes like that fruit, also a lit-

tle like the black currant. Anyway it is nice, and I mean to experiment with its culture.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose, from Piedmont, Virginia, are with us with a view to move here and build. As they are strong single taxers and will become members of the Corporation, we believe they will be a help to our enterprise. Mrs. Rose fears that our schools will not be as effective for her two children, aged ten and twelve, but Mr. Rose thinks that by the time they are ready for higher instruction our school here will meet the demand. This I also believe; but no one should decide to make a great change without thoroughly examining all sides of the question. Our schools have been improving all along, and we are now preparing for a further step forward. The trouble is lack of sufficient funds, but our experience shows that when improvements are vitally needed, means are provided to realize them, despite the constitutional croakers. How much we heard of our suicidal folly in attempting to build a wharf, a steamer, a new school house, enlarging the hall, establishing a telephone service, paying higher salaries to teachers, and so forth, and yet it seems that success crowned the efforts of those fools who rushed in where angels feared to tread. "Nothing ven ture, nothing have," is a wise motto for a pioneer enterprise. Another thing to be said in comparing the Piedmont with the Fairhope advantages for education: In the former there are "saloons," as in all mining regions, with the inevitable concomitants, and every mother's heart longs for a clean moral atmosphere for her children. We certainly have that here. During the six years and a half of my residence here we have never had but one serious "row," and the shame of that one is so deep and lasting that we may hope it will prove the last. * * A shadow is over the Pines. My sister and her husband, who came here in October, think seriously of returning to the old home in New Hampshire. My sister is troubled with prickly heat, and greatly misses the "old oaken bucket"—in short, she finds the change too great a trial at her age, though she is younger than myself.

* * Taking up an old diary today I find ever so many interesting entries, and I mean occasionally to copy one for my correspondents. Here is one dated Casa Tonti (our old New Jersey home) April 16, 1877—"Mabel has now been with us almost a year, and although a little 'naughty' is a great comfort to me. My tower of strength, I called her.—'Yes,' she replied, 'your *Babel*.'" That is not a bad pun for a child of ten, is it? She was my favorite neice; the only child of Sister Ada. We never cease to mourn for the loss of "Mabel."

MR. KINNE APPROVES COURIER'S POSITION.

Editor COURIER:

It is with much pleasure I note the stand you take on "Good Roads". I am for good roads, but not one of those "for good roads under any conditions." Like all other questions there is a limit. In this our sparsely settled county there is scarcely enough labor, as yet, to greatly better conditions. As for voting bonds we should think well before doing it. The present plan if carried out, would make much better roads. To have good roads requires work.

I have been accustomed to work on roads same as on farm. Well directed work, roads put in good condition with each neighborhood work, no bonds issued, this is my experience in three new states, conditions not unlike ours.

Very truly

Magnolia Springs, Ala. E. P. KINNE

The Fairhope Athletic Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., defeated the Martense A. C. in the first game of a series of three, by the score of 13 to 9, on June 23. We were to have a picture of the club for reproduction in the COURIER but have not yet received it.

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Farmers Institute at Silver Hill

A farmers institute will be held at Silver Hill on Monday, July 17th, under direction of Prof. C. A. Cary, director of Farmers Institutes. Three or more professors of the Alabama Agricultural College and Experiment Station will be present and give most practical information on cotton, fertilizers, forage crops, cattle horses, sheep, hogs, fruits, vegetables, rotation of crops, etc.

Sales, Rental and Exchange Department

The publisher of the COURIER has decided to open in connection with his other business a department for the sale, rental and exchange of improvements on Fairhope land.

Only such properties will be listed as are considered by us to be good values at the prices asked. Those having properties to dispose of are invited to place them in our hands. Those desiring to purchase improved places are invited to communicate with us, stating their desires as near as may be. Address all communications toE. B. Gaston, Fairhope.

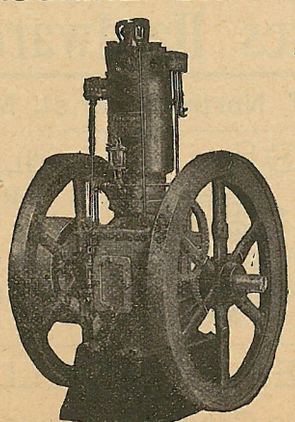
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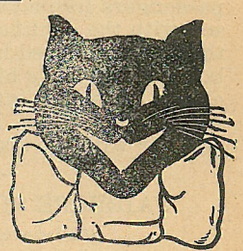
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The Progressive League has discontinued its meetings until the first Sunday in October.

S. S. Mann, left last week on a business trip to Iowa. He will probably be absent until fall.

Fourth of July schedule of steamer *Fairhope*: Leave Fairhope, 7:00 A. M.—instead of 7:20—and 5 P. M.; Mobile, 9 A. M. and 6:30 P. M.

The COURIER job office has printed Mrs. Anne B. Call some very neat plate paper announcements of her enlargement of store and stock and special bargains for July.

Bruno van Bavel and Mr. Koopman are going to help supply the local demand for stove wood. They have a quantity on hand and advertise wood for prompt delivery, in this issue.

We neglected to note last week the return of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brenon. Mr. Brenon's theatrical venture at Houston, Tex., did not turn out as hoped—thro' no fault of his, we are sure.

Owners of the new steamer *Baldwin* who have been passengers frequently on the *Fairhope* were so impressed with the qualification of clerk Mr. J. M. Pilcher, that they tendered him the position of clerk on their boat. They made him a very fine offer, but Mr. Pilcher's home and interests are here and he declined with thanks. Mr. Pilcher is very efficient and very popular with the traveling public.

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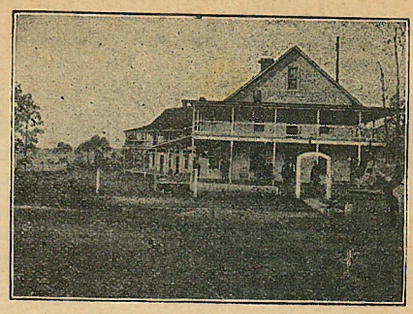
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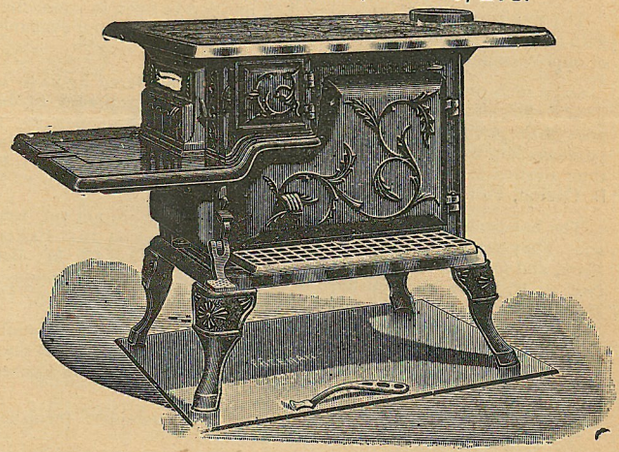
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Single Tax Wins in High School Debate

Mr. Earl H. Bill, of Minneapolis, one of the contestants in a debate on the single tax, in the Minneapolis high school, to whom we furnished information about Fairhope at his request for use in the debate, and whom we requested to write us of the result, does so as follows:

Mr. E. B. Gaston, Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Sir:—

"In your letter in which you gave me so much valuable material regarding your Single Tax Corporation, you remarked that you would like to know the result of our debate. In answer to this I will say that we Juniors, representing the affirmative, made short work of the opposition. Each of our team was presented, before the whole school, with a copy of Henry George's "Progress and Poverty" which were offered to the winning team by the Single Tax Society of this city. With the material which you furnished me, we proved that the Single Tax was practicable, a point which the opposition harped upon.

Wishing you and the whole Colony success in this theory, which is no longer only a theory, I am

Yours very truly, EARL M. BILL."

We congratulate Mr. Bill and his colleagues on their victory and are glad it was our privilege to be of some assistance. They had the strong side of the proposition of course—but they had the judges to convince that their argument was best.

Fairhopers Enjoy the Glorious Fourth

The Fourth was a throughly enjoyable day at Fairhope, our people all gathering in family picnic groups in the beautiful park, where visitors from miles around came to help us celebrate. The steamer *Fairhope* brought a crowd of nearly a hundred from Mobile.

The showers did not seriously interfere with the various sports, which were hugely enjoyed.

There was no speaking, but the afternoon was given over to sports by land and water. The band played on the platform under the Magnolia, and close by the novelty races were run, the potato race, sack race, peanut race, three legged race, fifty yard dash, etc., in all of which there was no lack of entries or amusement.

Then the crowd surged out on to the wharf to see the water polo match just beyond the bath houses. In this rival teams, on barrels, with sticks or paddles, strove to drive a large white rubber ball beyond the opposing team's goal line. Under the rules the ball must not be struck by the player except with his paddle, and while astride his barrel. The rule was not very strictly enforced, but if it had been, the contest probably would never have been finished, for a bucking broncho is nowhere for "onsartin" movements beside a smooth barrel rolling in the water.

Then the crowd moved yet farther out, where another series of swimming and diving contests were directed from the pierhead. The events and winners follow:

Long distance swim—Mr. Herbert Brenon, Paul Molyneux and Arthur Trenholme. Paul surprised everyone by his endurance, finishing a strong second.

Fancy swimming—Alfred Shepherd, James Gaston.

Obstacle swimming race—Arthur Richardson, Elzivir Bell.

Deep diving contest—Elzivir Bell.

Men's high dive—Paris Fredericks.

Ladies high dive—In this two of our nervy young ladies, Misses Frances Gaston and Ruth Gass, divided the honors equalling the feat of tee young men by diving from a platform nearly 30 feet above the water.

The *Fairhope* left for Mobile at 5. p. m. and on her return at 8.45 furnished the crowning and concluding feature of the day, for which the people were kept in eager expectancy by signs all around: "lookout for warship at 8.30." The first blast of the whistle as she blew for a landing was the signal for the discharge of a myriad of skyrockets, Roman candles, pin wheels, etc., by fully a dozen on board the steamer. The steam from the whistle shone green or red in the glare of Bengal lights and the effect from the shore was indescribably beautiful. Many were heard to say that the effect was one they had never seen surpassed anywhere.

Much credit is due to J. M. Pilcher and Ernest DeKalb of the steamer Fairhope, who planned and directed the sports and fire works for the whole program.

More Acetylene Lighting

A. H. Mershon has ordered a seventy-five light acetylene gas plant, and plans to light his own residence, Mershon's store, Frank Cresswell's store, the Fairhope Pharmacy, Call's store and residence, and perhaps other places near the center of town.

While the Corporation is not yet able to put in a muicipal gas or electric plant, yet through the enterprise of Prof. Comings the church and "The Gables" are now equipped with acetylene light and soon the business district will be lighted. There is a good field in Fairhope for neighborhood acetylene plants and we have asked Prof. Comings to contribute an article to the COURIER on this subject.

No franchise will be asked for or granted; so nothing will stand in the way of a municipal lighting system when the Colony is ready to take up the matter.

John Z. White's Pacific Coast Tour

July 11 to 14, Portland, Oregon.
July 15 to 16, Tacoma, Washington.
July 17 to 23, Seattle, Washington.
July 24, Westminster, B. C
July 25 to 30, Vancouver, B. C.
July 31 to August 1, Nanaimo, B. C.
August 2 to August 7, Victoria, B. C.
August 8 and 9, Orillia, Washington.
August 10 and 11, Olympia, Washington.
August 12, Sumner, Washington.
August 13, Seattle, Washington
August 14 to 15, Everett, Washington.
August 17 to 20, Spokane, Washington.
August 22 to 24, Kalispell, Montana.
August 26 to 27, Great Falls, Montana.
August 28 to 31, Helena, Montana.
September 1 and 2, Butte, Montana.

Mr. White will be able to fill a few dates after closing his Butte engagement, en route to Chicago. Address Mr. F. H. Monroe, 610 Steinway Hall, Chicago, for particulars.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Mr. C. L. Coleman arrived last evening from his northern trip.

Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

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"Hello Central, give me No. 6—Wilson & Nelson will deliver all orders promply on Sunday mornings—good bye."

Remember the COURIER office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

Miss Ethel Stearns left Saturday for Birmingham, where she will enter a hospital for a three years course as a trained nurse.

Mrs. Powell and Miss Ola, Mr and Mrs. Rose and Miss Haworth left for the east on the Mallory liner Rio Grande last Sunday.

Mr W. H. Dorchester came back from the hospital at Mobile on Monday evening and is making rapid prgress towards a full recovery.

Mr. H. S. Lighthall of Marlow, who was the victim of an accident while driving down the wharf hill with a load of potatoes several weeks ago was in town the first of the week, but little the worse for his experiences. He is a hardy old gentleman and made a surprising recovery from his injuries.

There will be a special meeting of the Progressive League on Sunday at 3 p. m., to listen to Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Munroe is vice president of the Women's National Single Tax League and is well known as a forcible and interesting speaker. On Sunday she will take as her subject the recent c nvention of the League at Philadelphia. Everyone is cordially welcome.

The next Mallory steamer to sail will have quite a company from Fairhope as did the one sailing last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Stockbridge go to their old home in N. H., to remain—unless the charms of Fairhope grow upon them when away from it, which we expect; Mr. and Mrs. Hood and children return to their former home in Massachusetts; Mr. C. C. Cook. who has been here settling up the Geo. E. Baldwin estates' interests in the Fairhope Mercantile Co., will return home via New York and the editor goes on his eastern and northern trip. Owing to some derangement of the service, the steamer will probably not sail till Tuesday.

The steamer "Pleasure Bay," which was bought in New York for service in the bay, arrived on Monday and is announced to go into commission tomorrow. She is a handsome, roomy sidewheeler, allowed 500 passengers, but, according to those who knew her in New York, will not make much of a showing for speed. She will run to Battles and Point Clear, touching the south, as well as the north wharf. Unless she runs a good deal faster than we are led to believe, she will not take away any appreciable amount of the Fairhope's patronage, but will prove a losing venture. The time has gone by for eight and nine mile boats in the Eastern Shore trade.

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The family of Mr. D. E. Antonie of Mobile was installed for the summer in the C. K. Brown corner on Bay View avenue.

Mr. George Miller's, new yacht was greatly admired as she skimmed about over the bay in a spanking breeze on the fourth.

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Rienzi Bell, one of our reliable Fairhope boys, who has been at various times employed by Yeend and Potter, the large Mobile dry goods house, has accepted a steady position with them as receiving and shipping clerk. He is also taking a commercial course in the evenings at the Mobile Commercial College.

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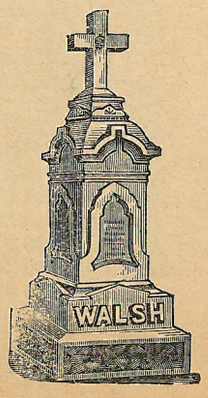
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Messers George Miller, Albert Stearns and John Stites went to Shell Banks for a little outing in the former's new boat, on Thursday.

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The Sunday evening round trips of the "Fairhope" afford opportunity for a delightful little excursion. The round trip fare is only twenty-five cents.

A ten pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilson (nee Miss Edna Griffin) on the first instant. Mother and daughter are doing well.

B. F. Warnell and family of Evergreen, Ala., are here for a time especially for the benefit of the baby, which was dangerously ill. It is improving rapidly we are glad to say.

Mrs. L. E. Page came over from Mobile on Friday evening and Mr. Page on Sunday morning, and they remained over the Fourth. They have a warm friendship for Fairhope, and their Fairhope friends are always glad to see them.

Our friend Monks was much pleased with Fairhope and would have liked very much to remain, but he could not induce his wife to consider the proposition favorably, and so left us on Wednesday morning, returning to Spartansburg, S. C.

Mrs. Quick and family returned on the forth to Navy Cove, where Mrs. Quick is "holding down" a homestead. Captain G. A. R. Lawrence and son George took them down in the Minneola.

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Mr. C. C. Meechem, Jr., who has made it a polnt to celebrate the Fourth at Fairhope for several years past, did not fail this year, nor did Mr. Spies, of the popular Stikes Hardware Company, who has also been over for several years consecutively.

Mrs. F. R. Riley, a very plasant lady who visited us early in the spring to study Fairhope's plans and conditions, has written Mrs. Comings inquiring about houses, etc., with a view to coming here to live, and also forwarded her subscription to the COURIER.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Stradling of Fels Ave. on the fifth. Mr. and Mrs. Stradling came to us from Pennsylvania in the winter and it was they who were the victims of a quarantine for scarlet fever just after their arrival, their little boy just coming down with it as they came.

A citizen's meeting to consider the matter of a teacher for the next school year was held on last Friday evening, under call by Trustee Oswalt. A proposition was presented from Prof. Barrington, who has been a resident of Daphne for the past six months, to take the principalship at $800, or furnish his own assistant for $1000. County Superintendent Lambert, who happened to be present, stated that the amount of public money available would be about $400, leaving at least $600 to be raised locally. The general feeling seemed to be that the S. T. Corporation and the citizens outside the colony should and would make the necessary effort to meet the financial requirements, but that we are not yet ready to close a contract with any one, and the meeting adjourned for two weeks.

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We are indebted to our esteemed subscriber, Mr. F. G. Anderson, of Jamestown N. Y., for a copy of his photograph. We are always pleased to know how our single tax friends look in the flesh.

The requirements of the local steamboat inspectors were such that the handsome naptha launch *Gladys*, withdrew from the eastern shore trade, and tne Eastern Shore Transportation Company's *Caloosa*, was also withdrawn.

Mrs. Jennie L Munroe, of Washington; D. C., vice president of the Woman's National Single Tax League, and one of the strongest friends of Fairhope, arrived on Monday and will stay two or three weeks with us. She is a most intelligent and charming lady, and is as delighted with Fairhope in the actuality as she has long been with its plans.

The COURIER is indebted to Mr. J. C. Simpson, Secretary of the Iowa State Board of Agriculture, for a copy of the "Iowa Year Book for 1904," the fifth issued by his department. It is a volume of over 800 pages, full of interesting matter on agricultural lines. Mr. Simpson visited Fairhope last winter and his wife was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creswell for several weeks.

An occasional trip to Fairhope is always interesting, if for no other reason than to note the prosperity of the town. It continues to grow, whether on account of the single tax idea or in spite of it, we do not know. Maybe it grows on account of its good location and its people. Anyway they are awake there, and keep on doing things. They have recently finished a large school house, and propose to make gardening a feature, having ample ground for the purpose. It should be a valuable adjunct to school work, for the more practical an education becomes the better.—*Citronelle Call.*

The editor will leave on his eastern trip Sunday on the Mallory steamer, and will be gone probably three weeks. He will go first to New York, thence to Philadelphia, and then probably to Buffalo and Cleveland, and as far west as Chicago. His trip will be primarily for rest and recreation, and by the kindness, we may say, of a warm friend of Fairhope and the COURIER, whose generosity is only equalled by his modesty, (and must, therefore, be nameless); but nothing is more pleasant to us than talking Fairhope, and we will be glad to meet those who are interested in it wherever we go. Anyone desiring to reach us with a message may do so, within the next ten days, care Bolton Hall, 52 William St., New York, or R. F. Powell, 14 South Broad St., Philadelphia.

Evil Result of Land Monopoly

In a speech at the Iowa State Farmers' Institute, reported in the fifth Annual Year Book, Mr. A. L. Ames, speaking to cattle breeders, asserted unqualifiedly that "the grade of beef cattle raised in the state of Iowa is many per cent less than it was ten or fifteen years ago."

A member asked Mr. Ames to what he attributed this deterioration and he said; "One of the reasons, I think, is the high price of land. Maybe that sounds unreasonable but I think so. It works in this way: in the last ten years the owners of farms in Iowa have gone to town and they have rented their farms to men who work for them. Those people have gone into grain raising largely. They are going to take the farm and get every dollar they can out of it. They do not put the money into a herd of cattle on those farms, as did the original owners. I believe that is the prime cause. * * * You have got to overcome the fact that the owners have put their farms out for rent, and these renters are selling grain instead of raising good beef."

Thus does our foolish and unjust land and taxation policy bring evil results in ways direct and indirect: Were the land values which go to the landlords, sending them to the towns and cities to live in idleness, taken for public use, the tendency of which Mr. Ames complains would be reversed. There would be no intervenor between the land and its user. And the latter would be stimulated to improve his stock and keep up the fertility of the land to mantain it at its highest productiveness.

Excellent Work of R. F. Powell

The Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation work, of which our Mr. Powell has direction, is constantly increasing its scope and usefulness. About 230 acres of land is in cultivation this year, an increase of nearly 50 per cent over last year. The School Gardens of last year are again in operation, many of them greatly increased in size and in number of individual plots, and in addition four new ones have been opened, which provide for the accommodation and instruction of about 1,000 additional children—an increase of fully two hundred per cent over last year's work.

The Cooperative gardens operated by "graduates" of the Vacant Lots gardens wholly on their own account and at their own expense have been doubled in size. The vacant lots cultivation work not only is a most practical charity but a splendid object lesson of the importance of access to land as a solution of the problem of involuntary poverty.

Too much credit cannot be given Mr. Powell for his faithful and efficent services in connection with the work in Philadelphia. It has been an example and an inspiration to other cities and even in foreign lands.

Letter From Mr. Schurman of Pennsylvania

Editor COURIER:

Here in the East we have many fossilized ideas respecting the good things which have made Fairhope what it is.

The poor and underfed of England, who are most affected by the greed of landordism, I notice cry about the loudest when aristocracy is assailed. The same being true here, the under dog yelps the louder when a friendly hand is interposed on his behalf.

The rental controversy was somewhat disappointing from the fact that you have those among you who have enjoyed Fairhope's prosperity and would appropriate its benefits without recognizing their source.

What a blessing if we could have come into this world with more harmony and less of the peace destroying and soul disturbing spirit of selfishness. Then this earth indeed would be God's paradise.

Speed the day when the principles which you are striving to maintain shall have taught the world that this earth is man's birthright and that no one man has the right to appropriate more of its heritage than he can rightfully use. J. H. SCHUMAN.

"Fairhopes" Win One and Lose One

The Fairhope A. C. on Sunday morning crossed bats with the Martense A. C. at Forty-second street and Thirteenth avenue, for the second game of the series, and after a very excitiug game were defeated by the score of 16 to 15.

In the afternoon they crossed bats with the Annandale A. C. and it looked as though the visitors had it their own way up to the fifth inning, when the Fairhopers got busy, and at the wind-up the score stood: Fairhope 18; Annandale 8.—Brooklyn Paper.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

July 5. So many friends are leaving us now, to return in the fall, most of them. It certainly is "nice" to be able to go north in the summer or into higher altitudes; and yet where can we enjoy more persistent cool breezes than at Fairhope? I do practically all my literary work on my west veranda. At night a screen at my left on the north end of my table is sufficient protection for my student lamp in all ordinary weather. Once in a while I am driven inside, but then it is cool enough in-doors. There are delightful showers now nearly every day, and garden and field are showing a quick response. Yesterday I spent some hours with the celebrators of the Fourth. This morning Mr. Stockbridge my brother-in-law said; "Well, I've been in a great many Fourth-of July celebrations, but this is the first one so far without drunkeness and and fighting." I was delighted with the boys' races. You will see the report elsewhere. How gratifying it was to me to see our best and most dignified citizens acting as directors and umpires or judges in the games of our young people. There were frequent showers driving us to temporary shelter, mostly to the Bay Side Cafe, where the proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Mulkey, were at their wits' end to supply the demand for ice cream, fruits, candy and more substantial things. The veranda was often crowded and most of the prominent Fairhopers were there at different times during the day. Mr. Bellangee looking exceedingly well, introduced me to Mrs Jennie L. Munroe from Washingon D. C,, a distinguished lady, vice president of The Women's National Single tax Association, and a strong friend of Fairhope. Mrs. Ross was there with her baby in its carriage; this baby was Elizabeth Fairhope, most lovely child as I have I think said before; she certainly behaved, I thought, in a most exemplary manner, but Mr. Belangee accused her of making "goo goo eyes" at him!

I stayed long, hoping to see the high diving contests in which Miss Frances Gaston was to contend for a prize but word went around, even her mother repeated it—that she did not feel quite equal to the feat and would be counted out—and then she was in the list, and a winner after all, but I had reached the Pines long before. It was too bad also to miss seeing our steamer Fairhope come in not only with "flying colors" but in a glory of music and fireworks. This Fourth was our best I think and long to be remembered. The ordinary orations were wholly omitted and even the reading of the Declaration of Independence, which was to be regretted I think for there might be danger of our forgetting how far seeing, how radical, how glorious a document it is.

Note: Interesting report of the Powell farewell party crowded out.—Ed.

A Grand Round-Up Farmers' Institute

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Another Letter From Mr. Flurscheim.

EDITOR COURIER:

My authority for my estimate of three billions as the total of the rental income of the United States, is taken from the national wealth statistics of the census, which, after adding the proportionate increase since the last census tables, by this time will figure up to 120 billions. Now I have carefully calculated many years ago what proportion of the wealth total unimproved land represents, if we include rights of way, mining royalties, etc., and found that is it just about one half. That I can not be far out of the way has been shown lately by the statistics of the city of New York, which gives such a preponderance of the bare land value over the improvements that I think we could safely add the balance of the tangible wealth of the city to the improvements without exceeding much the unimproved land value on the other side. Of course I do not include paper wealth which is merely a title to other tangible and untangible values, mostly land.

It is quite certain that the country as a whole will give rather more to the land side than the wealthiest city of the world. A farmer certainly owns more land than personal wealth of a tangible sort, his improvements included, Now I do not think five per cent an exaggerated rate to obtain the yearly rental value. In the cities of South California they even expect ten per cent on real estate investments. Five per cent on sixty billions is three billions. I am sorry there is no other authority but my own calculations based on statistics and my estimates, but I have often found that the figures I thus obtained coincided with official figures unknown to me at the time. For instance, my calculation of the part obtained by labor of its product, estimated by me over twenty years ago at between one fifth and one sixth of the retail price of goods, which consequently gives the masses only this small purchasing power. I found later on that the statistics of the United States and of New-Zealand gave the same reresult.

Your reply to my proposal to use the rental income of the people's land for other purposes than the payment of public expenses proves again how much there is in a name and the danger into which the name of single taxers adopted by American land reformers (land law reformers would be better, or land restorers) has led them, but especially that section which has chosen Fairhope as an object lesson of the single tax. Here we find the only plausible argument on the side of your opposition, who otherwise would not have a leg to stand upon. They agree with you and all single taxers that present land owners have no rights to compensation, that the land belongs to the people, that its rental income is the justest tax by which to raise public revenue, and under such conditions they think themslves

absolutely justified in insisting on taking part in the collection and use of this revenue. You on the other hand reply justly, according to my views but not in agreement with those of Single Taxers, that Fairhope land does not belong to the people but to a corporation which has the full right to do with its own as it pleases. For we Land Nationalizers, in opposition to Georgian views, think that taking the rent of the land which belongs to private owners without compensation is unjust and inexpedient. We think that Henry George did perhaps as much harm to our cause by advocating his special method as he benefitted it by his glowing advocacy. We think that the wrong of private land ownership ought not to be righted at the exclusive cost of present owners but of the people as a whole, who really are to blame for the bad laws made by them. and their ancestors. Calculation has often been made showing that honest purchase of the land at present prices after all gives less compensation than the taxing on the dog's tail cutting principle, which takes off a piece at a time so as not to hurt the poor beast. The present owners will obtain more unearned increment during the time which would necessarily pass until the gradually increased tax had arrived at the full rental value, than the state would be forced to pay under a reasonable system of land nationalisation. I have calculated that for rapidly progressive countries the whole debt incurred for land purchase would be paid off in less than 25 years through the growth of rent on the one side and the decrease of interest on the other, while the general tax increase system advocated by single taxers would not obtain the full increment in less than a century, if at all. Parenthetically I feel sure that success never will be reached at all on their lines. Do you think you can convince the farmer that it will benefit him to have his land values, on which he borrowed, confiscated, and to see his mortagee force the land into public auction, with the result that under the influence of the growing land tax not only nothing will be realized for the farmer, after the mortgagee is paid, but that he may also lose all his personal property? You may succeed in making the American farmer vote for laws promising such a result, but I have strong reasons to expect the advent of the millenium before this event. If we give up the idea of the Tax and stick to that of rent, the case at once takes quite a different feature. Agreed that as a tax the land value tax certainly is the best tax imaginable, uniting the two qualities of a good and just tax, to make every one contribute according to benefits received and at the same time yielding a revenue large enough for all public needs. Looked at as rent, however, it is an income belonging to the land owner in which case it is for the land owner to determine what is to be done with it, as you in your quality of a member of Fairhope Corporation are contending with perfect justice against outsiders who have the pretension to confiscate for their own benefit what is your exclusive property, limited only by the terms of your leases, The land owning State has the same rights as you and as any land owner and so each citizen has a valid claim to his full share of the common rent. I need not repeat how he would be swindled of a great portion of this share if his rental income were confiscated for public expenses in the majority of cases, for the benefit of a wealthy minority. For this reason we must keep the collection of the public rent apart from taxation for public expenses. The public rent fund to which each land user contributes exactly as per benefit received belongs to all common land owners in equal parts, while public expenses do not benefit each citizen equally, consequently justice demands that the state as trustee of the land owning people should use the common rent in a way which benefits all alike while carrying the funds required for public needs by means of taxes according to benefits received by each tax payer from the administration of the tax fund. These are the principles which must govern us and they are

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Though it is a little outside of this discussion to propose taxes best adapted to take the place of the present ones I might draw your attention to the fact that Germany is deriving a very large income from her national railroads, to which certainly each railroad used contributes according to benefit received and Rothschild, capable of paying a much higher railway fare than any other citizen, does not pay more than the poorest man who used the same kind of accommodation. The nationalization of distribution extended from letters and parcels to goods in general, would save more than the whole needs of the State amount to and each consumer would only contribute according to benefit received. I could go on with the list, but as I have already advocated two taxes which could be made to yield far more than we require without going outside the "benefit received" line, I may as well close an already too long missive.

I remain yours fraternally

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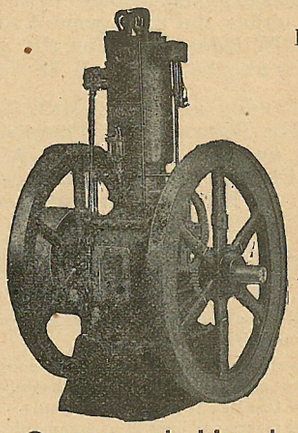
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The book may be procured of the publishers 157-153 Wabash Ave., Chicago; Price 50 cents.

Several times lately the line of the Eastern Shore Telephone Co. of which Dr. Mershon is president, was cut or short circuited in the swamp near the river, across which the line runs to connect with the cable to Mobile. Several times the wires were found crossed, thus short circuiting the system and destroying communication. The meanest trick, however, was wrapping the two wires together with fish line making a partial short circuit and making it impossible to understand a conversation over the line. The company is taking steps to protect its service, and arrests may soon follow.

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The W. C. T. U. will meet next Thursday with Mrs. Comings.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Mobile have moved into the cottage south of "The Gables."

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Citronelle are spending their vacation here and have taken rooms at "The Gables" for a couple of weeks.

Miss Angie Bingham, formerly of Chicago, now of Rosinton, this county, spent a few days with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Comings, last week.

About August 1, "The Gables" will be opened as a family hotel, under the management of Mrs. Caroline Ferguson, of Philadelphia. For the present applications for rooms may be made to S. H. Comings.

Mr. H. E. Landry and wife, Mrs. Landry's sister, Mrs. White; Mr. Peterson, Mr. Pearson, and Mr. Reel, all of Chicago, and also Mr. Jno. W. Airey, a building contractor of Chicago, with home at Morgan Park, were passengers on the Fairhope Thursday evening.

Sales, Rental and Exchange Department

The publisher of the COURIER has decided to open in connection with his other business a department for the sale, rental and exchange of improvements on Fairhope land.

Only such properties will be listed as are considered by us to be good values at the prices asked. Those having properties to dispose of are invited to place them in our hands. Those desiring to purchase improved places are invited to communicate with us, stating their desires as near as may be. Address all communications to E. B. Gaston, Fairhope.

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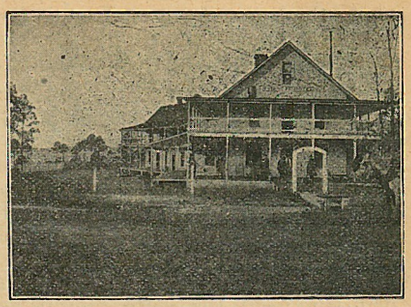
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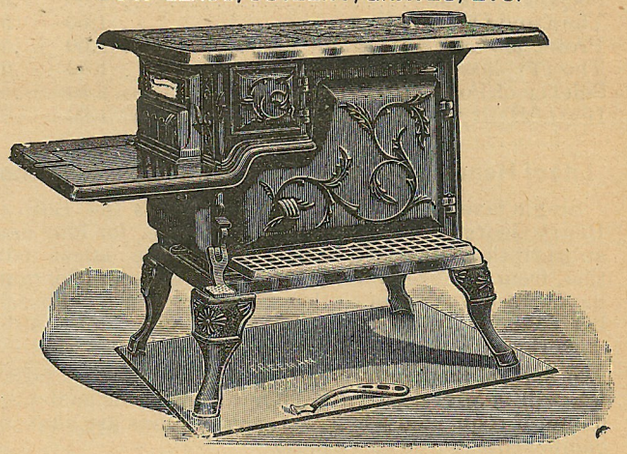
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The Acres and the Hands

(Extract from poem by Augustine Duganne.)

Who hath ordained that the Few should hoard
Their millions of useless gold?—
And rob the earth of its fruits and flowers,
While profitless soil they hold?
Who hath ordained that that a parchment scroll
Shall fence round miles of lands,—
When millions of hands want acres—
And millions of acres want hands!

Tis a glaring LIE on the face of day—
This robbery of men's rights!
'Tis a lie, that the word of the Lord disowns—
Tis a curse that burns and blights!
And 'twill burn and blight till the people rise,
And swear, while they break their bands—
That the hands shall henceforth have acres,
And the acres henceforth have hands!

Fairhope Awakens Old Enthusiasm

EDITOR COURIER:

The first copy of the COURIER on my subscription received a few days ago. Have read it all through—all the ads included.

Pamphlet illustrating Fairhope also received. Have read it half through today and have just laid it down to write you and say that it has awakened the old enthusiasm with which I took up the work on first reading "Progress and Poverty," about twenty years ago.

We organized a club here on May 19, 1887 and called it the "Dayton Free Land Club." That was before the phrase "Single Tax" had been used. The Dayton club called the conference of Ohio single taxers which organized the Ohio Single Tax League which holds its annual meetings at Columbus, Ohio. Our local club, however, has gone the way of most such organizations—for only a few persons will work long for a cause unless there is prospect of success in the near future.

I am sixty six years old and am working with all the power I still have to maintain my hold on my business, handicapped and robbed at every turn as all workers are under the prevailing industrial system.

I am tired of the whole heartless business and am making an effort to sell my store, and, if I succeed in the near future, that is before I am too old to be of any use anywhere, I am going to Fairhope.

I save some copies of the *Standard* which I have been saving for a long time and if you will pay charges on them I will send them to you and will include some books for the library—two or three copies Georges Political Economy—perhaps a dozen copies of single tax books, all new.

Wishing you success in the noble work you have begun, and which you have carried forward so far so successfully,

I am yours sincerely,
W. W. KILE.

Dayton, Ohio.

John Z. White's Pacific Coast Tour

July 17 to 23, Seattle, Washington.
July 24, Westminster, B. C
July 25 to 30, Vancouver, B. C.
July 31 to August 1, Nanaimo, B. C.
August 2 to August 7, Victoria, B. C.
August 8 and 9, Orillia, Washington.
August 10 and 11, Olympia, Washington.
August 12, Sumner, Washington.
August 13, Seattle, Washington
August 14 to 15, Everett, Washington.
August 17 to 20, Spokane, Washington.
August 22 to 24, Kalispell, Montana.
August 26 to 27, Great Falls, Montana.
August 28 to 31, Helena, Montana.
September 1 and 2, Butte, Montana.

Mr. White will be able to fill a few dates after closing his Butte engagement, en route to Chicago. Address Mr. F. H. Monroe, 610 Steinway Hall, Chicago, for particulars.

Recovering Rapidly

Mr. Paton, our canadian single tax friend who came here January 12, apparently dying of consumption, is probably the happiest man in these parts. His illness has extended over many months, and he has tried many doctors and many climates before without benefit. A doctor in California fed him on X rays for cancer of the stomach. Later he received various treatments at his home in Ontario, Canada, his last physician calling the disease consumption and the case hopeless. Mr. Paton was then having frequent hemorrhages and was coughing terribly. He managed to make the trip to Fairhope however, accompanied by his mother. Since arriving here he has been much in the open air among the healing pines and also took a new treatment for consumption which has been used successfully by one of our local physicians. About two months ago an abcess broke in his lungs, and since then Mr. Paton has taken little or no medicine except pure air, and has gained 16 pounds in weight and much in strenth. He says he doesn't know just what to attribute his cure to—probably to the medicine and the climate. At any rate he is beginning to look around for about 10 acres near town, as he feels well enough to work now, very rarely coughs at all, and gains in weight and strength daily. He likes the Colony plan, and is a thorough single taxer of long standing.

Now Is the Time to Get One of Those Raffia Hats

No more practical help can be rendered Fairhope at this time than in increasing the circulation of the COURIER.

Remember our special premium offers of the beautiful Fairhope made Raffia hats. A $5 hat for a club of eight new subscribers, or a superfine $10 hat for a club of fifteen new subscribers.

If you wish to form a club of COURIER subscribers in your town please notify us, and we will send you samples of Raffia straw of various shades, and you may select your material and have the hat made especially for you.

Single tax ladies ought easily to succeed in forming clubs among people interested in economic questions. These hats are very durable, almost equal to the Panama in wearing qualities. They require the most simple trimming, and make an ideal summer hat.

The ground for our school garden is plowed and the committee is discussing the putting down of a tile drain—tiles homemade by our enterprising Frank Brown, able president of the Council.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

New shirt waists at Call's

Gus Oberg is quite ill with typhoid fever.

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Mrs. J. G. Foster is enjoying a visit from her mother.

Morrel's meats are the best—try them. Mershon Bros.

R. Curtis is making quite a success with his express business.

Mrs. Hadden and children are visiting Mrs. O. V. Cunningham.

The bay is full of bathers now from early morning until late at night.

Try a pound of nice Tropical ham, sliced per order. Fairhope Market.

Harry Parker of Volanta is gradually recovering from malaria fever.

Those wishing hay baled are requested to leave orders with J. D. Lucier.

Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Dr. Brown, of Moblie, is occupying the Mc Millian cottage for the summer.

The alligator seems to have disapeared, and is reported kill d at Volanta.

Mrs. Fredericks is reported to be failing gradually, being unable to sit up this week.

The J. W. Posey family of Mobile has rented the Stimpson cottage for the summer.

The band is planning a series of sacred concerts on Sundays, under the big Magnolia on the beach.

Mr. C. C. Cook was taken seriously ill Tuesday with stomach trouble, but is now improving.

Screen doors, panel doors, window sash, adjustable window screens, etc., at Mershon Brothers.

Take the delightful round trip on the "Fairhope" Sunday evening; round trip fare only 25 cents.

Mr. Dorchester is back in the Exchange store and would like his friends and patrons to call and see him.

Dr. Sheldon has moved his office across the street and now has a pretty office in the Chas. Stearns residence.

Miss Elsie Manteuffel left July 4 for Chicago, whence she will soon return, accompanied by her brother, Gus.

Remember the COURIER office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

When you are in town go to the Fairhope Market; you will always find fresh beef, mutton and veal. Wilson & Nelson, props.

Mr. A. Swift and granddaughter, Hazel Williams, went to Saraland, Ala., last week to visit his daughter, Mrs. Getty, for a few days.

Quite a lot of goods from New York consigned to A. Robac were lost, strayed or stolen on the way here, and Mr. Robac went to Mobile Thursday to present his claim to the transportation companies.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hughes, their daughter, Mrs. Schuerman, Mrs. Hughes' mother, Mrs. Luhr, and Mrs. Martin, all of Mobile, moved into Prof. Bellange's cottage on Monday for the remainder of the summer.

A colored orchestra came over from Mobile Wednesday and learned "Chicken Hawk Charley," one of Dr. Sheldon's catchy compositions.

R. L. Mathewa of Blockton, Ala., has been visiting his brother, M. V. Mathews, the past week. He plans to locate in Fairhope in the near future.

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Grand good roads rally at Bay Minette July 18. Barbecue, base ball game, excursion rates on all railroads, and other attractions to make the rally a great success.

A body washed ashore at Point Clear Monday, proving to be that of Fred Christian, an employe of the quarantine station at Ft. Morgan, who was drowned four days previous.

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Harvey Sumption, living two miles east of Fairhope, met with a serious accident last week Thursday. He missed his aim when chopping with an ax and cut a bad gash on the top of his right foot.

Louis E. Baldwin is working in the COURIER office now, and is proving quite valuable as a compositor. He learned the trade thoroughly when in Iowa, but has not worked at it since coming south.

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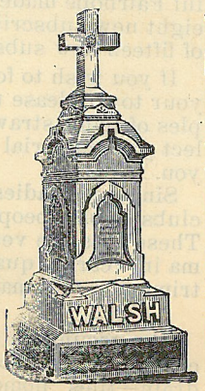
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Miss Annie Anderson has been ill with fever this week.

John Airy of Morgan Park, Ill., returned home this week, after a short stay here.

R. Curtis has built a pigeon yard at the Red Roof farm and will go into the squab business.

Dr. Borst's horse indulged in a run home Tuesday evening, scaring the doctor's little son, but fortunately doing no damage.

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Constable George Cain ran down a colored man Monday charged with robbery. He found his prisoner in a skiff in the middle of Week's bay.

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The Sunday evening round trips of the "Fairhope" afford opportunity for a delightful little excursion. The round trip fare is only twenty-five cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Hancock of Mobile, accompanied by his sister and her sister, are here to spend the summer in one of the Nichols cottages. Mrs. Hancock and sister are sisters of Henry Gunnison.

A negro giving the name of Will Anderson was bound over to the grand jury Tuesday, by Justice Littlefield, the charge of robbery being prefered by James Evans, foreman of a turpentine camp on Week's Bay.

Little Helen Call received painful injuries while playing Monday, cutting her nose to the bone on a piece of old stove pipe. The jagged wound extended from one eye clear across the nose, and besides being painful is likely to leave a scar.

Mr. C. Sprague, of New York city, a representative of the famous Cottrell presses, spent a few days here this week visiting the Dealys. He was much interested in Fairhope, as he believes strongly in equal rights and the brotherhood of man.

Prof. Bellangee has one of the best gardens in the community. He has some of the finest watermelons we have seen or eaten, and he doesn't propose to be through with them with the product of one set of vines, but is planting right along, so as to have a succession.

Rev. and Mrs. Claude E. Hill and children have rented the Fairhope Improvement company's cottage for the summer. Rev. Hill is pastor of the First Christian church of Mobile, and left this week for an extended northern trip. Mrs. Hill and the children will be comfortable here until fall.

Dr. Q. J. Brown of Mobile and New Orleans, purchased the McMillian improvements on the bay front on last Saturday and moved in the same day, with his wife and baby and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. O'Connor. They expect to occupy the property as a home the year round and will improve it some at once. He is a very pleasant gentleman and a specialist in his profession.

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A beautiful family rocking chair was presented to Mrs. Pilcher by the assembled guests and the evening was given to music and games. Among those present were; Messrs. and Mesdames; Mershon, Littlefield. Dr. Mershon, Dr. Page, Frank Brown, Bancroft; Mrs. Mollineux, Mrs. Tiffany, and Mr. M. M. Cope.

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The special meeting of the Progressive League last Sunday to hear Mrs. Monroe of Washington was a most pleasant one. Mrs. Monroe's little address was highly appreciated, as was shown by a rising vote of thanks.

During the editor's absence, the readers of the COURIER are invited to have an inning in its columns. Local subscribers are always—and at this time especially—invited to express their views upon matters of local importance.

Our friend Mr. Mark Peavy of Louisville, Miss., writes regarding the road and bond matter:

"We are much in the same fix in our county as to road bond issue as Baldwin county. The position you have taken in the matter is exactly right."

The Interest Question

EDITOR COURIER:

The rent question having been warmly discussed among the Fairhope people lately, it may be an agreeable change for them to turn to the Interest question, which may be debated calmly as a problem in economics, without any one feeling that his personal interests are at stake.

I agree with T. P. Lyon that we ought to be able to come to some conclusion beforehand whether interest will rise or fall by the adoption of the single tax. We claim to have a philosophy based on scientific principles, and our reputation as students of the science of political economy is at stake, for it is evident that as long as there is such a wide difference of opinion on the question of interest we have not yet grasped the fundamental principles of that science. The chief interest of the science centres on the question of wages, but this cannot be settled independently of the questions of rent and interest.

There is a very general agreement among single taxers on the law of rent as given by Henry George in Progress and Poverty, that, "The rent of land is determined by the excess of its produce over that which the same application can secure from the least productive land in use." I think I would have said there is a unanimous agreement on this point had I not seen Miss Chapman's letter in the COURIER of May 19, in which she offers a theory of rent which is, I believe, entirely original. She seems to be an enthusiastic mathematician, and has apparently become so absorbed in the problem she is endeavoring to solve by mathematical rules, that she has lost sight of facts of common observation. She is not, however, mathematically accurate, for she takes for a starting point in her calculations land valued at $2.50. Land begins to be used before it has any value, and if her theory is right it will work from the beginning. But had she started with land value at zero, her multiplications would have amounted to nothing.

To return to the subject of interest. Mr. Lyon begins by making a distinction between "economic interest" and "commercial interest." I do not think his application of the term "economic interest" judicious. What he refers to is evidently the utility of capital to the borrower. But we do not call the measure of the utility of an article its "economic value," as distinguished from its "commercial value." However, it is evidently with commercial value and commercial interest we have to deal in discussing this question.

I cannot assent to the proposition that "Commercial interest depends for its existence upon a perpetual borrowing class," and that "The current rate is large or small according to the ratio between borrowers and lenders." Of course if there were no borrowers and lenders there could be no such thing as commercial interest, just as there could be no commercial value without buyers and sellers. But commercial value does not depend on the ratio between buyers and sellers; it depends on the relative abundance or scarcity of the thing sold. Whether an article be commonly produced by each person for his own use and seldom bought or sold, or manufactured by specialists to supply the market, the price of that which is put upon the market must in either case be sufficient to induce its production for sale. And whether wealth be evenly distributed and borrowers few, or as at present in the hands of a few and borrowers numerous, the rate of interest must always be sufficent to induce the devotion of wealth to the uses of capital. The price of an article is not necessarily lower because it is customary for each person to produce it for himself; and the rate of interest will not necessarily be lower when it becomes customary for each person to supply himself with capital.

Mr. Lyon was in good company, however, for J. S. Mill, in his "Principles of Political Economy," speaks of the demand and supply of loans as regulating the rate of interest instead of the demand and supply of capital. And this leads me into the error of supposing that the formation of joint stock companies in which former money lenders become shareholders, tends to increase the rate of interest by diminishing the supply of loans. Speaking of these companies in his chapter on the rate of interest, he says—"The shareholders in these associations now so rapidly multiplying, are drawn almost exclusively from the lending class * * * To the extent of their shares in any of these companies (with the single exception of banking companies) they have become traders on their own capital; they have ceased to be lenders, and have even, in most cases, passed over to the class of borrowers. Their subscriptions have been abstracted from the funds which feed the loan market, and they themselves have become competitors for a share of the remainder of those funds; on all of which, the natural effect is a rise of interest."

It is evident that the relation between the suppty of capital (or tools) and the needs of the laborers who use capital, is not changed by merely converting a private form of conducting a business with borrowed capital into a stock company in which the money lenders have become shareholders. Neither will this relation be affected by its conversion into a co-operative association in which each workman is an equal partner, provided the total amount of capital remains the same as before. Though there would in this case be no borrowing class the same amount of capital would be needed, the same "demand" would exist, and the rate of interest would be unaffected.

The rate of interest must always be such as to draw forth a supply of capital sufficient to meet the demand. If at any time the supply is short the rate will tend to rise. And, in accordance with the law of interest as stated in my former letter, the demand must increase as wages rise. As to how the supply will be affected by the changed conditions, there is, of course, room for difference of opinion. Those who believe that interest will disappear found their arguments on the assumption that the intense eagerness to accumulate wealth which is such a conspicuous feature of the present age, will continue, and thus there will be surplus wealth sufficient to meet all demands even with interest at zero. But the use of capital could be so enormously extended if an unlimited supply could be obtained for nothing, it seems to me inconceivable that the demand could be satisfied. I suppose opinion on this matter will be influenced by individual character. The man with large aquisitivness will see in the more favorable conditions of industry an opportunity to satisfy his craving for wealth, and, attributing like motives to others, will expect an enormous accumulation of wealth, seeking investment, if only for its own preservation. The man of literary or artistic tastes, on the contrary, might look upon the changed conditions as relieving him from the necessity of seeking wealth, and giving the much longed for opportunity to satisfy his desire for other, and, to him, higher pleasures, and would not expect such an increase in production as would be needed to meet the enormous increase in demand for capital which must result from a more prosperous condition of the industrial classes. S. J. CHUBB.

Opposition to Interest a Retrogressive Belief

EDITOR COURIER:

It is natural that those holding advanced ideas should feel contempt for the pertinacity of those who cling to traditional beliefs and prejudices. But it is according to my observation that the majority of those who fail to conform their conviction to the commonly accepted authoritative beliefs, show a tendency to revert to primitive ideas.

Darwin speaks of a certain kind of idiots which he regards as reversions to some primative type of man. We also have reversions in the world of ideas. Doweyism, Mormonism, faith curing, Christian science, spiritualism, etc, are reversions to medieval ideas, during which time superstition reigned supreme. We may say the same thing in regard to the sentiment against interest.

It is only after a prolonged struggle against popular prejudice that the practical operation of scientific economic principles has succeeded in making banking and money lending respectable.

"In 1390 the city authorties of London enacted that 'If any person shall lend or put into the hands of any person, gold or silver, to receive gain thereby, shall have the punishment of usurers.' "—Andrew D. White.

"Forasmuch as usury is by the Word of God utterly prohibited as a vice most odious and detestible as in divers places of the holy scripture, it is evident to be seen, which thing by no Godly teachings and persuasions can sink into hearts of divers greedy, uncharitable, and covetous persons of this realm (England) nor yet by the help of God's vengeance and wrath, etc., it is enacted that whosoever shall hereafter lend money, for any manner of usury, increase, lucre, gain, or interest, to be had, received, or hoped for, shall forfit both principle and interest, and suffer imprisonment and fine, at the king's pleasure." —Statute of Edward VI.

"Every usurer is a thief worthy of the gibbet. I call those usurers, who lend money at 5 and 6 per cent."—Martin Luther.

The Goldberg Catechism, of 1558, declared every person taking interest for money a thief. From generation to generation this doctrine was upheld by the prominent divines of the Lutheran church in all parts of Germany. Infallible popes and councils, with saints, fathers and doctors, declared the taking of any interest at all to be contrary to Scripture.

"Theological hostility to the taking of interest was imbedded firmly in the canon law. Again and again it defined usury as the taking of any interest at all beyond the exact amount of a loan. * * Some canonists held that Jews might be allowed to take interest, since they were to be damned in any case, and their monopoly of money lending might prevent Christians from losing their souls by going into the business." —Andrew D. White.

When any new idea, born in the mind of genius, meets with general opposition, that very opposition is an evidence of its truth, but when any old idea, once universal, has fallen into general discredit, we may rest assured that it has been justly condemned. It might seem, at first thought, that the principle of common rights in land is condemned by this principle, but further thought will convince us that it is only the clumsy methods by which primitive communities endeavored to maintain this right, which the experience of more advanced peoples has relegated to the limbo of obsolete systems.

We speak only in justification of true economic interest, and not of economic rent in the guise of interest, and only as a natural right, and not of the advisability of contracting interest bearing debts, and only because we consider that it is inadvisable for single taxers to burden the cause with economic fallacies.

606 Walnut st., Chicago. EDWARD GATES.

Interest, Its Origin

At the present time when the papers are saying so much about the power of capital, of how it produces itself, how it furnishes work to laborers, of corporate greed, of crushing labor unions, and when so much professional nonsense and learned captialistic gymnastics are indulged in, our minds have been accustomed to think of capital as something mighty and awe inspiring, as some great productive force in itself that does things; but after the battle of our minds has been fought, and the dust and smoke has cleared away, lo! and behold! we see the picture of a new earth, and earthly things made from and by the earth itself, and man, himself made of earth. Nothing so very mysterious about it.

It is an earth philosophy, a relation of the earth to its parts, or *vice versa*.

Land and human labor are, without any doubt, the original sources of all worldly values. The term "land" includes light, air, water, the minerals in the crust of our earth, the forces of nature in our earth, the vegetable and animal organisms on top of the earth, all are considered as part of the land.

We understand by the term "land" the crust of the earth with all her natural forces, and the products of nature's own work. The land gives us the work of nature, the land gives us, gratuitously, all the products of nature's own work, all the productions of the forces of nature.

If nature's work and human work are the original sources of all values for man, and for all mankind, then it of necessity follows that land and labor are the only sources for all capital and all wealth; everything outside of land and labor as well.

Nature's work of the past and the present that land offers to us, was, and is now, the never-sleeping coworker of our own labor. Let us bear this always in mind. Only with the help of nature's work, of the past and of the present, could, and can we now exist and produce values for ourselves. From now on we will have to consider the work of the natural forces

and the work of human labor as the original sources of everything. They always were the factors, and they will be forever.

How was it possible, then, that so many idlers could accumulate so much private capital and become coupon clipping parasites and deedless consumers of the marrow of the whole production?

It becomes possible through the accumulation of ground rents in private hands and through the increase of population forcing land values higher and higher. Also by the unpaid wages of the laborers that remained in the hands of landlords and capitalists.

To better understand the aforesaid statements, let us now look back to the beginning, to the first principles in the natural economy, and ask the question: how came interest into being?

Land and labor produce all the wealth. The work of the laborer, even, has to follow the natural laws and forces of nature to succeed.

A compensation for something loaned temporarily to another person, that is a wear or use-rental, is paid only for things which help to lighten the work of the borrower—things which make his work more pleasant and effective. If one person lends, rents, or leases to another person, or lets use by another person certain things for which the borrower agrees to pay a rental or an interest, it must afford him help in production.

Of all such things the "land" with its natural forces, its work of production, and the ready products of nature's own work, was the most original and the most important factor; indeed, the land is the very factor of factors, the very source of all.

The land is the ground or fundamental capital, the very source of all capital, the capital of all capital.

The land is the workshop of all human labor; it gives forth to us the products of the ages as well as of the present and the future.

The work of nature, by itself, without the help of man, produces things that may be rented to another person, which afford to the user advantages, for the loaning of same he is ready to pay a tribute or rent.

This shows us in a few words the true and fundamental cause or source of all use-payments, because they are the products of nature, the work of nature herself.

Among savages, where private property in land is unknown, rent and interest are unknown, also; even after the products of nature, game, fish, berries, nuts, etc., are bartered, traded, or exchanged by them, interest is yet unknown. This is becanse they only consider the hunting, fishing and picking, the human labor in their exchanges, and look upon the work of nature herself, as, of course, belonging to all, the free gift of the great Creator.

But from the moment when land, and the power over its products, passes into private hands, the owners of the land demand for nature's products a compensation. This is the original cause of everything that we call interest and rent.

Interest is the result of nature's work, the result of the forces of nature which should be and are included in the term "land," and economic interest (so-called) should be credited to economic rent. Indeed, in the German language we have ouly one word, "*zins*" for both terms "rent" and "interest."

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Mrs. Howland's Letters.

* * * July 1, midnight.—Just returned from a most pleasant function, a watermelon party at Mrs. Powell's beautiful home. She and her younger daughter, Ola, leave in the morning for New York and then Philadelphia, where they will join Mr. Powell. The garden and verandas were hung with Chinese lanterns. After greeting the hostess and guests we gathered in knots on the broad, rose-embowered veranda for conversation. The young folks held merry converse in and about the lawn swing in the garden. Mrs. Quick, from Sioux City, Iowa, wife of the able contributor to the *Cosmopolitan* by that name, was present. She is one of our summer visitors, whom I much regret not having met before. She lives in Comrade Bellangee's house and I should have called on her, of course. She is one of the finest amateur vocalists I have ever heard. It is a powerful voice, good throughout the whole register, and she sings with grace and ease. She also gave us two brilliant piano solos. Miss Ola Powell, a very sweet girl who has often filled a number in the program of our Fairhope entertainments, also favored us with a piano solo. The melons followed, first watermelons and then cantelopes. They were exceedingly fine in a region where they are proverbially excellent. We are sorry to lose, even for a few months, Mrs. Powell, who endears herself to all who become acquainted with her.

July 12—A nice, sturdy, rosy little man is Jacob Van Bendegom, one of our young Hollanders. He rides a bicycle finely, reads all the literature he can get hold of, and is obliging, polite and very intelligent; a child to make glad a parent's heart. Just now he is making the weeds fly at the Pines.

Mlle. Marie Pouts, a teacher of music and French in New Orleans, who visited the Pines in '03, hopes to come again in September. She loves Fairhope.

Many friends were at the steamer on Tuesday to bid goodbye to Mr. Gaston and other departing friends; notably the sister and brother-in-law of Mrs. Howland. Their inability to make a permanent home at the Pines is a sad blow to her.

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The publisher of the COURIER has decided to open in connection with his other business a department for the sale, rental and exchange of improvements on Fairhope land.

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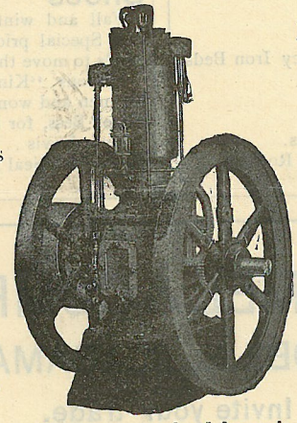
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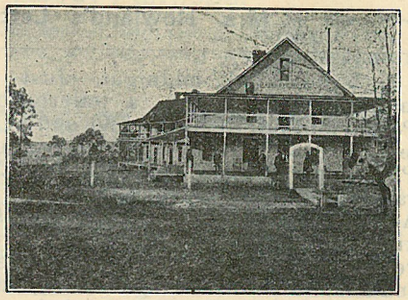
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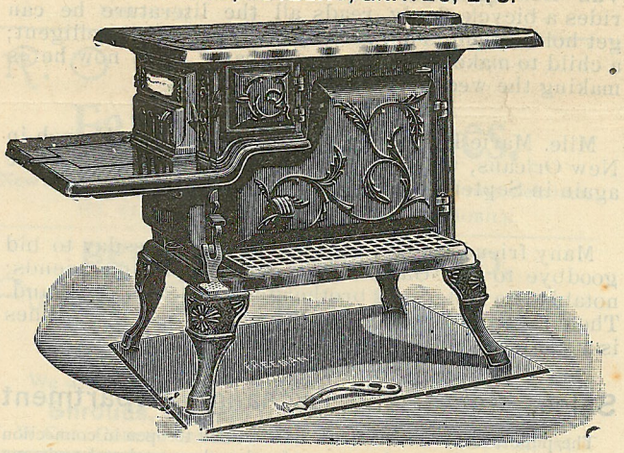
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BIG DOINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Visit from State Press Association Next Monday--Mass Meeting Tonight--Sacred Concert Sunday--A Lessee's Meeting on Monday Night

The Alabama Press Association, now in session at Coden, will close its session Monday or Tuesday with an excursion to Fairhope.

One hundred and twenty five newspaper men are expected at 10 a. m., to be Fairhope's guests until 1:30.

A public meeting to plan for the occasion is called for tonight (Friday) at 7:30, in the hall. All residents on Colony land and all friends of Fairhope are urged to be present. The ladies are planning a monster fish fry, and the band will give a concert.

Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30 the Fairhope band will give the second of its series of sacred concerts. Mr. Simmers of Mobile will render several baritone solos, and Messrs. Simmers and Stemmerdink will give a violin and guitar duet. The public is invited to gather under the big magnolia tree, and many are expected to come over from Mobile for the occasion.

Monday evening the lessees will meet in the hall to hear reports from Colony officials and to advise the Council as to what use to make of the public funds. A large attendance is desired.

Land Values in Great Britain

The July issue of *Land Values* brings to Single taxers the cheering news of the passage, to the second reading in the House of Commons, of the Glasgow bill for the taxation of land values. This bill, which has been public property since 1878, carried by a majority of 20, the Scotch members voting 28 for and 19 against.

The same number of *Land Values* prints a letter from a prominent single taxer in Sidney, Australia: A. G. Huie. He says: "The act giving the electors power to improve rates on land values in New Zealand passed in 1897. The town of Palmerston North adopted the principle in 1897, by a vote of 402 to 12.

Believing that sufficent time had lapsed to test the value of the bill, practically, Mr. Huie wrote to the town clerk for information and received the following reply:

SIR,—I have been unable to reply earlier to your queries *re* Rating on Unimproved Land Values, but will now answer your question *seriatim*.

(1) Does it encourage owners to use their land rather than to hold it for speculative purposes?

It is difficult to say postively what motive may actuate owners to dispose of lands held for some years, but almost immediately after the Act was adopted by this borough, absentee owners did cut up large areas for sale.

(2) Does it mean an increase of rates for working men who own their own homes?

It means a decrease in rates where the value of improvements is in excess of the land value.

(3) Have you any difficulty in obtaining sufficient revenue?

No difficulty whatever.

(4) Can anyone by absence or design escape paying rates?

None to my knowledge.

(5) Has it had a beneficial effect on the building trade?

Buildings have enormously increased here the last two or three years. I should say the change in the method of taxation was partly if not wholly the inducement.

(6) Could you give me several fair examples to show how much was paid under the old system and under the new, say a couple of vacant lots, a couple of cottages, and a couple of business places?

One acre vacant lot under old system rate, £2 5s. 4d; new system, 3 0s. 6d. Four acres, 2 7s. 2d. and 3 16s, 6d. Quarter acre, with cottage under old system rate, 3 10s. 4d; new system, 2 8s. 11d. Quarter acre with cottage 5 5s 6d. and 2 6s. 11d. Section with business premises under old system, 12 5s. 1d; new system, 18 2s 7d. Section with business premises, 66 9s and 62 18s. 10d. Examples show vacant lots rates have increased; with dwelling houses generally lower, business premises when value of buildings exceed value of land rates, are lower and *vice-versa*.

(7) Generally, what do you think of unimproved value rating?

It appears to me that rating on unimproved values can be more equally and fairly distributed than when improvements have to be taken into account. The value of land can be definitely fixed, whereas the value of improvements is the opinion of the Assessor. As a fact, the objections in the Assessment Court are with few exceptions confined to the improvements, and not the land values. Further, rating improvements is a tax on industry, and acts as a deterrent, and also encourages holding large areas for a rise owing to improvements made by those living on neighboring properties. For these reasons, among others, I have always been in favor of our present system, and since it has been in vogue, no suggestion has ever been made to have it reversed.—I am sir, yours faithfully,

(signed) ROBERT N. KEELING, Town Clerk.

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Miss Orlean Wilson left Monday for Gulfport, Ala., to remain until September.

H. C. Littlefield and Miss Cecile Reneau of Mobile were Sunday guests at C. E. Littlefield's.

Screen doors, panel doors, window sash, adjustable window screens, etc., at Mershon Brothers.

Take the delightful round trip on the "Fairhope" Sunday evening; round trip fare only 25 cents.

Rev. Dr. Oliver will preach in the Christian church next Sunday evening, the sermon being especially for young ladies.

When you are in town go to the Fairhope Market; you will always find fresh beef, mutton and veal. Wilson & Nelson, props.

Many Fairhopers are investigating the squab pusiness with a view to building pigeon yards and trying their luck with homing pigeons.

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A. K. Trenholme has about completed a map of the colony lands, platting it into lots as far east as Coleman's and showing the streets widened at the Bay end, affording fine views blocks back from the water.

Tuesday at 10 a. m. Louis Oakley Baldwin, Jr., made his advent into this wicked world. He is a fine, sturdy baby, and brings joy to his parents, 4 grandparents and 3 great-grandparents. The mother, who was Miss Edna Lucier, is doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Mills of Houston, Texas, were here last week for a short visit with her brother, C. K. Brown. On Thursday Mr. Mills chartered a tug and took the Brown, Hail and Leech families to Spanish fort, where he recalled his experience as a soldier in the Federal army during the Civil war. Mr. Mills is a successful real estate man in Houston, and enjoyed his visit to Fairhope, where we are all trying to be real estate men.

The regular meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union held last week at the residence of Mrs. Comings, was one of special interest. Dr. Sheldon was present and gave a most interesting talk on Non-Alcoholic Medication, showing conclusively that alcohol is never a necessity in medication, and often does actual harm. He gave the latest word as to subsfitutes for it, all in such clear, concise language that a child might have understood. The Doctor showed by his treatment of the subject that he was no novice, but a thorongh student who had dived deeply. It was a rare treat, as all testified by the closest attention and a rising vote of thanks at the close.

Be sure to attend the meeting at the Hall tonight.

Morrel's meats are the best—try them. Mershon Bros.

Alfred Shepherd succeeded in spraining his ankle last Sunday.

Hugh Tiffany, of Uncle Sam's cruiser "Wasp," is home on a ten day's furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and daughter of Memphis, Tenn,, are recuperating at Rest Cottage.

Miss Vera Mershon was the victim of a very pleasant birthday surprise party Wednesday evening.

Remember the COURIER office is well equipped for doing job-work, from a note or bill-head, to an illustrated pamphlet.

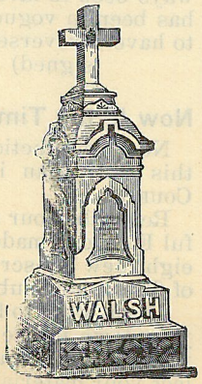
Lost, Wednesday, July 19, between Fairhope and Marlow. A pair of gold rimmed eye glasses with gold chain and hair pin attached. A suitable reward will be given anyone leaving the same at this office.

A meeting of the Baldwin County Agricultural Association will be held at Timney's store, Marlow, on Saturday, July 29. A basket picnic at 11 o'clock will be a feature, and a large attendance is hoped for. Dr. Greeno, president of the association, has important business to bring up for discussion.

Dr A. C. Cary and family are spending a week at Rest Cottage. The Doctor is in charge of the Farmers Institute department and also instructor in Veterinary science at the Auburn Experiment station, Alabama.

Last Saturday evening a hay ride to Point Clear was given in honor of the Misses Thompson and Golson of Mobile. A large farm wagon. drawn by two horses, was loaded with hay, and ten pretty girls and three young men composed the party. Mr. and Mrs. Connell chaperoned the party, which was met at the Grand hotel by Mobile friends. Dancing was in order until a late hour, when the party returned to Fairhope. thanking Messers L. Jefferson and Walter Gable for the pleasant outing.

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Albert Stearns returned from Pensacola, the 16th, called home by the serious illness of his son Warren.

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A number of young people spent the evening of July 15 at the home of Mrs. Stapleton. The party was in honor of Thomas Wilsons' twenty-first birthday.

Ants! Ants! Ants! Are you troubled with your ants? If so we have the food that will relieve you. Ant food at Mershon Bros.

Frank Bentoncourt of Mobile is expected here Sunday to look over the field with Fairhope parties with view to putting in a cigar factory.

If the number on your COURIER or wrapper is "7-21-05," or earlier, your subscription has expired, and your prompt renewal would be appreciated.

The Sunday evening round trips of the "Fairhope" afford opportunity for a delightful little excursion. The round trip fare is only twenty-five cents.

A nice clean new line mens and boys clothing just received. Don't fail to come in and see this stock. Remember this is no old stock, but is strictly new and fresh, and we will sell it right. Mershon Bros.

Coming out of Mobile Sunday evening on their return trip, the Fairhope and the Pleasure Bay—supposed to be a 14 mile an hour boat— had a fine race. They ran side by side without an apparent gain of the Pleasure Bay till the Fairhope got up her full steam. Then the Pleasure Bay was obliged to drop behind and the Fairhope kept the lead until she turned across the flats.

Good Roads Convention.

The Fairhope band covered itself with glory at the good roads meeting at Bay Minette on Tuesday, playing a splendid program. Peter Gass, a noted cornetist of Mobile, played with the Fairhope boys on that occasion, and many praised the music highly.

Fairhope sent a strong delegation to the meeting, as we are all interested in good roads. Dr. Greeno, who presided at the convention; C. L. Coleman, G. W. Wood, H. C. Oswalt, L. Tillson, A. O. Berglin, James Gaston add others went from here with the band, and arrived in time to make the barbecue look like 30 cents.

The crowd was probably the largest ever assembled in Baldwin county for many years. and a strong resolution in favor of good roads was passed unanimously. The proposition to issue $100,000.00 bonds for road purposes was defeated, although Editor Norton, who has flip flapped around on both sides of the bond question for some time, favored the issue.

The ride over the new railroad proved to be be a thrilling experience. At one time the engineer turned on full steam, the band played its loudest on the back platform, and small boys got off and pushed. A speed of twelve miles an hour was attained, the passengers being bruised considerably as the wheels hit the high places. Fairhopers reached home about 3 a. m. Wednesday, all pleased with the day's doings.

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TO ROBERT BAKER

There's a mighty subtle custom.
That prevails throughout the land,
Which is making grafters faster
Than the Little German Band.

It's the giving of free passes,
By the railway corporation.
To the men they send to make our laws.
In city, state and nation.

Of course 'tis naught but courtesy
That prompts this trifling favor;
But, twixt you and me, it has a taste
Of a decided bribing flavor.

Let's stir up things in a lively way,
And clear the atmosphere;
So that men will have a sense of shame
And hold themselves more dear.

We'll enlist the press and pulpit
To battle for the cause;
We'll haste the day when Righteousness
May build with bricks and straws.

Oh! pardon my unwonted zeal!
In breathing such a prayer;
For editors give up space for rides,
And preachers get half-fare.

Elgin, Ill. CHAS. R. EAMES.

Our friends everywhere will be glad to hear that the beloved editor and friend of this Colony, E. B. Gaston, is off on a much needed vacation, of three weeks, at least. During his absence they must not expect too much of the COURIER. He is so masterful and self-reliant, so disposed to do everything himself, that his assistants do not get the best kind of training for taking his place. M. H.

Demonstration appeals to the world more than theory, and almost no theory meets with intelligent acceptance until demonstrated thoroughly. As Fairhope's growth and prosperity are a demonstration of the benfits of correct land tenure (in spite of hostile legislation), is it not possible for those who hold that interest is unjust to map out a plan for demonstrating the possibility and justice of getting along without it? Fairhope would be a good place to try the new scheme if such can be evolved. Let your theories take definite form, and let us hear from you on this subject.

Our valued correspondent, George Q Thurston, now living in England, sends us two dollars for the COURIER. One sentence in his welcome letter we quote for our friends whose faith needs strengthening,—"I hope you are noticing the increasing strength of the Liberal party in this country which is almost sure to come into power within a year, and which seems to have definitely committed itself to the taxation of land values. As soon as I get a little settled here I expect to go around a bit among the faithful, and in the mean time wish you all success in your work. My regards to Mr. Bellangee."

EDITOR COURIER:

The "Single Tax" as a name for our reform has been frequently criticised, and many have objected that it is not appropriate. So far there has been no alternative name accepted. It seems to me that the term "Equal Rights" would be an appropriate name.

The single tax is a means to an end. "Equal Rights" is more explicit to outsiders. It is the object of the single tax, and expresses an idea too good to warrant reasonable opposition. Equal Rights oppose special privilege, and is synonimos with Justice and Liberty.

Yours fraternally
JAMES D. MCDADE.

EDITOR COURIER:

I find in your issue of June 23, under the title "Man's Natural Rights" the following: "Comparatively few persons take time and pains to think seriously and impartially as to what are the natural rights of every human being." Very true, and when they do take such pains they fail to see what sort of things "natural rights" are.

"First and foremost comes the right of every human being to the right of him or herself, and to the free use of all his or her faculties."

But under natural law a man has no right to himself if another can, and does, make a slave of him, and his faculties may all be used for the benefft of the stronger.

Under civil law he is compelled to serve on juries, to form a posse to keep the peace, to defend his country from enemies, while his faculties are by no means free to destroy other people's faculties.

As to his "God given right to use a portion of the earth" how can he possibly be prevented from doing it? Is there a single extant organism that does not use the earth? If he were deprived of all the "natural elements," earth would still take home her child, without his body were Astral, in which case he would have no use for the earth.

The next paragraph is another form of the unearned increment delusion. Is not the "user" one of the community? Did he not assist in making the "value?" Then if he is one of "its creators" why should he not have the benefit of what he earned?

"To extort taxes from individual industry in any form is absolute robbery."

But how can it be robbery if it is according to law? If to obey the law is robbery, how much violation of law is required to make one honest?

I. LANCASTER.

The People's Single Tax Propaganda Movement, of which John Weiler is president and manager, has issued the following circular, which will interest all true single taxers:

508 Schiller Bldg., Chicago.

To Those Interested in the Single Tax:

A movement is now in progress to popularize single tax principles. The single tax will never be adopted until the masses demand it. The masses will not demand it until they understand the importantance of the question.

They will not understand this until it is brought forcibly to their attention.

This is the object of the People's Single Tax Propaganda Movement. We will work along new lines entirely. It is part of our program to hold meetings in tents throughout the residence districts of the city. Entertainments to attract the crowds will be provided at every meeting.

To engage in this work we need funds, and we request you, as a friend of humanity, to send us a donation to start the ball rolling.

Yours truly,
THE PEOPLE'S SINGLE TAX PROPAGANDA MOVEMENT.

The COURIER has requested that reports of the meeting be sent in, and hopes that public interest will be awakened along single tax lines. Fairhopers certainly are in thorough sympathy with all earnest propaganda work, for that is what we are doing here to the best of our ability.

The Beginniug nf the End

It is to be hoped that no reader of the COURIER or of any other paper where it was reported missed being, profoundly impressed by the resolution of the women of the National League at Philadelphia at their late convention. It ought lo be engrossed and hung upon the wall of every friend of human enlightenment. Let it be repeated here:—"Resolved, that we admire the bravery and sound common sense of the Swedish workingmen who have refused to take up arms against Norway, and that we recommend their action to men in this and other countries, believing that when government officals realize that all men will refuse to fight war will cease."

The resolution shows haste in its construction, but it marks an era in anti-war methods, all the same. The International Peace Society has labored faithfully for many years, and has done excellent and world-wide work in teaching the great ethical lesson that no moral question can ever be settled by force; but it has never shown, so far as I am aware, how the abolition of war is to come about. Generally it has been taught that it must be through the education of the people, which is true enough; but it was supposed, evidently, that rulers would sometime realize that war is a "stupendous imbecility" and agree to cease training men for mutual destruction—cease to waste blood and treasure to gratify the spirit of revenge or conquest.

But now, how simply the initative has been taken. A body of men, the working men of Sweden have refused to fight the men of Norway. Already the example is leaving its beneficent fruit. The newspapers report that sixteen soldiers in the Lithuanain life guard regiment at Warsaw, on June 28 refused to obey the order to go to Manchuria, and "their comrades refused to make them go." The Colonel of the Lithuanian regiment then sent to two other life guard regiments, the St. Petersburg and the Kexholm, and in both cases the men refused to go. The Colonel then applied to the Military Commander of Warsaw, Lieut.-General Komaroff, who sent a detachment of Cossacks. The "mutineers" fired on the Cossacks, and fourteen, altogether were killed before those who resisted were arrested.

The time is now ripe for an anti-war society among those eligible to bear arms, and those in sympathy with their princtples of organization which should be unrelenting opposition to all aggressive war. They should pledge themselves to resist being drafted like cattle to fight their brothers in their own or any country, or to take up arms in any case except for defense when attacked; to settle all private disputes by moral suasion and all national or political ones by arbitration.

Such a society, if rightly instituted, would at this time spread rapidly among the very best people on earth, for the growth of new thought principles is making fighting in every form distasteful, not to say vulgar, and stimulating more widespread and general attraction to culture in the arts of peace. This culture is leading up gradually to better homes' better schools, roads, villages and cities--to the nobler life which will finally eliminate all forms of injustice and cruelty, and all methods of attaining ends save those of reason and good sense.

Let us open up a discussion upon these questions.

Is the time ripe for the organization of such a society? Where would be the most propitious place for starting it, and is it the most virile and simple method for the beginning of the end of war. Let us hear from those in sympaty with the plan.

Concerning Goats and Swine

One of the little things that often restrain an editor from leaving the sanctum for sometimes needed vacations, is the fear that the assistants whom he leaves in charge will be guilty of some indiscretion in making use of copy that has not passed under his watchful scrutiny.

The writer hereof feels quite inclined to make use of the present opportunity to run in some matter in Mr. Gaston's absence that will not be toned down by the considerate gentleness and kindly forbearance of the editor-in-chief, but will voice with more or less bluntness what he believes to be the general sentiment of the community regarding the hog nuisance in Fairhope.

If those of the COURIER readers who live outside of Fairhope are shocked to learn of conditions here, or are not interested in the subject they may skip this article; but I sincerely hope that all of our residents will give it a careful perusal.

The annoyance that arises from the running at large of goats and swine in our streets is becoming intolerable. This is universally recognized.

The evils of the plan are so great and general, while the advantages are so small and confined to so few, that there seems to be no good reason to longer continue the practice. There are with us no advocates who plead in its favor and only a few who excuse the owners of the offending animals with the plea that the law permits it. But what the law permits it does not necessarily approve, and the forbearance of law-abiding citizens with the evils which the law permits, makes, it seems to me, all the more reprehensible the conduct of those who will take advantage of their long suffering.

These facts are indisputable.

The presence of goats and swine in our streets, especially the latter, with their attendant fleas and filth, is repugnant to all sense of decency and propriety.

The impracticability of ornamenting and improving our public highways with these conditions prevailing, except at great expense and vigilance, is destructive of that pride and public spirit which should characterize our developement.

The enormous expense which it entails upon all who would protect themselves from the nuisance of their presence and depredations is so far in excess of any possible benefits which may accrue to any one, that the whole system amounts to an exceedingly extravagant waste of the resources of the community.

It is an illustration in its worst possible form of the "unearned increment" that accrues to the few by the use of the public lands of the highway, because in addition it creates a nuisance to the whole community and blackmails every one through the necessity of large expense in keeping these animals from private

premises, and often great damage to private property that is insufficiently guarded or inadvertently exposed.

Besides being unjust and filthy, it is in a high degree provocative of discord and ill-feeling. No one can blame a man from being disturbed and vexed, who, after great dilligence to protect them, (and no one would attempt to raise anything in Fairhope without protection) finds his crops or his shrubs destroyed by animals owned by men whose indifference to his loss is as brutal as the hoggish greed that the beasts displayed.

I half regret writing the last sentence and am inclined to run a pencil through it; but candor compels me to admit that I have yet to learn of a single instance in Fairhope and vicinity where the owner of one of these animals running at large has expressed or manifested the slightest regret at its depredations. In fact no one can do an act so antagonistic to the Golden Rule, even though it be *permitted* by the law of the land, without becoming indifferent to the rights of others. A man who will be as unkind and selfish towards others as the law will permit him to be, and who recognizes no other restraint will not grow rapidly in grace or the spirit of brotherhood. The thing to which he puts his purpose and his hand in the end will dominate his his heart. No courageous and manly man ever long owned a sneaky dog. No one can feed and foster a goat in its lawlessness without himself becoming more or less lawless in spirit and no one can have an interest in the depredations of a herd of predatory swine without becoming—well, selfish to say the least.

There are those perhaps who will think the above true, but more severe than they could find the heart to write. I certainly regret to write it; but, after all, perhaps it is better that some one should take off the lid than that the matter should be allowed to seethe with profanity and boil with hatred in private uutil an explosion occurs.

Already we have had bitter and perhaps lifelong hatreds engendered by it, useless court expenses and profitless fines because of the exasperation and temptations which this custom has promoted.

Forbearance is an excellent virtue, patience is godlike at times; but he who forbears from doing his brother wrong, who patiently refuses to be benefitted by legal privileges that are unjust to others, and cultivates a conscience void of offence towards God and man," will do more to uphold righteousness and peaee on earth than he who simply ruleth his temper under provacation.

I would make an earnest appeal to all Fairhopers to do what is possible for each to do by example and percept to banish from our midst this nuisance which is so unfavorably commented upon by visitors and so disgustedly endured by our own people.

J. B.

School Meeting

An important school meeting was held last Friday night; many matters being definitely decided npon.

It was decided to begin the school on the first Monday in October. It was also decided to ask the Council for $300 for the school fund.

After considerable discussion Miss Clements of Fairhope was chosen as teacher for the high school, and Mrs. Sweet was chosen for the primary department. It is probable that each will be paid $50 a month, and each be responsible for her own department.

Trustee Oswalt will, as heretofore, take a lively interest in school matters and do what superintending is necessary. He is determined to have good schools, and has the sentiment of the community with him on this point.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters.

July 15, * * * Last night, being just able to "crawl around" I went up to ask the Mershons about that ant remedy which they advertise. Mr. Arthur Mershon was on duty behind the Natural Cash Register. I asked him frankly if it was as advertised. He replied,—"Did you ever know the Mershon Brothers to declare a thing just as represented unless it was so?" I confessed I did not. I bought a package. You will never forget, Sister Ada, how you detested those little ants that swarm about every place where there has been dropped a particle of kerosene and especially how "thick" they were where stood your blue flame stove. The floor of our large kitchen was almost covered with them—Well a miracle is wrought—there is not one left.

July 19, * * * There was a little reception given last Friday night at the hotel by Mr. and Mrs. Ross in honor of Mrs. Monroe, our honored single tax visitor from Washington—It was Library day and I could not get away, which I very much regretted. Next Thursday I hope to meet her at our Henry George club which meets at Mrs. Frank Brown's.

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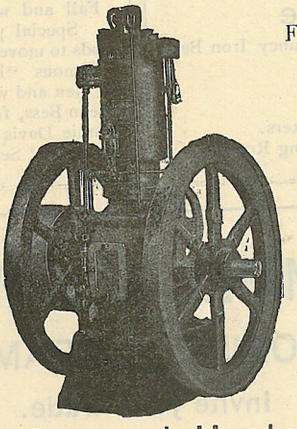
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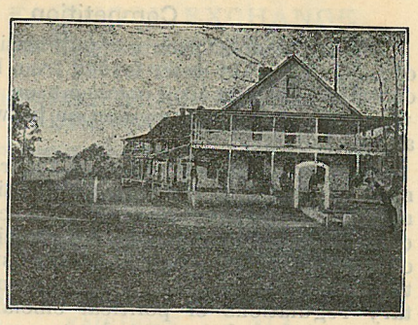
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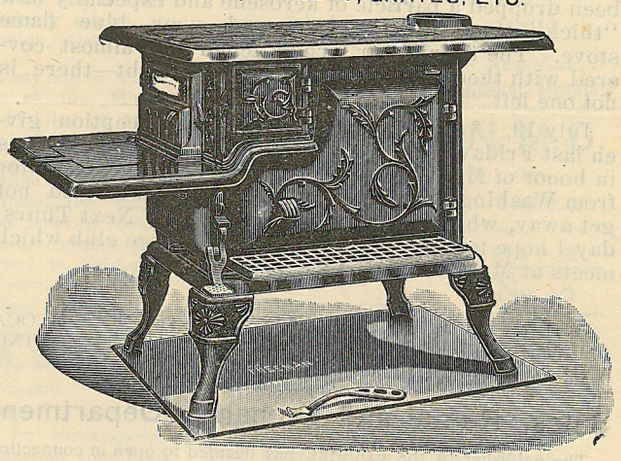
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Next Sunday's Concert

The Fairhope band has prepared a fine program for next Sunday afternoon, from 3 to 4 o'clock.

A mandolin and guitar selection by the Messrs. Bray and Bailey, a trio by the Dealy Brothers and Shepherd, and a vocal solo by Dr. Sheldon will be features of the program.

Editorial Correspondence

I am fully prepared to recommend an ocean trip for those needing rest and recreation. The Mallory line between Mobile and New York affords exceptional opportunity for such a trip. The fare—$30 first class—hardly more than equals the cost of entertainment at a good hotel, for the same time, and few provide a better table or surround their guests with greater comforts. Sailing from Mobile on the *Colorado* of this line on Wednesday morning, the 12th, we reached Brunswick on Sunday morning. We have been taking on additional cargo all day yesterday and all last night and will be until about four this afternoon when we are promised to resume our interrupted journey, going out to sea again "in the tide." So far I have experienced no hint of sea sickness, though it is my first trip at sea, nor has any one on board been seriously afflicted, though we had several wind and rain squalls while rounding Florida, and after getting into the Atlantic had a long swell which gave the ship a pronounced roll. Poor Mrs. Stockbridge, one of my fellow passengers from Fairhope, has been quite ill all the way, though not with sea sickness, and a physician was called for her yesterday. She is some better today.

The *Colorado* is a staunch iron ship 355ft. in length, 42ft. beam and carrying nearly 3000 tons of cargo on a draft of about 17 feet. She has accomodations for 55 first class passengers and 21 steerage passengers. Her compound engine and four Scotch boilers develop about 1800 horse power and drive the vessel at an average speed of about eleven knots on a coal consumption of about 30 tons a day. Of special interest to me because of my interest in the *Fairhope* is that the *Colorado* has the original boilers which were put in her when she was built 26 years ago. She will lay up after this trip to receive new ones.

Yesterday I took a trip on the steamer *Attaquin* about eight miles out to St. Simon's Island, a summer resort. The *Attaquin* is the "biggest little" steamer I ever saw being only 6 ft. longer than the *Fairhope* but is allowed to carry 300 passengers—though I can't say that she carries them comfortably—as far as the passengers are concerned. Am quite sure the inspectors at Mobile would not allow her more than half as many passengers. St. Simons Island is a pretty place, having some advantages over Fairhope and in some features not as attractive. It is all low. The rise and fall of the tide is fully eight feet there, which gives, when the tide is out, a shelving beach of smooth, hard sand, perhaps 100 ft. wide, a splendid track for autos, carriages, and bicycles. The bath houses are all in shore on the dry land, and the bathers are on exhibition while going to and from the water. There are no good diving places as from the bath houses, wharf and pier head at Fairhope, and a dangerous depth of water is reached within a short distance. On the day of my visit the water did not look nearly so clear and inviting as at Fairhope when I left.

At Mobile I was told that the negroes who were at work loading the boat had worked all day and would work all night. So it has been here. The gang which went to work yesterday morning at 7 has worked continuously except for brief intermissions for eating but none for sleep until now, 3 p. m. the second day. I think we cannot say our "brothers in black" won't work. For this work they get 20 cents an hour in day time, 30 cents at night and Sundays. During the long hours they have lightened the task with many a song and jest. Under such conditions it is not surprising that in their off hours they turn to drink and dissipation.

What a pity that the work of the world might not rest more evenly on the shoulders of the people.

The single tax would remove both evils.

On board S. S. "Colorado" E. B. GASTON.
Brunswick, Ga., July 17, 1905.

The Abandoned Farms

In an editorial in *The Church Standard* sometime ago, was this: "What is to be done with the old and worn-out lands in the United States? There is only one thing to be done with them, and that is to make them new again. If the people have not the good sense to do it themselves, nature will do it for them. This is the moral of the 'abandoned farms' problem in several of the New England States. The farmers have starved their land till it is worthless, giving nothing back for what they have taken from it. Naturally such farmers are too poor to use artificial fertilizers; so they can neither farm their worn-out land nor sell it. They abandon it. It runs wild. Weeds, shrubs, trees grow up, and in a few years the soil is renewed."

This editor does not seem to see the whole "problem"; he condemns the wastefulness of the farmer who farms without fertilizing and seems to think that this method of farmimg fully accounts for the abandoned farms. He has no word for the folly of taking all that the farmer produces or uses, no word for the wicked tariff which interferes with trade and makes farming less profitable. He assumes that fertility is the only factor in the "worth" of a farm, overlooking the fact that situation has quite as much to do with it. Just suppose, for instance, that the tariff was abolished for New England; that there all taxation of labor and labor-products was done away; that the only tax levied was one on the anual rental value of the bare land, and that this was made large enough to take all of that value. How long would there be "abandoned farms" in New England? Speculation in land would be destroyed; no land would be held except for use; every man who wanted land could get it without paying a lump sum for it, only the annual rental value. Farmers would have more money left for improvements and fertilizers. Business would be stimulated by the increased production and the increased ability to buy things on the part of the masses. This would react again on farming, making a greater demand for farm products and so for farm land. And this prosperity would attract population to the favored region, till such a thing as an abandoned or worn-out farm would be unknown. The surrounding states would have to adopt a similar policy or be depopulated. And all this we can have when the people, the workers, learn enough to see that we want it.

Philadelphia, Pa. EDWARD D. BURLEIGH.

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Prof. and Mrs. Freeman write from Bristow, Ala., that they will return in September.

Take the delightful round trip on the "Fairhope" Sunday evening; round trip fare only 25 cents.

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Geo. E. Miller and Albert Stearns left in the "Winifred" Saturday morning and reached Pensacola at 4 p. m. on Sunday. They report a pleasant trip.

Dr. Greeno has sent his fine 25ft yawl to have a gasolene engine put in. He will have a very comfortable motor boat when the changes are completed.

See the arts and crafts display at Mershon Bros. Hand made raffia "polo" hats and caps, pine needle novelties, etc Fine opportunity to get souvenirs.

Mr. and Mrs. Straddling had to send their baby daughter to a Mobile hospital to be operated on. The serious condition resulted from a boil on the baby's head.

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There will be a meeting, both business and social, of the Arts and Crafts society at the home ot the President Mrs. S. H. Comings on Wednesday evening, August 9. Let every member plan to be present.

The ladies of the Henry George Club held its last meeting at the home of its president, Mrs. Minnie Brown. Mrs Monroe was with us and made the occasion more delightful by her spirited talk, answering questions etc., The most important work done was the passage of a motion to establish in the club regular study of political economy commencing with the first meeting in September.

The George Academy of Fairhope

Will open on the first Monday in October or soon thereafter. The date will be announced later.

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All who wish to attend should make arrangements as soon as possible.

J. W. Braam.

Special discount on all summer hats and shirt waist suits at Calls.

Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

M. M. Cope drove to Belforest Tuesday to celebrate his birthday with friends there.

Miss Alice Patterson has returned to Mobile after a pleasant visit with Fairhope friends.

We are happy to announce the marriage engagement of Mr. Arthur Kingsley Trenholme and Miss Hazel Lenore Curtis.

Miss Cora Woods has made arrangements to hold a dancing school Tuesday and Saturday evenings in the Beach Hotel at Battles.

Mr. Dan Verneville and family, Mrs. Lee Verneville and baby and Miss Ronnie Carley were guests of Mrs. O. V. Cunningham Sunday.

The Eastern Shore Telephone Co. has equipped its entire system with all-metallic circuits, making it possible for any subscriber to talk with Mobile.

Dr. Page has decided to close his dental office and devote himself exclusively to his duties at Mershon Bros. store.

Selling Out

Having decided to return to Holland, I offer for sale my tailor shop and residence, with all improvements, poultry, goat, cow, household goods, etc., all at bargain prices for cash. GEO. STEENSTRA.

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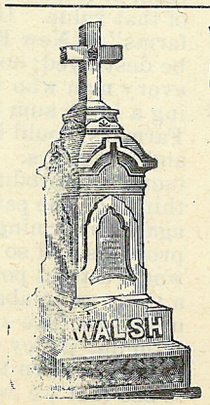
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A fine new switch-board will shortly be installed by the Baldwin Co. Telephone Co., in the Hail building. Its capacity will be 100 'phones.

The St. Louis papers of July 9 contain the announcement of the death of Capt. L. W. Moore. This brings regret to a number of our people who treasured the Captain's friendship.

The new Fish River steamer "Baldwin" made her initial trip last week, and will probably get some freight which used to be hauled here to go across the bay on the "Fairhope."

Dr. S. J. Gordon, a well known dental surgeon of Mobile, came over last Saturday to spend a day with his friend, Dr. G. A. Sheldon. He was much pleased with our unique colony.

Some of our enterprising citizens are beginning to plan for a big labor day celebration, and it now looks as if we would have a good time on that day. Further details will be given if present plans are matured.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brenon have left for Dallas, Texas, to join the Albert Taylor Stock Company. They expect a successful theatrical season, and Mr. Pilcher is planning to run an excursion to Mobile when the company plays there.

Acetylene lights were used in Mershon Bros.' store last Saturday night, and Tuesday of this week the postoffice was lighted with them. Pipes are now being laid to Frank Creswell's store, the Fairhope pharmacy, and to Call's store. The new light is beautiful, and the plant is working very nicely.

The Fairhope band had a splendid audience under the big Magnolia tree Sunday afternoon, and many praised the concert highly. It was very much regretted that Mr. Simmers of Mobile was unable to come, but he has promised to come next Sunday, sure. A pretty feature of the concert was a mandolin and guitar duet by Messrs Bray and Bailey, two of our summer visitors from Mobile.

The whistle on the steamer Fairhope evidently had the toothache Sunday morning, and growled all the way to Mobile. The engineer then climbed the whistle pipe and after some labor extracted a soft nosed 30-30 bullet from the whistle's mouth, stopping the growl. It is quite evident that some of the alligator hunters couldn't hit the deep sea—although it is possible that the bullet in the Fairhope's whistle glanced off the alligator's nose. If another alligator appears Capt. Foster will order armour plate for the Fairhope.

Acetylene Lights

The firm of Littlefield & Comings is pretty busy now putting in acetylene lighting plants. A. H. Mershon is installing a 75 light machine back of Mershon Bros.' store. Prof. Comings is sending his 30-light machine to the Fairhope house and installing a new 100 light plant at his residence. He furnishes gas for the church, and the service is not only excellent but cheap—about 75 cents a month now.

Lost, Wednesday, July 19, between Fairhope and Marlow. A pair of gold rimmed eye glasses with gold chain and hair pin attached. A suitable reward will be given anyone leaving the same at this office.

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Vex not your mournful minds with pious pains;
Ah, brothers, sisters! Seek
Naught from the helpless gods of gift and hymn,
Nor bribe with blood, nor feed with fruit and cakes;
Within yourselves deliverance must be sought.

—EDWIN ARNOLD.

The Alabama Press Assciation did not come to Fairhope on Monday, much to the regret of the editors and of our people also. The convention finished its work Friday and the delegates went home on Saturday, hastened, no doubt, by the "yellow jack" in New Orleans and the strict quarantine enforced by Mobile. The association will meet at Gadsden next winter, however, when the editors say they want to visit our little town. They will be most welcome.

Interest

Those who talk of the continuance of interest after the attainment of a social reform which takes out of the way the present obstacles to production, can form no idea of the increased productive power of labor under such conditions. I think that every laborer in the land will at least earn six times what he now earns, say, from two to fifteen thousand dollars a year. He will live better and spend more; but he will also wish to retire from active work sooner or later, and this means saving, deferred consumption. Now, we cannot defer consumption by putting aside the things we want to use at a future day, for when the time comes the destructive power of nature would take good care to leave us very little of our savings. Minus interest then would be at work with a vengeance. We can only save effectually by finding others who are willing to use our savings in the shape of productive wealth, capital, until we need it in the form of wealth for use, for consumption. The question whether they will pay us interest meanwhile or whether we shall pay them for the preservation of our wealth will be merely one of supply and demand. On which side the excess will be admits of little doubt in view of the continual increase of productive power through technic progress. I cannot understand how men like Mr. Chubb can make out that there will be a continuance, yea, even an increase of interest under such conditions. It is an unfortunate and dangerous error. Dangerous, because it is only by proving that land reform destroys interest that we can make headway against Socialism. If interest, that archenemy of humanity, subsisted after land nationalisation, all I should say would be: "Welcome Socialism, the only remedy for existing evils!" If interest is a good thing we ought all to earn it, which would be just as impossible as for all to live by taking each other's washing in, or by burgling. There must be some from whom we can burgle and if interest subsists the workers will pay it, the exploiters will get it, I can understand when the wolves preach that mutual devouring is beneficent for all, but I never could understand such theories on the part of the sheep.

Coronado, Cal. MICHAEL FLURSCHEIM.

Public Services

EDITOR COURIER:

In your issue of June 23, you had an article on the best method of securing public services and invited discussion on the subject.

Now, this is a question which concerns all Fairhope and those interested in Fairhope.

Our revenues are pledged by our constitution to be spent on public services and we all want to see that we get our money's worth. In regard to public services it seems to me that we ought to recognize a distinction between necessities and luxuries. Perhaps luxuries is hardly the right word, but certainly a telephone, for instance, would be a luxury for a great majority of our people, whereas water is a necessity.

We see this distinction clearly enough in a small place like Fairhope where the people are in such close connection with public services.

Suppose we class, then, as necessities, water, good roads,a well kept wharf, a good school, street lights, a public library, and public parks.

These are all things in which a community, as a whole, is directly interested, some more, some less, and they should therefore be supported out of the community funds.

But, to ask the community, to support a telephone system which benefits a few business and professional men seems to me unjust.

To make out a case showing how the community is benefitted by our storekeepers or professional men being able to utilize the telephone would be difficult.

According to the Georgian philosophy the price of goods is not determined by production but by the law of supply and demand, and because a grocer can save money by ordering goods by telephone is no guarantee that he will sell any cheaper. Here is a case it seems to me where we Fairhopers who have not telephones are simply putting so much money into the pockets of those that have.

The obvious remedy is that the users of the telephones pay a sufficient rental to cover cost of maintenance. I do not see that "the single tax" precludes any such charges. If the revenues were sufficient to supply everyone who wished it with a telephone, free of charge, well and good; but since that is impossible at present, we should apply Fourier's motto: "service for service" and those who benefit should pay.

Probably the most pressing question at present in regard to public service, is that of a good and constant water supply Anyone who lives near the town pump and depends on it for a water supply knows how aggravating it is to go there and, unless the wind is blowing merrily, find no water. In case of a fire one would be absolutely helpless. Apparently the pump cannot pump enough to even begin to fill the 7500 gal tank, or, the water supply is insufficeint, or, what water does come leaks out, in spite of constant packing of the piston.

Now we have a large tank here which is practically worthless, and at the beach we have a good supply of water. I should think the next public service would be to set a small pump, either a Rider-Ericson hot air

pump or a Worthington steam pump, and run a feed pipe up Fairhope ave. and keep our tank full.

This would be a true public service, the benefits of which would accrue to all. A disastrous fire would set the town back years, and a water supply seems imperative.

Then we could lay our mains and those who use them could pay for them. This, it seems to me, would be true municipal ownership.

The plan of supplying all the citizens public services free of charge is somewhat communistic. Some happy day we might attain thereto.

Thanking you for your courtesy in allowing me so much space. I remain yours sincerely,

Fairhope. ARTHUR TRENHOLME.

John Z. White's Pacific Coast Tour

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August 2 to August 7, Victoria, B. C.
August 8 and 9, Orillia, Washington.
August 10 and 11, Olympia, Washington.
August 12, Sumner, Washington.
August 13, Seattle, Washington
August 14 to 15, Everett, Washington.
August 17 to 20, Spokane, Washington.
August 22 to 24, Kalispell, Montana.
August 26 to 27, Great Falls, Montana.
August 28 to 31, Helena, Montana.
September 1 and 2, Butte, Montana.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters.

July 25 * * * After all, our Alabama editors did not come--*the mean things*! We called a public meeting, appointed committees on reception; on procuring a wagonload of fish; on tidying up the beach; on the music etc. You see, those precious editors will read this, I hope, and I want to make them feel just as bad as I can! You see also that I am the one hurt the most, for in the absence of the Chief, Mr. Gaston, I was to have the honor of pronouncing the welcome and I was so proud of the honor that I spent, I know not how much time, arranging an extemporaneous burst of eloquence! Now when they do come—lucky for them—I shall have lost the opportunity. I understand through good comrade Pilcher, who got us into the trouble, innocently of course, that they hope to be in Mobile again in six months, when they will surely visit Fairhope.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Lesees Consider Fairhope Budget and Other Matters—Plan for Water Works—Academy Proposition Accepted—Endorse Professor J. Bellangee's Analysis of the Situation

The meeting of the lessees on Monday night was well attended, and no doubt great good will result from a thorough understanding of the financial condition of the Colony. The meeting was organized by choosing C. L. Coleman chairman and E. T. Molyneux secretary.

The secretary's minutes, in brief, follow:

Several motions regarding eligibilty to vote, finally tabled.

Stock law discussed, but no action taken.

Treasurer W. A. Baldwin read a report showing the business done to June 30, 1905, and estimating the rentals for the next six months at $1431.95. He recommended that no money be spent for the next six months except for necessities; and that wharf receipts, (not estimated) be applied to wharf betterment.

It was decided to ask the Council to appropriate $300 for school expenses.

By motion of W. S. Baldwin and J. Bellangee the Council was requested to apply the funds to the indebtedness and the $300 for school purposes, and not incur more debts.

On motion a water works committee consisting of C. E. Littlefield, Dr. Borst and W. S. Baldwin was appointed to investigate the system proposed by J. J. Mogg.

Mr. Braam's proposition for an academy was accepted.

It was decided that when the meeting adjourned it should be until the second Monday in August.

Dr. Borst urged the organization of a fire brigade.

The following communication prepared by J. Bellangee for the COURIER was unanimously adopted as expressing the sense of the meeting:

I wish through the COURIER to have a word with those who are interested in the purchase of land for the further growth of Fairhope.

Clearly anticipating a rapid increase of land values in Fairhope and vicinity her people sought and obtained options on some bay front lands that seemed necessary for her further expansion.

These lands can be purchased for Fairhope, as have all her other holdings so far, only by voluntary contributions from those interested in the experiment here being made.

To secure funds for this purpose the writer in the spring of 1908 started for a tour though the north and east and remained in the field the rest of the year. He was successful in that trip in raising in money, contributions of boat stock and pledges nearly three thousand dollars. Out of this his expenses were paid and a wage of one dollar per day for the time engaged.

In 1904 he made another trip through the Mississippi valley which, though not so successful as the former, resulted in sufficient, including pledges, to cover the remaining option held by the Colony.

When that point was reached the writer returned home having found of course that his per diem was not sufficient to bear his personal expenses of clothing, life insurance and other fixed charges which he had to meet, not to mention loss of time.

There are a few pledges which do not mature until the last of the year but they will no doubt be promptly met.

Full payment has been made on all the lands on which we held options except one very desirable tract of 40 acres looking out onto the bay. On that piece the option expired April 30, 1905, but happily we were able to have it extended one year. We have paid upon it, however, $500, a balance of $550 remaining with interest from April 1905. Of course it was to be expected that some would be slow in meeting their pledges and a few might repudiate them altogether, but there are still unpaid all told $550. The reason for this seems to lie in the question that some have raised whether they are morally bound to pay their subscriptions since the impression has been made on them that the policy of the Corporation has been changed. I have received a number of letters to that purport and some, who no doubt feel that way, have not answered my notice that their pledges were due.

They argue in express terms that they should not be expected to contribute to the purchase of land in order that a few individuals might derive from it the benefit of the unearned increment which ought to go to the whole community. This logic is correct but their premises are not well taken. No such change of policy has been made.

There was, it is true, a protest made on the part of some of the tenants against the rents assessed by the council, and complaints concerning other matters, but the rentals as finally approved in my judgment do take the unearned increment as nearly as it can be estimated. As for the other matters complained of, the trouble was more fancied than real, and both sides to the controversy seem equally zealous that justice to all should be done.

This protest was prompted by a variety of motives: some there were who, while fully adhering to the general policy of Fairhope to take the whole unearned increment for the public uses, yet nevertheless felt that the proposed schedule of rents exceeded that amount. The Council is by no means infallible and may have erred.

I am convinced that quite a large number signed the protest without much analysis of the subject, but simply through a reluctance on their part to pay the amount assessed to themselves. They did not really weigh thoroughly the equities in the case, but took it for granted that a less amount would suit them better. They did not realize that less for them meant less for others to pay and less for the whole to receive in public service.

I have all along contended for the general principle that if you give a man his chance he will be willing to do his share, and I am still inclined to think that these cases which seem to me to be exceptions to that rule were so only from lack of thoughtful and careful study of what duty required.

Then there are a large number who are holding more land than they need or can profitably use and they feel it to be a hardship for them to pay full use value for what they cannot fully use. They may have improvements on it to sell and wish to hold it until they can sell at a profit.

We are all so accustomed to see real estate handled at a profit that even the most devoted of single taxers find it unnatural to part with real estate holdings except at a gain. And yet the single tax was designed to bring about just that condition so that places will sell for no more than the improvements are worth. Therefore wherever the single tax shall be successfully put into practice it will not only work a revolution in our system of land holding but necessarily also in our habits of thought as well.

Nearly all of us, and the writer is included in the number, have taken at first more land than we needed and some have spent time and money for improvements of little salable value because they are not adapted to the situation. They have to be sacrificed at considerable loss, and pending the effort to realize on them, high or even moderate rents are a great inconvenience. Such a situation is apt to dampen one's enthusiasm for the single tax or anything else that seems to increase the necessity for a quick sale.

But a little reflection will show that one should meet such a case with the same inflexible regard for the rights of the public as he would be bound to employ if the case were otherwise. In other words no one can rightfully lay upon the single tax the burdens which the errors of his own judgment impose.

The above classes embrace the larger part of the disaffected. I think they are for the most part reconciled to the reasonableness of the assessment and except for the fear of other rapid r ses would be satisfied. Of course a change in land values ought to bring with *it* a

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change in assessment. That all admit, but it is so easy for one to take council of his fears and get frightened over imaginary dangers. If the assessments are properly made and the monies are properly expended, whatever increase is made will simply increase the public benefits in which all will share and if the values of the lands increase and rents do not, some individuals will get that increase while others will not.

There were a few who argued that the whole of the unearned increment should not be taken, admitting that our principle was good if we did not go too far, but discussion has shown that if we do not take all the unearned increment for the public which creates it whatever is left will go to individuals who have not earned it.

All of these classes who had not learned to appreciate our plan were at first inclined to feel that the system was oppressive and suspected selfish motives on the part of those in charge, but they see now that the leaders of the radicals are willing to swallow as large doses of their own medicine as they would administer to others.

With all of the above of discontented, single taxers inside and outside of Fairhope ought to be patient. As the benefits of our policy become more apparent we feel sure they will become its hearty supporters. Experience, with free, candid and dispassionate discussion will bring us all to the truth, and it is the only way we can reach it. There never was and never will be any real danger to Fairhope from such a consideration of its merits.

The real danger in our recent trouble was caused by the introduction of personal dislikes and ambitions. Of course they were really foreign to the issue and could only becloud it. Sober second thought, I thiuk, has convinced all that no good can come from such a course.

But there was another menace. A few—and, I believe, a very few—sought to take advantage of the situation to disrupt the Corporation and change the system. As soon as their purpose was known, however, the sentiment of all classes revolted against their program because of its unworthy motive and because of the fact that it would work great hardship to those who had all of their resources in improvements and would be without means to buy the land that they had improved.

It should be borne in mind that the population of Fairhope is rapidly increasing, has, in fact, more than doubled in the past two years; that we are yet strangers to each other; that many of the new comers were entirely without knowledge of the single tax, and that even the oldest residents have scarcely learned how best to adjust themselves to the conditions of a new system and a new country. It is not more than might be expected, that some of them would take alarm at the rapid increase of land values, and would fail to see that such rapid increase was a measure of their prosperity and would come back to them in public services.

Nor was it reasonable to hope, however desirable it might be, that in Fairhope, any more than in other communities, there should be an entire absence of the ordinary frailties of human nature, which would manifest themselves in envies, jealousy and suspicion. The remedy here, as elsewhere, for those evils, is free and frank discussion of all public policies and an unselfish administration of public affairs.

As a general proposition, it is safe to say that the public will not carefully investigate the details of the public service, though it is quick to resent any injury, either real or imagined. This characteristic calls for patience and forbearance on the part of all.

Fairhope is prospering. Events have shown that the estimate of land values fixed by the Council and as finally adopted, is not in excess of what investors and the general public recognizes as just. The changes of holdings and the new leases taken out have demonstrated that the demand for land which the investigation of the Council led them to anticipate, is really in existence.

In face of the outcry and in spite of it Fairhope has increased in population and wealth since the last schedule of rents was adopted —as rapidly as in any like period of her existance. This fact is evident to all who have long resided here, and even the newer residents see promise of future prosperity in a wise and harmonious application of her policy and realize that in the future, as it has been in the past, her success will depend upon her keeping faith with those who laid her foundations and with those who have so generously assisted to extend her borders by adhering to that policy of taking all of the unearned increment for public uses.

Many regret having had anything to do with the protest, nearly all sincerely deprecate the criminations and personalities that were introduced and the ill feeling engendered and most of us on both sides have learned a much needed lesson of forbearance and patient tolerance. Fairhope will not abandon her principles. The loyalty of her people is greater today than it was one year ago and they understand each other much better. She will continue to give the world an object lesson in the single tax as far as possible under existing laws, and she will be the home of those who believe in equalizing opportunities by her rentals, and affording to all equal benefit by her public services. She will make mistakes, but will rectify them as soon as she discovers them. I hope that in this instance she has learned the salutory lesson to avoid as far as possible unnecessary debts.

Now, one word to those who have pledged assistance, and to those who contemplate helping us buy more land. It was for this last word that this has been written in the hope that it will answer the purpose and save the expense of a large correspondence about the matter.

No one need offer any excuse for not contributing to our land fund. Fairhope is no beggar. She simply undertakes to administer as best she may all land you may put in her hands. All who live within her borders will share equally in the public service that will be maintained out of the rents of the lands you contribute, and thus she will illustrate for you the justice and beauty of the single tax.

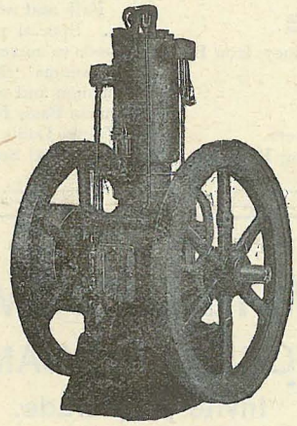
You, in so far as you will assist us, will share in the glory of our achievements; but we, if we make mistakes, will alone bear the blame. If you wish to give we will accept the trust in good faith. If for any reason you do not desire to give, no excuse is needed. None has been asked in the past and none is needed now. Fairhope simply wishes to co-operate with the friends of her policy and she distinctly declines to importune them or dictate what they shall do. With equal emphasis she refuses to change her course to suit those who wish for her discomfiture.

We recognize that there are many other ways to help the single tax, but this is our way—you may have another— and your contributions ought to follow your choice, while our faith directs our effort.

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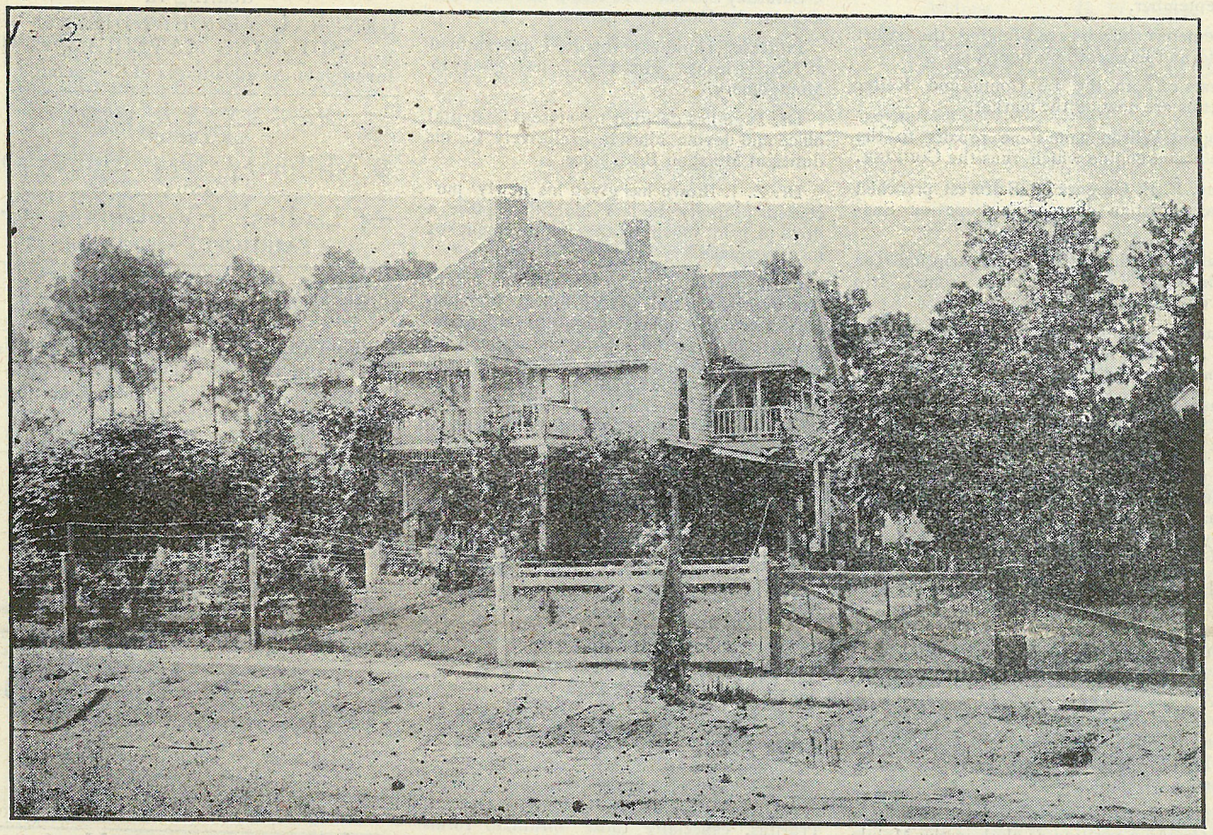
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"THE GABLES"

WE ARE PLEASED to present to our readers a picture of the newly finished home of our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Comings, erected on the lot formerly owned by Mrs. Sykes, and in part an addition to her home. Although this house was not built with the slightest idea of competing with anyone, or with any attempt at getting ahead of others, it is by common consent called the finest house in town, both in appearance and finish. It was quite an achievement to add so much to an old house and have it look, when finished, like a new structure, with little or no suggestion of the old. It has been worked out in a most pleasing manner and is a credft to the town. The interior of the house is equally attractive, being finished largely in the natural pine, with some unique and original features, and furnished in a style that, while simple in the extreme, is substantial and gives an air of comfort and elegance to the whole. The high, dry location, with the large pine grove in the rear, affords ideal atmospheric conditions, which, combined with the comforts and quiet of a real home, make this a spot rarely equalled for our Northern visitors who are seeking health and recreation. Connected with the same lot are three smaller cottages, and all will be devoted to making a sanitary home, under the charge of a competent manager, where those who wish for ideal conditions for rest and health will feel eminently at home.

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August 26 to 27, Great Falls, Montana.
August 28 to 31, Helena, Montana.
September 1 and 2, Butte, Montana.

Mr. White will be able to fill a few dates after closing his Butte engagement, en route to Chicago. Address Mr. F. H. Monroe, 610 Steinway Hall, Chicago, for particulars.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See Creswell's ad on last page.

Keep it in mind—we sell furniture.—Mershon Bros.

Souvenir views of all kinds. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Banner patterns will be on sale at Call's in September.

Plenteous showers are bringing the sweet potato and hay crops on finely.

Pears of both the Le Conte and Keifer varieties are now on the market.

Eugene Wilson made some repairs to the little steam engine which runs the COURIER.

Rev. E. E. Gregory of Belforest preached at the Christian church Fairhope on Sunday.

Take the delightful round trip on the "Fairhope" Sunday evening; round trip fare only 25 cents.

Tuesday nights Miss Cora Woods will conduct a dancing school in the Fairhope hall beginning next Tuesday.

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The Mershon, Gaston and Littlefield families had a picnic dinner at the Littlefield home on Tuesday, the occassion being the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Nathaniel Mershon.

We have by far the best line of iron beds that ever came across the bay to our big state of Baldwin. We can sell them from $3 to $12. Come in and look over our stock. Mershon Brothers.

Archie Littlefield went to Mobile on Tuesday to take a position as clerk in the Mobile post office. Archie is a good steady boy and we hope will make as good a record as his elder brother who is now one of the head men in the Mobile office.

The Fairhope is off this week undergoing repairs for her annual inspection. The Pleasure Bay is coming up by Fairhope in the morning and going direct from here to the city and comes up here from Battles after landing there in the evening.

Mr. Wood's Schooner "Good Luck" has been hauled out, thoroughly overhauled and refitted where necessary, and treated to a coat of white paint, much more attractive than the former somber hue. She is available now for charter for business or excursion trips, or can be purchased reasonably.

Mr. E. W. Jefferson has been having good success with his garden this season and has found an eager market for anything he has had to sell. Things that have done particularly well for him are strawberries, corn, melons and beans, especially the wonder bush lima beans. He has second crops of nearly everything coming on finely now. He is also eating peaches now from trees grown from seed brought with him when he came here in the fall of 1903. The seed sprouted in the spring of 1904, and the trees are therefore less than 18 months old and have been transplanted once. How is that for rapidity of getting into fruit?

You should examine that 50 cent overall at Creswell's.

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New line of apron ginghams at Creswell's 5 cents per yard.

Special discount on all summer hats and shirt waist suits at Calls.

Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Professor Dinkins is reported quarantined at New Orleans. His family has gone to Montgomery.

Dr. Page has decided to close his dental office and devote himself exclusively to his duties at Mershon Bros. store.

Dr. Z. J. Brown has given his newly purchased property the late McMillan place a dress of paint much to the improvement of its appearance.

Corn equal to Iowa or Kansas, was exhibited by Mr. Lightall of Marlow at Mershon Bros. store the other day and it is ripe now ready to be gathered leaving the ground available for another crop. Corn does well here and more of it should be grown. With corn selling at retail at 60 to 75 cents per bushel, it would not take many bushels to the acre to pay well.

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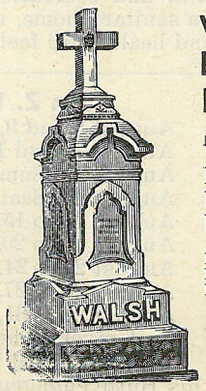
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Mr. C. E. Burgess was in town to have a dermoid cist removed Wednesday—Drs. Showalter and Hail performed the operation.

Wagons! Wagons! We sell the celebrated Weber wagons in four different styles. Call and see them and get *prices*. Mershon Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilson and baby Edith Virginia, are visiting Mrs. Wilson's parents Mr. and Mrs. Griffin at their beautiful farm home.

The ladies of the V. I. C. will serve ice cream on the veranda at "The Gables" home of Mr. and Mrs. Comings, on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, August 12, for the benefit of the school.

Lost, Wednesday, July 19, between Fairhope and Marlow. A pair of gold rimmed eye glasses with gold chain and hair pin attached. A suitable reward will be given anyone leaving the same at this office.

The Arts and Crafts Society will meet with Mrs. S. H. Comings on Wed. evening August 9. Business meeting at 8 o'clock. It is hoped that every member will be present; quarterly dues (10 cents) are now in order.

The water-works committee had a meeting on Monday evening and Messrs. Littlefield and Gaston were appointed a committee to revise the former subscription toward a water system to conform to the plan of making subscriptions advance payment on water rents.

Superintendent of Lands and Highways Bancroft has done some excellent work on Magnolia avenue from Mrs. Howlands down to Bay View avenue and at very little expense. It is to be regretted that we do not feel able at present to put the avenue in order up to Section street.

Father Knowles has been in attendance at the Farmers' Institute at Auburn. His was the first familar face for the editor to see on his trip home. He came on the train at Auburn with Professor Cary and a party of Institute attendants bound for Booker Washington's great school at Tuskegee. The meeting was very pleasant to the editor and seemed to be so to Father Knowles.

When the Fairhope is running there are now five boats running regularly to the eastern shore, the Dolive, Carney and Zyara of the Eastern Shore Transportation Co.; the Pleasure Bay and the Fairhope. Three of them touch at Fairhope. Quite a change since a few years ago, when there were but two boats in the summer and but one for eight months of the year. The business has grown largely but not enough to afford profitable business for anything like so much steamboat property.

NOTICE

With yellow fever in New Orleans and other Southern ports, great pains should be taken to put our town in as sanitary a condition as possible. Clean up and disinfect your outhouses and barns and pigpens—if you have any—and see no stagnant water is allowed to breed mosquitos, the conceded cause of the infection. C. K. Brown, Supt. of Public Health.

The Pleasure Bay will leave Mobile for Fairhope direct on Sunday, the 6th, at 9 a. m., and leave Fairhope for Mobile at 8 p. m.

We are at a loss to understand what rule, if any, governs officers of the steamboat inspection service in their allowance of passengers to steam vessels. The Carney, a staunch, roomy, double decked boat, 125 ft long and with good beam, we note is allowed but 300 passengers, while at Brunswick, the Attaquin, a little steamer only six ft. longer than the Fairhope, or 90 ft. in length, was allowed 300 and several small propellers about the size of the Fairhope, but with two decks, were allowed 200 to 250 passengers. The same was the case at New York, at Trenton, N. J. and at Philadelphia.

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Considerable news and editorial matter is crowded out by our cut and special advertising matter this issue, which the editor regrets—though it suits the business manager the best kind. It takes the advertising to meet the Saturday night bills.

The editor is advised that during his absence an injustice was done his fellow editor Mr. Norton, of *The Standard* in accusing him of "flip-flopping" around on the bond question and finally favoring a bond issue, at the late good roads rally. The language was not such as the editor would have used even if he had believed it justified and is particularly regretted because of the assurance that it was not justified. The foundation for the statement was the not unnatural assumption that because the committee of which Mr. Norton was a member, reported a resolution favoring a bond issue, he favored it, whereas we are assured he opposed the resolution in the committee, though not feeling called upon at the time to make a minority report. We regret that the COURIER should have done Mr. Norton this injustice.

THE EDITOR HOME AGAIN

The editor arrived home on Sunday evening, July 30, having greatly enjoyed his brief trip, but glad to be at home again. We spent from Thursday to Sunday morning at New York, meeting Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Crosby, Messrs. Pleydell, J. J. Murphy, J. R. Brown, G. L. Rusby, S, E. Gooding, Jos. Dana Miller of the Single Tax Review, and Mr. Cook of the Red Bank, N. J., Register. Also had the great pleasure of meeting there John H. Blakeney, of Binghamton, N. Y.—than whom Fairhope and the COURIER has no more devoted friend. Mr. Powell also came over from Philadelphia to meet us there. We greatly desired to meet others of our New York and Brooklyn friends, and to see the Fairhope Baseball Club of Brooklyn play a game; but the city is too big and the time too short. Among the pleasantest incidents of the New York visit were dining with Mr. Blakeney, as guests of Mr. Murphy, at the "National Arts Club," of which he is a member, and on another evening with those charming people, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Crosby; also a very unexpected meeting, in company with Mr. Powell, with Messrs. Rusby and Brown, on the banks of the Hudson, and taking tea with the party at Mr. Brown's home near by.

With Mr. Powell, we left New York Sunday morning for Philadelphia, going over the Pennsylvania to New Brunswick, N. J., thence by fast trolley line through a beautiful country to Trenton, N. J., and thence down the historic Delaware by steamer to Philadelphia, arriving there after 10 p. m. As we passed the city hall, on the car bound for Mr. Powell's home, we saw some of the single-tax faithful (among them Messrs. Ryan, Ross, and Schaefer, as we afterward learned), holding an open air meeting, but we were so weary and the hour so late that we did not join them but kept on our way.

Philadelphia has a leaven of righteousness in as zealous and devoted a lot of single taxers as are to be found in any American city, and among them some of Fairhope's staunchest and most helpful friends. To Messrs. Powell, Ross, and Ryan we were indebted for many kindnesses during our brief stay. Among the many whom we would have liked to see there, we were only able to see, besides these, Messrs. Shandrew, Schaefer, Tawresy, Maurice Fels, D. S. Brown, Harold Sudell; and Mr. Powell's chief assistant, J. N. Dix; also Mr. Haworth, our Miss Haworth's brother, not a confirmed single taxer, but greatly interested; and Mr. D. D. Chidester, not wearing the "single-tax label," but who has been one of Fairhope's most helpful friends, and is deeply interested in every well intended effort to benefit mankind. Of course, too, we saw again Mrs. Powell and her daughters—she and Miss Ola having arrived only about ten days earlier. Miss Ivy, as their many friends will be glad to hear, was taken home from the hospital during my stay, and is rapidly recovering from her illness with typhoid fever. Mr. Powell is doing a grand work in the vacant lots and school garden work, personally helpful to thousands in untold degree and of immeasurable educational value. About 1800 families are being assisted to self support by the vacant lot gardens this year, and over 3000 school gardens are being cultivated this year in Philadelphia, the direct result of his efforts.

Extracts From Letter of Mrs. Munroe

We are permitted to quote the following interesting and complimentary observations regarding Fairhope, from a letter of our appreciated late visitor, Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe, of Washington, to a friend.

"According to the United States geodetic survey, on the east side of Mobile Bay for a distance of less than twenty miles, are the highest lands along the coast from Mexico to New Jersey, and on some of this high land is situated Fairhope. Mobile Bay is a beautiful body of water, which one never tires of watching on account of its ever changing appearance. The west shore, along which the city of Mobile is located, visible day and night, looks usually like a broad band of deep blue ribbon, and the water one time light, again deep green, again blue, and every shade of gray, then silvery, reflecting the fleecy clouds. The sunsets are wonderfully beautiful, and sometimes make the Bay look like a flood of gold.

"The water is delightful, as is also the beach for bathing, not salty all the time, but always so after a stiff east wind, which sweeps up the salt water from the Gulf of Mexico. I have bathed in the Atlantic from the light house at St. Augustine, Florida, to Asbury Park, New Jersey, but for pleasant temperature of the water, smoothness and safety of the beach, nowhere is the bathing anything like so fine as here.

* * "The climate of Alabama, and especially about here, I am told is almost perfect, and certainly this July weather has been as fine as any I have ever experienced."

After quoting conversations with several Fairhopers, Mrs. Munroe continues:

"No effort is being made to "boom" Fairhope as a health resort; in fact, some persons are averse to wanting invalids to settle here. All the same, a better situation for a fine winter resort for elderly or half invalid people, especially persons suffering from

nervousness, in my opinion cannot be found anywhere in this country. For over thirty years I have been spending my thirty days annual leave away from Washington, and no where have I found the absolute relaxation I have enjoyed here. Alabama is rightly named, for truly "Here we Rest."

After a charming description of a visit to an old time southern plantation, the writer continues:

"The settlers of Fairhope are interesting people from almost everywhere. To tell you of a few of these would make too long a letter. All of the people I have so far met are above the average in intelligence and education, very many are graduates of our best colleges and universities, and appear to want to make the world better for their having lived. Being a native of Virginia, and knowing of its proverbial hospitality, I can say from experience that the people here are not lacking in that virtue. I have not been more kindly treated anywhere."

A Letter from New Zealand

AUCKLAND, N. Z., JUNE 22, 1905

DEAR MR. GASTON:

Many thanks for the copies of the COURIER which you sent with the booklets. I enclose one dollar for which please send me the FAIRHOPE COURIER in the future.

I will send you a short article on the Rating Unimproved Values in New Zealand by next mail as I am so very busy just now that I cannot get time to write anything.

I am sorry to hear of the friction that appears to be going on at Fairhope just now and trust that a satisfactory settlement will be arrived at. I was pleased to see that the association has given the tenants a voice in the expenditure of the public money. I think it is an evidence of the liberalism of the management of the association. If the tenants can spend the money that they pay in rent as it suits them I don't see what else they want, for however high their rents may be the money comes back to them again in the form of public services. No doubt the whole unimproved value should be taken for public services but care should be exercised to see that the rents are not based on any high speculative value. As to the proposal to let the tenants fix their own rents, if this were done there would be no guarantee that the colony would be a Single Tax one any longer. If any of the tenants wish to have a say in fixing their rents let them join the association.

I am deeply interested in your experiment, and trust that, in the spirit of our late leader Henry George, all matters of difference will be dealt with from a standpoint of justice. Everyone in our family reads the COURIER and I wish you every success in your excellent little paper.

Yours Faithfully,
GEORGE STEVENSON.

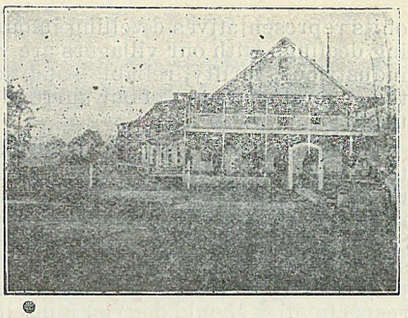
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EDITOR COURIER:

As many others are now given opportunity to speak through your columns, your consideration is respectfully requested for the remarks following upon a matter which may rightfully be regarded a neglected part of the education of our young people as to morals and manners, and to be urged in a friendly spirit, upon the attention of our older citizens who serve as exemplars to these, This is the inconsiderate, contemptuous way, all but universal, of speaking of our colored neighbors as "niggers" and this openly and unreservedly in public places where they are often to be found within hearing.

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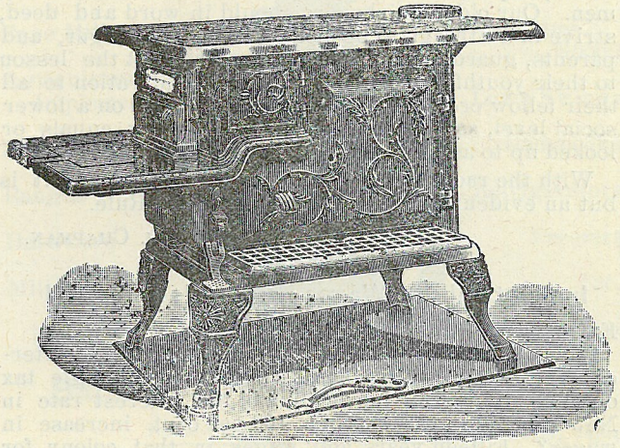
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of its representatives dwelling in our environs and having dealings with our villagers are very worthy people industrious, thrifty, reliable—and this may be said as the general character of our surrounding colored population

These people, though adjudged inferior, have, under their dark skins, human feeling in some degree like to us whites; and are undoubtedly hurt by hearing their race so continually referred to in terms of contempt. Such the term "nigger" evidently is, It is beside, a slang word, proper only in the mouths of ignorant people, and no person of any pretension to education and respectability should demean himself or herself by its use.

The fact that the word is heard from colored people themselves is no argument or excuse for its use by whites; for with individuals of their own race, this must be with a different motive from that which actuates those of the more favored race, and must produce a quite different impression upon those it is intended to designate.

Our young people should be, therefore, taught to eschew the word as in itself vulgar, and its careless utterance in the hearing of those referred to by it as inconsiderate, unfeeling, discourteous and unchristian, an offense to good manners and good morals.

As it is, such an idea seems never to have entered their heads, and the offense is too recurrent.

This should not be in a reform community, North or South, of people seeking to better the relations among men. Our older Fairhopers should in word and deed, strive in all things to be models to those younger, and parents, guardians and teachers not neglect the lesson to their youthful charges of kindly consideration to all their fellow creatures, as well toward those on a lower social level, as to those received as their equals or looked up to as superiors.

With the race question this has nothing to do, it is but an evident requirement of the Golden Rule.

Frederick Wm. Chapman.

Interest Falls as Wages Rise in New Zealand

Editor Courier:

How do those who believe that the commercial interest rate will rise as wages rise (even when single tax obtains) account for the decline of the interest rate in New Zealand in the face of a 100 per cent. increase in wages? Fifteen years ago wages in that colony for common labor was $1.25 per day of ten hours, or twelve and one-half cents per hour. Today the minimum wage is $2 for eight hours, or 25 cents per hour, or just double. Many receive $2.25 to $2.50 per day of eight hours, or 125 per cent more than 15 years ago. Yet the interest rate has declined.

Mr. James H. B. Coates, general manager, in New Zealand, of the National Bank of New Zealand, at the annual meeting of the directors in London a year ago said: "In 1893 the population of New Zealand was 672, 000; in 1903 it was 832,000. In 1893 the land under cultivation amounted to ten million acres; in 1903 this area had increased to 13,500,000 acres.....The deposits in the banks and saving banks in 1803 were 18, 400, 000 pounds and in 1903 these figures had grown to 26, 800,000 pounds. .....There has been no phenomenal pouring in of capital into the colony. .....There has been no inrush of capital from private lenders ..If money is plentiful in the colony—and it is—it is mainly because the colonists have made it by sheer industry .....This great proportional increase has been achieved in the first place by better settlement and subdivision of the land. New Zealand is fast becoming a country of small and moderate size land owners. In 1890 her occupied holdings numbered 45,000; in 1903 they were 66,000.....Undoubtedly the comparatively low rate of interest ruling has been in favor of cultivators.....A fair estimate shows that the output of the colony's factories and workshops has grown enormously in the ten years mentioned and the number of hands employed from about 28,300 to nearly 65,000. That the earnings of the people are not unthriftily handled by them is shown by the figures of the savings banks. The deposits of these were under 4,000,000 pounds in 1893, and have swelled to 8,000,000 pounds in ten years ..private wealth has risen from 232 pounds per capita in 1893 to 297 pounds in 1903."

The question above propounded pertains to a "condition, not a theory." Must not we make our theory conform to facts?

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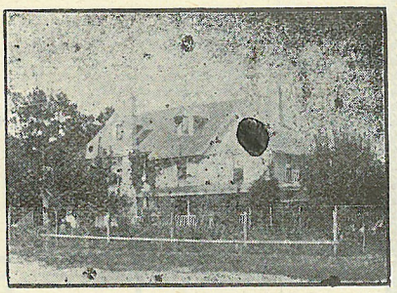
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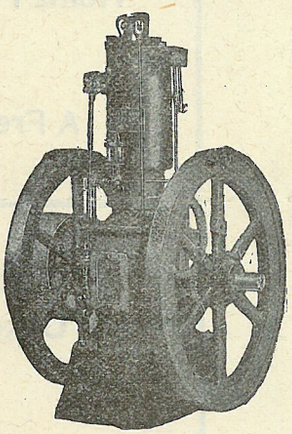
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That Texas Land: Sell it or Lease It?

Editorial in New York American.

Mr. S. Pauli of this city, writes to the editor of this paper a letter which we think it may be better to summarize and answer than to print in full. The letter refers to an editorial printed in the *American* recently, in regard to a great lot of public land offered by the State of Texas for sale to actual settlers. It may be interesting to readers of this paper to know that as a result of this editorial, letters, telegrams and telephone messages in large numbers have come into this office requesting further details. This seems to show that the American people are still land hungry.

The State of Texas proposes to sell this land at a very moderate price. Mr. Pauli asks why it would not be better to lease the land in perpetuity with the right to periodically increase the rental. The State offers this land now—six million acres—at a dollar an acre. Our correspondent asks why not rent it for 5 per cent. on that amount? If it is the desire of the State to secure settlers, certainly these settlers can be more easily secured by renting them the land than by exacting $160 from each man who wants 160 acres. And as the settlers come in, the land, so our correspondent suggests, will become more valuable and the income to the State will be increased. So far as the occupier of the land is concerned under such a system, he would be no worse off than if he had bought the land. Indeed, he would be better off, for the money which he would have to pay to the state for a full title, he could use to build his cabin and put up his fences. If anything went wrong, his lease would be as salable as his land.

This is the view of a correspondent of the American. For our own part, it seems to us to be very well taken. If the state of Texas wants the greatest number of actual settlers rather than a few owners of great ranches, its authorities might well take this proposition into consideration.

Lessees Meeting on Monday Evening

The lessees meeting, July 24th, adjourned to meet the second Monday in August, the special order being to hear the report of its committee on water works, composed of C. E. Littlefield, Dr. H, C. Borst and W. S. Baldwin, appointed to confer with the committee previously appointed by the Council.

The joint committees met and appoined C. E. Littlefield and E. B. Gaston a sub-committee to revise the plan under which about a thousand dollars was subscribed toward a water plant last winter.

The report of the sub-committee has been approved by the joint committees and was also approved in its general features by the Council on last Monday evening.

It is believed to be a practical plan, in line with what appears to be the prevailing sentiment in the matter and it is hoped that there will be a full meeting of the members and lessees to pass upon it.

An adequate water supply is very greatly needed, and can be had, if the people will pull together to the desired end.

Will You Help?

This is a personal question, addressed to you, not your neighbor, by the members of the Village Improvement Club. Our streets are continually in a slovenly disorderly condition from papers blowing about, uncut weeds and various sorts of debris scattered about.

In a short time receptacles for waste papers will be placed on the streets; will you not see to it that papers are put in them instead of being thrown to the winds to be carried into every corner and crevice of the town? Our unkept streets are always a source of wonder and comment to our visitors and it is only by concerted action that this can be remedied.

We are glad to note in one or two sections of the town indications of a civic pride that has led to a general "clarin up." Let us emulate the good example set us and make of our village as bright an example of civic reform as it is of reform in other directions.

The V. I. C.

The "Hog Nuisance"

There is a strong and increasing indignation in Fairhope over the nuisance of swine and goats running free in our streets. Naturally there are no stock laws passed in new settlements while most of the land is uncultivated. People are then willing to submit to the necessity of fencing in their gardens and fields, tho' on the face of it it is absurd. The thing to be confined is the creature that can run about, destroy and steal, not the immovable and well behaved garden or orchard. The evil here of loose-ranging stock is intolerable.

Of course we are not without sympathy for the impecunious settler who may have little income save from his stock and to whom the wild lands and broad roads are a boon. But, as long as the laws of the state of Alabama permit free range of cattle, if they lay waste a whole garden or field and the exasperated owner destroys a single hog or goat he lays himself liable to heavy damages—This has already occurred.

Again, while we have no protection against goats and swine it is useless to plant trees or hedges along our streets. This has really been our severest trial. It is deplored by every one having a sign of civic pride in his make-up; for, as long as the "hog nuisance" continues we must endure the barren and untidy condition of our streets—a great detriment to our thriving town.—M. H.

We have received with much regret, notice from his widow, of the death, at Amsterdam, Holland, on July 5, 1905, after a short illness, of Carel Victor Gerritsen. Mr. Gerritsen was one of the most prominent workers in the land reform movement in his country. He was a member of Parliament, member of the Provincial States of North Holland, and member of the Amsterdam Municipality. He had gathered one of the largest collections of sociological works extant, a large part of which was secured last year by the John Crerar Library, of Chicago. He was greatly interested in Fairhope and had been a reader of the COURIER for some time.

John Z. White's Pacific Coast Tour

August 13, Seattle, Washington
August 14 to 15, Everett, Washington.
August 17 to 20, Spokane, Washington.
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Just received at Robac's store—sausage, 12c pound; tinware, graniteware, window shades, boys' suits, etc.

Miss Mary Gould left last week for an extended visit with her sister, Dr. Edith G. Fosnes, at Des Moines, Iowa.

The mother of Mr. J B. Dortch of Sea Cliff, died at his home there on Monday and was taken to Mobile for interment.

With the frequent showers we are having lookout for tin cans, old pails and jars which hold water for mosquito hatcheries.

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The Henry George Club will meet on Thursday the 11th, with Mrs. Gaston on Magnolia ave. All members are urged to be present and all ladies interested in economic reform are cordially invited.

Fairhope camp Woodmen of the World, held its regular monthly meeting, on Tuesday evening. The occasion was made especially pleasant by a visit from Consul Commander Ed. Grace, of Daphne camp, and a party of his fellow sovereigns.

The Fairhope friends of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McMillan, of Stockton, heard with great regret of the death, which occurred at their Stockton home, on July 21, of their 14 year old son, Darington, with whom they spent some time at Fairhope this summer.

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The Brown (F. L.) and Braam residences have been connected with the colony telephone system much to their convenience and that of their many friends.

Their are no mosquitoes in Fairhope save as they are bred by householders on their premises in neglected cisterns, or water barrels, or in overlooked cans, broken dishes, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith and family are taking a well earned vacation this week in the shape of an outing on the gulf beach. Mrs. and Miss Davy who resided here for a little while, now of Citronelle, are with them.

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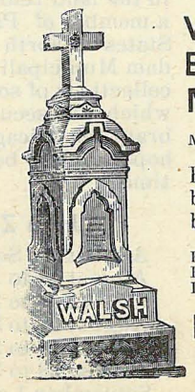
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Jake Smit left on last Friday to join the rest of the family at St. Louis.

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Robert Cain has rented the room in the corner of the lumber shed on the beach, for a fish market.

Mr. A. P. Clark of Mobile has accepted the position of head clerk at Frank Creswell's store, and is a new Fairhope resident.

Miss McKeon visited the family of A. H. Mershon from Tuedsay evening to Thursday morning. She has been in Mobile for several months.

The little son of Mrs. Hall, who occupied one of the Capt. Nichols cottages, fell Monday and sustained severe bruises and cuts about the face. Dr. Sheldon was called to make the necessary repairs.

Dr. Page has absolutely closed his dental business to devote himself to his duties at Mershon Bros store, thus leaving an opening for some hustling young dentist to move in here and build up a practice.

Everybody patronize the ladies ice cream social at "The Gables" tomorrow afternoon and evening; proceeds for the benefit of the school.

The Golson family, who occupied Miss Haworth's cottage on Magnolia ave., for a little more than a month, have returned to Mobile, but their place was immediately taken by the family of Mr. J. P. Kennedy, also of Mobile.

The family of Mr. W. H. Bryant, of Mobile, manager of the Home Telephone Co., have moved into the Black cottage on section street. Mrs. Lucy Stapleton, (Mrs. Bryant's mother,) and her daughter Miss Elma, are with the Bryants.

Engineer DeKalb, of the Fairhope, who is a regular visitor to the Y. M. C. A., brought about a half score of its members over on Sunday. They were delighted with Fairhope—especially the bathing—and could hardly be dragged out of the water.

Rev. Claude Hill, the popular and energetic pastor of the first Christian Church, of Mobile, who is summering with his family at Fairhope, preached at the church last Sunday morning. Rev. Hill was obliged to return from a trip to Kansas City and other northern points on account of an attack of illness but is feeling much improved since his return.

The Fairhope Band gave a delightful program at the beach platform on last Sunday, assisted by Messrs J. K. Simmers and Herman Stemerdink of Mobile and a male quartet composed of Messrs. A. M. Dealy, Pilcher, O'Connor and Gaston. Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink played several beautiful selections on violin and guitar and Mr. Simmers sang to a guitar accompaniment by Mr. Stemerdink. They are both great favorites at Fairhope. The band played excellently. Mr. Gaston took the opportunity to say that while on his late trip he heard the Brunswick Band, of Brunswick, Ga., (A city of 10,000 inhabitants) play at a militia encampment at St. Simons' Island near Brunswick and that it could not compare with the Fairhope Band.

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The Lost Found

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Mrs. Berglin, as is known, was an adopted child of the late Peter Bebolt.

NOTICE

With yellow fever in New Orleans and other Southern ports, great pains should be taken to put our town in as sanitary a condition as possible. Clean up and disinfect your outhouses and barns and pigpens—if you have any—and see no stagnant water is allowed to breed mosquitoes, the conceded cause of the infection. C. K. BROWN, Supt. of Public Health.

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Much space was devoted in late issues to the question of "Interest," and we have yet other communications on the desk. The COURIER is glad to present any reasonable argument touching either side of the question, hoping that someone will eventually present an argument forcible enough to better unite single taxers on this question.

Fairhope's staunch and helpful friend, Mr. Joseph Fels, who spends the greater part of his time now in London, is at his company's Philadelphia headquarters for a short stay, attending to important business matters. He will not be able to visit Fairhope on this trip but hopes to do so on another trip to this side which he will make later in the season. His interest in Fairhope is unabated.

The summer number of the *Single Tax Review* is out, and, as usual, contains a large amount of interesting matter for the single taxer. Fairhope commands again a good deal of its space. Mr. Norton has another article on the Colony; Mr. W. L. Ross comes to its defence in a vigorous letter, and there are also communications on the subject from N. O. Nelson, Secretary G. W. Wood, Daniel Kiefer, F. F. Ingram, J. J. Pastoriza, A. G. Chapman, Mrs. Francis M. Milne and S. Danziger. The editor too, has two or three pages, entitled, "A Reply to Our Critics." In the next issue of the COURIER we shall give some consideration to the articles appearing in the *Review*. In the meantime we urge single taxers who do not get the *Review* to secure copies of the summer number—better subscribe and receive it regularly. Residents of this vicinity can secure the August number of A. M. Dealy & Co., at the post office book and news store.

C. K. Brown Discusses Colony Situation

EDITOR COURIER:

Thanking you for the privilege of hearing from all, I write:

Since reading the last *Single Tax Review* I have done considerable thinking. My conclusion is that the Fairhope plan must be changed. It looks to me like the present plan has gone as far as it can.

There is a lack of harmony and confidence, so that a majority of our people want to sell their homes and leave. This condition has been brought about by the zeal of the officers for the past two years, by their extravagance and bad management; the putting in of the telephone and leaving the people without water.

Then the unprecedented raise of the rents is the straw that broke the camel's back. But the deed has been done and we must meet the issue frankly, openly and squarely.

It is plain that our way is hedged, we must try some other way.

Now Nelson, Norton, Miller and also a letter from Dr. Leverson to us have outliued a plan which I think will work.

Now let us as members and tenants come together as single taxers and friends laying aside previous animosity and work out a plan that will work, and make it as near the single tax as Alabama laws will allow.

The injustice of refunding the state and county taxes on improvements is apparent to all, and as it has to be paid, each had better pay his own.

We can get just as near the single tax one way as another.

Now that the people have got their eyes open we must do away with the membership plan and give all that take colony land a vote.

Some will say when you do this you have given up all the single tax.

No, we can raise all our revenue from the land just as we do now, and the burden will fall evenly upon all according to the privileges they receive.

I believe if all the people had a right to say how much their tax should be and how the money should be expended that they would pay more than they are now paying and do it gladly.

I know something of how this will strike the founders of this colony, and those who have been running it in the past. But the best thing that we can do is to acknowledge that we have made a mistake. Now let us get together to revise our constitution, get on the right track and go ahead.

Most of us have put our little all in here and we want to see a plan adopted that will make a success of Fairhope.

It will not do to say we have made a success. I grant we have made something of a success. But we are up against the stump, shall we work around it or take out the stump?

C. K. BROWN.

The COURIER gladly publishes Mr. Brown's communication. Its columns have been all along open for the discussion of Colony matters from any standpoint. We have wondered that those who object to the Colony's plans or administration have not availed themselves of the opportunity to discuss such matters offered by it, and regretted that they chose instead to send their communications to distant publications, circulating among people having little knowledge of and no personal interest in Fairhope's local affairs.

Mr. Brown's article it seems to us confirms the claim that the essence of the opposition which has lately developed within the colony is hostility to its single tax features, though this has been stoutly denied in some quarters.

Mr. Brown opposes the payment of state and county taxes out of the land rents which he calls, "refunding state and county taxes" and wants each to pay his own.

This is the very vital single tax feature of the colony the only thing that entitles it to be called a "single tax colony." Instead of its "injustice being apparent to all" as Mr. Brown asserts, it is cherished as its vital feature by all the genuine single taxers in the membership. It is a feature to which every member of the colony subscribed in his application for membership, of which every lessee approved by his signature to his lease, to which the colony is legally bound by its constitution and by every lease contract, and in honor bound to every single taxer who has contributed to the

securing of land for administration under that policy.

Mr. Brown's understanding of the single tax may be measured by his statement that "we can get just as near the single tax in one way as another," which is equivalent to saying that we can as well have a dozen taxes under the single tax as one.

With regard to our correspondent's criticism of alleged extravagance and mismanagement we would only observe that if such were justified (which we deny) the remedy was at the time in the hands of the resident members. A referendum to the membership could have been had on any of the acts complained of, on petition of less than a half dozen.

Mr. Brown's criticism of the telephone would have more weight were it not for the fact of his interest—through his son in law, Dr. Hail, if not by personal investment—in a private company, sub-licensee of the Southern Bell. While the late council was getting in the colony telephone system, in harmony with the well defined policy of public control of public utilities it was not overlooking the water matter, but was making its best effort to keep the existing water plant in effective condition while planning for a better one. About $115 of the indebtedness left by the former administration, was for unanticipated expense incurred in the latter part of its term in the effort to keep the present plant in working order. Since then the well has been notoriously out of order, it being the exception, rather than the rule that water could be had from it, but nothing is being done to it. Several months ago one of the new members of the council, who thought he knew what was needed, was directed by the council to do whatever he thought was necessary to put the plant in working order but he did nothing. It is so much easier (with the advantage of hindsight) to criticise the work of others, than to go ahead and do wisely the task that is before.

Mr. Brown says that the "unprecedented raise of the rents was the straw that broke the camel's back," but a little farther along he says that if the people had a right to say how much their tax should be and how the money should be expended, they would "pay more than they are now paying and do it gladly," which is plainly contradictory.

The COURIER heartily endorses Mr. Brown's plea for harmony, but it cannot see how harmony can be hoped for on any other fundamental basis than that to which every member is bound by the constitution and both corporation and lessees are bound by their lease contracts.

His statement that a majority of the lessees desire to sell, is we are sure, very far from the facts in the case.

The COURIER will endeavor to ascertain the exact situation in this regard, from the lessees, and will report the same at an early date.

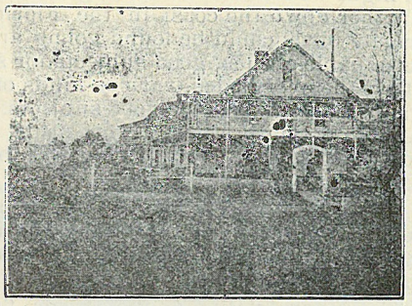
Get the Secret ot the Birds

EDITOR COURIER:

Mr. S. P. Langley has just published his experiments with his ærodrome, and so far as the general public is concerned the record is one of failure. Why he did not achieve a greater measure of success is hard to see, but it is inevitable that the great soaring birds will now come in for study as masters of the art of air navigation. As long as the birds are in the air on motionless wings, man will never abandon the conviction that he can get himself there.

We have in this region about the bay of Mobile, one of the best specimens of soaring to be found anywhere, in the large buzzards, and right now is the time to utilize them. One who has a genius for using the camera, and could get a series of views of these birds in the act

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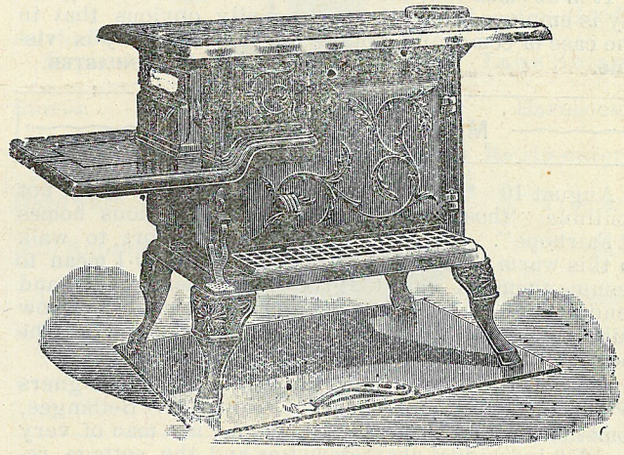
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of flight would have something commercially valuable. Farther down the coast in the Florida peninsula, the frigate birds could be found goimg around in their interminable circles, good subjects for snap shots, while about the everglades, various kinds of cranes, and the gannets, would also be good subjects. If a visit to the Andes of South America were made, and the condors added to the list, it would of course be still more valuable.

The copyright of a book containing a creditable set of such views, with descriptive text would be worth certainly 5000 dollars and it would direct public attention to this method of flight.

The general notion is that birds flap to counteract their weight. When it is shown that the heaviest specimens, from 2 to 25 pounds weight, sustain themselves for hours and days, with no wing motion, it will be evident that nature never intended the wings to react against gravity, by flapping.

Then the answer to the question; "How do the wings keep the bird in the air,?" will also answer the question of artificial flight.

My own conviction after many years study of the performance of the large soaring birds; is that their horizontal flight is a resultant of two simultaneous motions, one of these motions is downward, in which total weight is employed in producing air disturbance under the extended wings, mostly in the form of pressure. Then while gravity is thus employed, the wasting pressure is utilized by the feather construction to push the bird up on the slant of its wings to the level resultant.

It is obvious that the bird has no weight while gravity is employed as above, and equally obvious that in the case of compound motion, the resultant only is visible. I. Lancaster.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

August 10 * * * You ask dear A, why I do not continue "those visits to the unpretentious homes of Fairhope". It is simply because the effort to walk in this warm season is too great. By and by I mean to resume them. I want to give you a description and send you a kodak of Bro. Bellangee's new house—now quite an old one, built two or three years ago. It is the most quaint and foreign looking house in town.

Did you ever think how the mentality of designers is reflected in their houses? Now Mr. Bellangee, sometimes called Professor Bellangee, is a man of very decided individual characteristics and the cottage reveals or suggests this at nearly every point. One thing very original about this pleasant and beautifully situated home is a small, closed in alcove or balcony on the second floor at the rear, for the owner's special delectation. This is for a shower bath in this season of frequent heavy showers he can enjoy it very often. Sitting in his private study at any hour of the day or night, and hearing a brisk rain fall, all he has to do is to doff the semi-tropic raiment of Fairhope climate, open the door or French window, and step out on that little veranda. There all screened from view he may lie down or stand or sit and enjoy the cooling, reviving water, direct from the heavens. I believe there is an arrangement of gutters whereby there may be a heavy stream, or douche, if desired, but I am not sure of this part.

I am thinking of this comrade because he called last evening and over one of Mr. Cope's big, late watermelons, and later on this veranda, he entertained us with reminiscences of his college life, He is a graduate of Michigan University and holds degrees of B. S. and M. S. He taught two years in the University of Illinois, was later, professor of mathematics in the State Normal School of Nebraska and spent several years as principal of schools in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. His last school work was in the Des Moines Collegiate Institute where he had charge of classes of mathematics and other sciences. Now all this is exact because I asked him, specifically, and wrote it down that I might not forget. Teaching is evidently his natural work but he was obliged to give it up on account of loss of hearing in one ear and because his eyes became astigmatic. He regrets that he still retains something of the teacher's dogmatic way of imparting information.

There is no more earnest or sincere friend of our colony, nor a more able or ardent supporter of the principles of the single tax than James Bellangee.

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gle taxers; and you may add that you thought our "woods were full of them."—Well, of course there are many and the converts to the philosophy of Henry George are increasing in every quarter of the globe; but I mention this one because he has labored and suffered for the cause more than others.

My dear D. D. It is weeks since I have been forgetting to tell you about the wonderful cure of Mr. Paton. You read about it in the last COURIER, but I wanted to corroberate all that was claimed there. I never in my life saw any thing more wonderful. He used to come to the Library tho' scarcely able to walk, and when he would leave people would say: "Poor fellow! I guess this will be the last time he will come for books." He looked like a "corpse alive," and every symptom was that of consumption of the lungs in the last stage. *Now he is well, and gaining flesh all the time.*

Baldwin Health Board Resolutions

Baldwin Co. Board of Health met this 4th day of Aug. 1905 at Bay Minette Ala, and adopted the following resolutions:

1. That we repudiate the article in the *Montgomery Advertiser* of even date under caption of "Baldwin, County to act," which says that the State Health Board "has not taken any action to protect Baldwin County," because we have every right to believe that Baldwin County has the same protection as any other county in the state.

2. That if the County Board of Health sees that the measures instituted by the State Board are ineffective at any point the County Board will supplement these measures to such extent as it may deem necessary.

3. That Dr. J. C. McLeod assistant health officer at Bay Minette, is hereby vested with executive power to act in any emergency that may arise.

4. That the Quarantine Board of Mobile Bay be notified that Dr. V. McR. Schowalter being the health officer of Baldwin County is by law the representative of our board and request that his name be enrolled as such in place of Dr. Joseph Hall.

5. That Dr. Joseph Hall be notified of resolution 4 and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to all the papers of Baldwin County.

The Tax That Cures

[From Editorial London, [Eng.] Daily News July 20.]

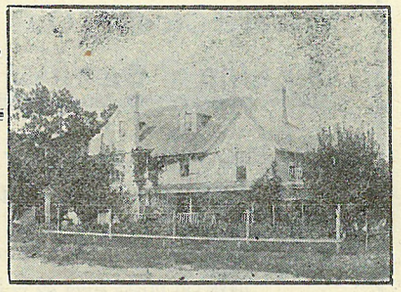
The objects of the English League for the Taxation of Land Values, with which we heartily agree, are vital in the consideration of this and other social problems. A tax on land values is unique among fiscal expedients in that it frees industry instead of restricting it. It attacks the corner in land, which, after all, is the most pernicious and far-reaching corner that has ever been held. For one comparatively lucid moment Mr. Chamberlain called his campaign a fiscal campaign. There could be but one result of an honest fiscal inquiry, and that would be to tax land values. By freeing land it would promote industry and lesson unemployment.

Such a tax could not, as the tariffs which Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Balfour advocate must, dislocate trade or destroy industries. But the day of conjecture is past. The tax has been imposed with every success in New Zealand and the Australian Colonies. In New York separate assessment has been made with ease of improved and unimproved values. The tax is cheaper to collect than an income tax, and infinitely cheaper than a tax on imports. It is impossible that the day of its coming to this country can be longer delayed.

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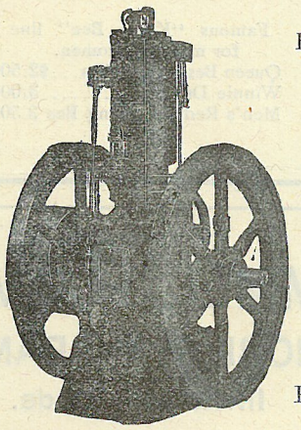
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Our Picture

Our cut this week is of the Fairhope Athletic and Base Ball Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., of which our zealous single tax friend, J. A. Williamson, is manager. The club plays regularly on Sunday afternoon—the only time, we presume, that "the boys" can get together—on its grounds at Thirteenth avenue and Thirty-eighth street, meeting clubs from far and near.



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We were furnished by Manager Williamson with a reading of the players as shown in the picture, but have, to our regret, mislaid it.

MORE READERS AND A LARGER PAPER

Interesting communications from valued correspondents are accumulating on the COURIER's copy hook and the editor is himself keenly feeling the limitation of space for the things he would personally like to say. We would like greatly to increase the size of the paper, having in mind an enlargement which would give at least a third more space for reading matter, as well as room for additional advertising, without greatly increasing the expense, but we can not assume any, with out some increase of revenue in sight. A thousand new subscribers would enable us, not only to make this change, but would give the editor and publisher moderate compensation for his time and investment. A little effort on the part of each of our readers would easily secure these extra subscribers. Every single taxer must be interested in Fairhope's effort to apply the single tax, and tens of thousands of other "reformers" not fully commited to the single tax policy, would be almost as keenly interested if their attention were directed to it. Won't *you* see what *you* can do in this direction—and at once? Note our premium offers. Write for special club rates and sample copies.

APPROVES OF FAIRHOPE

EDITOR COURIER:

I have enjoyed the weekly appearance of the COURIER since the change as well as its less frequent appearance in the time past.

I have watched with much interest the progress of your colony and have frequently felt like writing you a letter of encouragement in the good work you and your associates are doing for the coming generations as well as for the present good and well being of the people who learn of your plans and progress in working them out.

Stafford Springs, Conn. ALVARADO HOWARD.

Citronelle's Trouble

The Citronelle Business Men's Association considering the great need for additional public revenue for that enterprising town, proposed "as a last resort," according to the *Call* "a system of licenses for the business interests,—professions, trades, etc." The business men of Citronelle, are, according to the *Call*, "a liberal set who respond freely to the extent of their means, to every appeal that is made to them if they think it is for the good of the town." But, "a somewhat peculiar condition exists" acording to the *Call*, (it is not in fact peculiar, but most common): "With two or three exceptions, every man in Citronelle, doing business is doing it in a rented building" and it seems to them that "the owner of the building should help bear the expense." The *Call* says: "Their grounds seem well taken. The owner gets the benefit that will come from the enhancement of property more than the renter."

"The value of his stock does not go up in proportion as real estate advances, therefore he is helping bear a burden, the benefit of which goes more largely to the other man. As yet no means have been devised to rdmedy this peculiar condition but we have no doubt one will appear." It gives the COURIER pleasure to suggest that the obvious remedy is to let each bear this burden of public expenditure according to the benefit he gets.

The business men and the *Call* seem a little mixed in land and building values. Land values do increase by reason of public improvements, though their causing increased demand for land, but building values are not increased thereby. So, if each land owner pays in proportion as his land is increased in value, the burden is justly distributed. That is the Fairhope plan and under it an exactly contrary condition exists from that at Citronelle; for, in Fairhope, nearly every business man in his own building, while there is no thought of burdening him or our professional or tradesmen with a license tax.

The Water Works Meeting

At the members' and lessees' meeting on Monday evening, the plan of the water-works committee presented by Mr. Littlefield, was after a thorough discussion, approved as a general plan and the committee continued to investigate methods, cost, etc, and report to another meeting to be called by it, whenever it had anything definite to report.

A motion was also unanimously adopted to request the council to "take immediate steps toward getting such service out of the present well as was secured from it for several years."

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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The COURIER job office has had quite a run of job work this week.

Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

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E. G. Turner of the American Supply Company, Mobile, spent this week here enjoying his vacations.

Mr. Moorman has secured a lease of a couple of lots just east of the Gooding home and will we understand, erect a small cottage thereon at once.

Miss N. Clements and her friend Miss Manley have secured rooms with Mrs, Hunnel so as to be convenient to Miss Clement's work at the school.

The Gaston family is again in a home of its own, the late Wood cottage, on Magnolia ave., after a residence of nearly a year in a part of Dr. Atkinson's house.

The ice cream social at the Gables, on Saturday evening for the benefit of the school fund, was well patronized and a neat sum realized for the desired purpose.

Dr. Hail returned on Wednesday evening from a visit of several days at Meridian, Miss., where he has numerous relatives. Little Miss Uhlma accompanied him.

Mrs. J. R. Embree, pleasantly remembered from her last winters stay here, renews her subscription, from Fontana, Wisc., evidently retaining her interest in Fairhope.

Mr. Frank Creswell, has been having an annoying time with hay fever, which has a way of striking him annually about this time, though it is not nearly so bad here as in the north.

A pleasant moonlight picnic was given by Mr. and Mrs, Dorchester at their home adjoining the colony, on last Saturday evening in honor of their neices, the Misses. Walker, of Birmingham, who are visiting them.

Master Marc Molyneux, while diving at the pierhead on last Sunday afternoon, struck some unknown object in the water, cutting a hole in the scalp which required several stitches by Dr. Mersbon to close.

Mr. Ahrens of Chicago, whose wife spent last winter at the Henry Creswell home, arrived yesterday and will remain about a week. He will arrange while here for building a house on lots purchased of Mr. Oswalt.

The fish-fry by the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church on the beach Wednesday evening was well attended. There was plenty of fish for all, the band played, and there was an interesting program of songs and recitations.

Mr. Percy Stokes returned home on Monday after an absence of about three months at Flatwood—where the Himrod-McKay tract is located—and at Selma. He seemed glad to be home again though feeling profited by his trip.

Mr. A. T. Burnell, representing the Mobile Register, was in Fairhope from Monday evening to Wednesday morning and while here arranged for a quarter-page writeup of Fairhope in the great September first, "trade issue" of the Register.

Superintendent Bancroft has filled up the ruts on Fairhope ave. and given it a light coating of oyster shells. They are not at all appreciated by horses or drivers at first, but it is believed will prove great satisfaction after getting somewhat crushed by the travel.

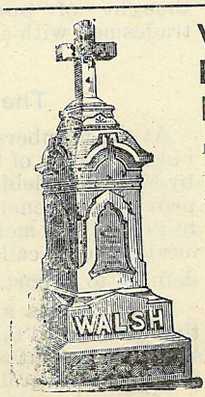
Frank Creswell and Mr. Eber Jefferson are public spiritedly intereresting themselves in the improvement of Section street from the windmill south and are having it crowned up in the center and the sidewalks also graded up. It is a beautiful level lying piece of road, but so flat the water is inclined to stand upon it.

The Fairhope V. I. C., will hold its next regular meeting with one of its former valued members, Mrs. L. E. Page, at her present home in Mobile. The ladies will take their lunch baskets for a picnic dinner and all members and other ladies interested, as all should be, are invited to go along. The date; next Thursday, Aug. 24th.

The Fairhope is still on the ways in Mobile and will probably be there another week. So many of the timbers were found to be decayed on examination by the inspectors that the hull is being fully 90 per cent. rebuilt. While this is being done a change is being made which will add greatly to the stability of the vessel, without, it is believed detracting from her speed. The "sponsons," which carried the deck out over the water line about two feet on either side, but which were wholly above the water line have been continued down to the bilge. This will increase the beam nearly two feet at the normal water line, increasing as she is put down into the water under a load.

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The Citronelle Call gives the following receipt for gingered pears: Peel, core and cut, rather hard pears into thin slices. To 8 pounds of pears, allow 8 pounds of sugar, 1 pint of water, the juice and rind of four lemons and ½ pound of ginger root, sliced thin. Cut the lemon rind into long thin strips and put all together into the preserving kettle. Simmer gently for an hour, then pack in jars or cans.

Pastor Shupe Resigns

Sunday, Aug. 6, the resignation of Rev. A. E. Shupe was tendered as pastor of the Christian Church, and at a meeting of the church on Thursday evening the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, the resignation of Rev. A. E. Shupe as pastor of this church has been tendered, and

WHEREAS, he being the organizer and pastor for nearly eight years, the church growing in that time from a small body to a large, active church. Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That we appreciate his work and labor among us, and being bound to him by strong cords of love, it is with regret that it becomes necessary for him to offer his resignation as pastor of this church, and it is with reluctance we accept it. His former work being that of an evangelist, he feels he can do more good for the cause of Christ by returning to that field. We bid him God speed in his work and pray that the Lord will direct us in the selection of his successor.

The School Garden

The school garden committee has begun work at the school grounds, and already show signs of what a great improvement they have in view.

They have done some filling and grading, that by rights should have been done before the building was erected, to fill up around the building, in the pools and puddles where the water stands in wet weather, and is as unsanitary as it is unsightly.

They have also laid out some of the principal walks and borders that will give the front yard a symmetrical contour, in wide contrast with the usual disorderly, unkempt school yard, that of itself will teach a fundamental lesson in landscape gardening and prepare the way for flowers and shrubbery, that with little labor and care will make of the school yard a suggestion of the beauty that should mark all the entrance ways to every building and home.

The committee is unanimous in the opinion that to make the grounds and approaches to the school house either sanitary or capable of any sort of successful culture, the whole grounds will have to be underdrained, to carry off the water in our wet times. The grounds are remarkably level and the subsoil impervious, so that the water will stand a long time at the best in all the paths or low places before it can get away, unless furnished an outlet through tiling under the surface.

The comittee feels deeply the smallness of the funds in sight—mostly donated by outsiders—for doing all that seems essential to make the place either really sanitary or fairly beautiful enough to teach the lessons it should teach in these important lines, with but little left to carry out the original ideals of a school garden work that shall teach the elements of a practical botany, and the floriculture, and scientific charms of skillful gardening that will make it a joy and not a burden to all the children, and a lasting moral benefit for life; which is the aim and purpose of the whole effort, and which has so changed the moral atmosphere among the young in many places.

NOTICE

With yellow fever in New Orleans and other Southern ports, great pains should be taken to put our town in as sanitary a condition as possible. Clean up and disinfect your outhouses and barns and pigpens—if you have any—and see no stagnant water is allowed to breed mosquitoes, the conceded cause of the infection. C. K. BROWN, Supt. of Public Health.

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THE WATER-WORKS MEETING

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The plan proposed by the committee was to have a board of three water trustees elected by the resident members and resident lessees and to be, in acts and personnel, at all times subject to a majority thereof; the trustees to secure the construction of and administer the system until such time is it was paid for out of its earnings, or by the Corporation from other sources, when it should be turned over to the Corporation. The use of water to be subject to such changes as were deemed necessary to cover operating expenses and interest and provide for the repayment of the principal within a reasonable time. It contemplated the securing of at least $1000 of subscriptions locally, to be considered as advance water rents, subject to such discount as would equal the interest (not to exceed six per cent) paid on other sums borrowed by the trustees, and for the repayment of both interest and principal of which they were to be authorized to pledge the system and its revenues. The committee also recommended the appropriation by the lessees out of the rent fund, of about $300 annually beginning with 1906 to be applied on the cost of the system, and in consideration of the fire protection and general benefit accruing to the community.

The COURIER believes this to be a simple, sensible, and practical plan and that with a wise selection of trustees, the necessary funds can be secured and this very important public service be had.

A public water system is particularly needed at Fairhope, because of the great difficulty, on account of elevation and the nature of the strata in which water is found, of individuals supplying their own needs.

Over $1000 in local subscriptions was secured by Mr. Mogg, last winter, which it is believed would be for the most part at least, renewed under the present plan, and the additional sum needed much more easily secured under it.

With the appropriation of the sum mentioned from the Corporation funds, in addition to the water-rents, the security for payment of interest and principal would be ample.

"If a free-trade club invited protectionists—to vote on its policy and administration, we would not call it democracy—we would call it foolishness. The same is true of Fairhope." —W. L. Ross in Midsummer *Single Tax Review.*

A SINGLE TAXER GONE WRONG

In the last issue of the Single Tax Review, Mr. E. Q. Norton, continuing his criticism of Fairhope and purposing to give "some of the inside facts about Fairhope," promised in his former article, cites a number of assessments from the Fairhope rent list, comparingthem with the taxes paid the county and state by the corporation on the improvements and personal property of the lessees upon the land in question.

The figures and comparisons made, are incorrect in so many instances as to show conclusively that the "inside facts" about Fairhope, need not be expected of Mr. Norton, or, probably, any other "outsider." A Fairhoper has analyzed Mr. Norton's figures finding that in the fifteen instances cited, he is wrong as to facts in eight cases and as to both facts and figures in five.

It is not our purpose however, to note Mr. Norton's errors of fact or figures, but to show the weakness of his logic, from a single tax standpoint.

His evident purpose in citing these figures was to show that, in some instances, under the colony policy, lessees pay less in rents than they would have to pay in taxes on their improvements and personal property if the same were not paid by the colony, or, in other words, that the corporation pays out more in taxes for them than it receives from them in rent.

This we are ready, even eager to admit, though not its injustice as alleged by Mr. Norton.

This is an objection which Fairhope has frequently to meet from those who do not understand or approve of the single tax. Like the "poor widow" argument (of which indeed it seems to us simply a phase) it bobs up frequently, but, coming from a single taxer, and the "committeeman for Alabama, of the National Single Tax League" it is truly amazing.

One of the claims of single taxers, always and everywhere, for the single tax, is, that it would lessen the burden of taxation upon those whose investments were chiefly in real wealth, good houses, business buildings, manufactories, stocks of goods, farms whose improvement value exceeded their land value, in short those who put the land they held to the best use. Yet, strange to say, this single taxer criticises Fairhope, for its very demonstration of this claim of single taxers. "Mr. Norton asserts that the Fairhope plan does not on this account "equalize the varying advantages of location and natural qualities of all tracts of land" as it claims to do, whereas it seems to us, according to every single tax argument, that it is just exactly what it does do.

Another "stock argument" of single taxers is that every advantage accruing to the holder of land in any locality, from soil fertility to the superior intelligence or morality of the people, is reflected in the value of the land in that locality. The fact that those who improve Fairhope land are relieved of taxes upon their improvements, is an advantage reflected in the value of Fairhope land, for which each, when he pays his rent —provided that it equals the rental value—pays his fair share.

The fact that exemption from the burden of unjust taxes on industry and thrift is secured by the intervention of the colony corporation between the tax collector and individuals, makes it difficult for some people to understand the justice of the policy, but ought not to give single taxers any difficulty. The essential thing with the single tax is not the *sum* of the tax burden, but the way in which it shall rest upon the shoulders of the people.

The single tax is a plan for justly placing the burden of taxation and the Fairhope plan is an ingenious method of partially accomplishing the desired end in the only way open for doing so. And we assert that

the effect to the individual and to the community is the same under the Fairhope method of adjustment, as if it were done by legislation, over the same territory and to the extent of the tax so adjusted. It is in fact a "local option in taxation" (which single taxers everywhere work for) with the very great advantage that a few single taxers are able under it to exercise their own option without awaiting the convesion of their fellow citizens of a state or county

In his strange confusion on this matter, Mr. Norton doubtless jumps to the conclusion that, if the burden of the merchant carrying a large stock of goods, or the owner of a fine residence, is lightened under our policy, it must be at the expense of the poor man. He reasons like the protectionist who imagines that in every trade one party is loser, whereas free traders know that normally both parties to a trade are equally benefitted.

The fact is, as we have so often demonstrated, that both rich man and poor man are gainers under our plan, not either at the expense of the other, but both by the elimination of the land speculator, though the poor man's advantage is greatest, for the rich man might otherwise profit by land speculation, while the poor man who has nothing to "invest" in land cannot hope to do so,

We have only touched upon the direct benefit to individuals of our policy, but every single taxer knows that what might be called the indirect or secondary effects of the single tax are of much greater importance. That by removing the incentive to the holding of land out of use it keeps it open for users and enables people to secure sites for homes, who might not otherwise hope to do so, while the exemption of the products of labor from taxation, further stimulates men to every useful effort, opening opportunities for the profitable use of capital, and multiplying the demand for labor.

All of the claims of single taxers for their reform, have been vindicated by the progress of Fairhope, as compared with similarly situated towns in this section, in spite of the handicap of the prejudice of the public generally against this, as every other innovation on established customs, in spite of the presence within the colony of a considerable number to whom its benefits have been generously given only to have the favor requited by bitter opposition, and in spite of the criticisms of some single taxers, who are not recognizable as such in their arguments against the colony.

Another of Mr. Norton's criticisms against Fairhope is its alleged "undemocracy" but his own loyalty to the spirit of democracy does not forbid his claiming a position which may have rightly fallen to him when he was not only the "oldest", but practically the only single taxer in Alabama, but which does not represent the choice of the single taxers of Alabama today and in an organization which has not, to our knowledge, had a meeting in more than a decade, and is in fact non-existent today.

Approves Taking Full Rental Value

EDITOR COURIER:

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I am glad to see that the corporation sticks to its text of collecting the full rental value of the land, as well as it can be estimated, for that is the only way to test the theory and make it work under present conditions. Just as in some states the assessments are published in the newspapers and posted up in public places before the board of equalization meets, in like manner your assessment of the rental values should be annually advertised and posted in order to give the tenants a chance to compare values and make such complaints or protests as are warranted, before your board of equalization.*

In this connection let me congratulate you for agitating for a fire brigade, and also for an engine to keep the tank full. The great danger for all new settlements, which are principally built up in frame and wooden structures, is from destructive fires, and against that danger, the public must provide the adequate protection.

Washington D. C. Charles Newburgh.

Leaseholders Protective Union Meets

The Leaseholders Protective Union, met in the Corporation hall on Wednesday evening, with A. Swift, president, in the chair. Secretary Molyneux furnishes us at the request of the meeting a copy of the following resolutions, which were adopted by the meeting.

"Whereas, the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation having been formed that the rental value of its lands might be used for such public municipal purposes as are usually maintained by public taxation and believing that the present constitution is not well adapted to secure the ends for which this colony was organized; and whereas, governments derive their just power

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from the consent of the governed, and believing that taxation without representation is wrong in theory and practice and that the unrest, discontent and lack of confidence existing can only be changed by giving the voting power to the resident lease-holders, we therefore ask that a committee of five be chosen from the Leaseholders Protective Union to propose a revised constitution to meet present needs, that will secure the tax reform for which the colony was organized, and that this committee report to the next meeting of the Leaseholders Protective Union"

The committee appointed is as follows: W. A. Baldwin, P. K. Dealy, Anna B. Hall, W. S. Baldwin, and M. M. Cope, of whom two are members of the corporation and three are not.

The COURIER reserves comment until the report of the committee is made public.

New Zealand Correspondence

EDITOR COURIER;

The land reform movement in New Zealand has been advancing steadily for many years past. Practically the whole of the progress made during the last eight years has been along the lines of exempting improvements from local taxation. The principle of local option is one that can be applied with great benefit to many social questions, and the effect invariably is an increase in the intelligence of the people. When the people are called upon to vote 'yes' or 'no' to some particular proposal they begin to study it and discuss it between themselves. The result of the first votes is often disappointing, but whatever that may be the discussion has done good, and next time a vote is taken a much more intelligent expression of opinion is given. In New Zealand we have local option on two important questions, one is the Drink question, the other, the question of Local Taxation.

The Drink or "No License" vote is taken every three years, and this has had the effect of bringing the licensing question into great prominence, for people are compelled to think about it whether they like it or not. Local option in taxation has had the same effect, and many people have been compelled to vote on the Single Tax issue when they would gladly make believe that Single Tax was a fad that would never come within the domain of discussion. The rate that is levied under the old system is levied on land and fixed improvements, but not on personal property. If under this system the rate or tax levied be one penny in the £ on property valued at say £10,000, £5,000 of which is land value and £5,000 the value of houses, fences, gardens and other improvements, this brings in 10,000 pence, or £41.13.4. If rating on unimproved value be adopted the rate will be 2 pence in the £ on land values alone. Two pence in the £ on £5,000 land value, equals £41.13.4. The whole of the general rate is levied on land values. No land is exempt and no improvements are taxed however valuable they are.

Several small special rates however are levied on land and improvements, but they are insignificant and are seldom more than ¼ pence in the £ in the aggregate. This system is a great improvement and has been adopted in 70 to 80 districts in different parts of the colony. No district having once adopted the change having gone back to the old method, although it is open to them to do so if they desire to at anytime. G. STEVENSON.

Auckland, New Zealand.

MOURNS MRS. HOWLAND'S ELOQUENCE

EDITOR COURIER:

We subscribers up here are feeling very badly because you missed the editorial convention, for we feel we have missed the exquisite pleasure of reading that "welcome address" and especially the "burst of eloquence" which Mrs. Howland was so long in preparing. Can you not yet induce her to give the welcome and be sure to have her put in the "extra burst of eloquence" and our cup of joy will be full, and perhaps run over a little. Accept our best wishes for a continuance of the prosperity you now enjoy. Am yours for the cause.

Council Bluffs, Ioa., A. O. Mudge.

WRONG TEACHING REGARDING WAR

EDITOR COURIER:

War is the natural characteristic of that stage of evolution during

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which brute passions predominate. Intellectual development is the antidote of war. The school house is the great peace maker. Men who have devoted years to self culture, and whose tastes are intellectual, have little inclination to fight like beasts and die like dogs.

However, there is one branch of education to which the peace societies should turn their attention. That which is most potent in fostering the war spirit is that historians glorify war, and the text books of history glorify the heroes of war. If the reading of "blood and thunder" novels has a tendency to inspire boys with an impulse to become outlaws and bandits, and to commit those deeds which place them under the ban of society, how much more must the sympathetic descriptions of battles, and sieges, and the daring deeds of war heroes, inspire the youth with a desire to participate in the excitement and share the glory, when the opportunity comes to go forth with the approval of parents and friends, and the blessing of his pastor or priest?

Those upon whom devolves the duty of teaching the great lessons of history should speak of warfare only in terms of depreication. The child should not be led into sympathy with its intrigues and brute courage, but should be taught to recoil from its horrors.

Chicago, Ill. EDWARD GATES.

The George Academy

Takes great pleasure in announcing that it has already a faculty of four professors and that probably a few others will be added to the list in the near future. The great ability of our faculty makes the success of the Academy assured, and brings in sight a prospect for the opening of a college as soon as the senior class of the Academy shall be ready to enter it.

It is to be regretted that owing to the presence of yellow fever in New Orleans and elsewhere, and its possible spread to still other localities, it is advisable to pospone the opening of the Academy until November 13th. next and it is therefore so postponed.

J. W. BRAAM.

LIBRARY CONTBIBUTIONS

Grace Isabel Colbron sends us the two books: The Marble Faun and Letters and Addresses of Abraham Lincoln—two of the "Unit Books" published by the "Unit Publishing Co., of New York, (Howard Wilford Bell) The Public says:—"The idea of the "Unit Books," as they are called, is to cheapen good literature, to issue in uniform shape a number ot reprints of books worth keeping, in handy size and attractive form. The price of the books is determined by the number of pages, an idea which comes from Germany and is well worth imitating. The books are 4½ by 7 inches large, bound in paper, cloth or leather, in a dark agreeable shade of green with simple gold lettering. Paper and print are alike in all bindings, and according to the Unit system the Lincoln, which contains sixteen units (a unit is a section of twenty-five pages and costs two cents) is priced at 32 cents for paper binding, 62 for cloth, and 82 for leather. The idea of the "Unit Books" has been praised by authorities on book making all over the country, and the "Lincoln" has been included in the American Library Association catalogue, as in the Model Library chosen for the St Louis Exhibition." A "Jefferson" on the plan of the "Lincoln" is to follow, and we speak for a copy in advance. Certainly this "Lincoln" is a treasure. The new letters from his pen throw light upon his private character which was one to bear the fullest day. M. H.

EDITOR FAIRHOPE COURIER;

I fully agree with Mr. Flurscheim that interest will disappear when we have freedom of production and exchange. People pay interest because they are poor; they borrow because they cannot otherwise obtain articles they desire. When there are no poor, then people will exchange articles they have for others they desire more, and will not offer to give more than present value for the privilege of deferring payment.

New York, Aug. 3, 1905. A. C. PLEYDELL.

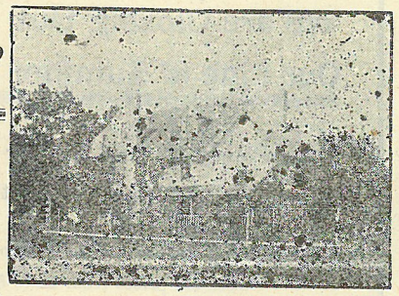
L. H. Dexter, formerly of Manila, Philippine Islands has sent on $50 expressing his desire to take a membership in the corporation. Mr. Dexter has been a single taxer for over twelve years and has been a reader of the COURIER for much of the time, He heartily approves of Fairhope but objects strenuously to the admission as members of any but single taxers, or allowing other than members to vote.

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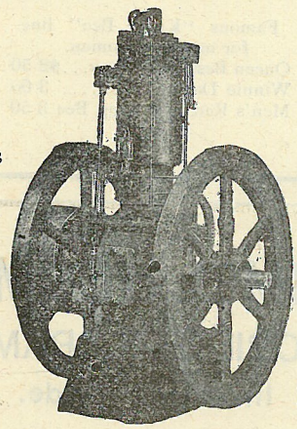
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A Gentlemen's Raffia Cap

Our ladies of the Arts and Crafts League, are now making beautiful raffia caps for gentlemen as well as hats for ladies. The editor wore one on his late trip and it was very much admired as well as very comfortable to the wearer. Several Single Tax friends express a desire to have one, and we have decided to offer a raffia cap—of any color straw desired (black is best) and any size, as a premum for ten new subscribers to the Courier.

Life of Henry George for Four New Subscriptions

Single taxers will appreciate our offer of the Life of Henry George, by his son, Henry George, for four new subscriptions to the Courier. This is the latest edition, from the press of Doubleday Page & Co. and handsomely bound in cloth. If you are not a subscriber you may include your own as one of the four subscriptions necessary to secure this premium.

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Sales, Rental and Exchange Department

The publisher of the Courier has decided to open in connection with his other business a department for the sale, rental and exchange of improvements on Fairhope land.

Only such properties wi l be listed as are considered by us to be good values at the prices asked. Those having properties to dispose of are invited to place them in our hands. Those desiring to purchase improved places are invited to communicate with us, stating their desires as near as may be. Address all communications to E. B. Gaston, Fairhope.

Rare bargain in place near bay front. Well built house 28x46ft. beside 10ft. galleries on two sides; fire places in two rooms; good stable, large lot, good variety of fruit. Gaod location and house well adapted for keeping boarders or renting rooms. $1000 will buy. Improvements cannot be duplicated today for $500 more. I recommend this as a bargain. E. B. Gaston.

FOR RENT—The Otto cottage just vacated by the Blank family. Well built house, five rooms on first floor and one on second floor, partly furnished; wide galleries, good cistern with pump in kitchen, only one block from center of town.

Study the George Philosophy

The following works of Henry George may be secured at the Courier office, or will be mailed post-paid to any address at prices given:

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The Land Question	1.00	.50
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Life of Henry George, by Henry George, Jr.	1.00	...

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Leave Mobile 9:15 a. m. for Fairhope, Battles, North Wharf and Zundell's.

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Tolstoy For the Single Tax

In Leo Tolstoy's analysis of the Russian situation entitled "A Great Iniquity," published in the *London Times* of August 1, 1905, he characterizes the divorce of the people from the soil as the "great iniquity." He says:

This evil—the fundamental evil from which the Russsian people, as well as the peoples of Europe and America, are suffering—is the fact that the majority of the people are deprived of the indisputable natural right of every man to use a portion of the land on which he was born. It is sufficient to understand all the criminality, the sinfulness of the situation in this respect, in order to understand that until this atrocity, continually being commited by the owners of the land, shall cease, no political reforms will give freedom and welfare to the people, but that, on the contrary, only the emancipation of the majority of the people from that land-slavery in which they are now held can render political reforms, not a plaything and a tool for personal aims in the hands of politicians, but the real expression of the will of the people.

He quotes at length from Henry George, and says: "no man without preconceived ideas, could after reading his books, fail to agree with his arguments and to see that no reforms can improve the condition of the people until this fundamental injustice be destroyed and *that the means he proposes for its abolition are rational, just and expedient.*"

The article is written in the wonderfully direct and simple, yet beautiful style which is Tolstoy's own. It is reproduced in full in *The Public*, Chicago, of August 19, of which extra copies may be had while they last, at five cents each.

Well does Professor Dillard, of New Orleans, in a signed article in the same issue say:

Of all living men, he whose words command the most attention is Leo Tolstoy; of all publications, that which reaches the widest circle of readers is the London Times. That these two great forces should be combined to spread before the world the doctrine for which Henry George wrought and died—and in so few years after his death—that this should come to pass, is more than George himself, with all his faith, hope and optimism, could have fairly dreamed of.

Death of Tom Bawden

We learn with deep regret, from *The Public*, of the death of Tom Bawden of Detroit, which occurred on the 13th. "Tom" was an enthusiastic and irrepressible single taxer, and had for many years been a power in the cause, especially in Detroit, where he published the *Commonwealth* and also did great work as a street speaker. He was very near the head of the list in votes secured, among the democratic candidates for the legislature last fall—under the primary system, but, of course, was defeated at the election along with the rest of his ticket. All the Detroit papers gave liberal space and kindly comment to the reports of his death. Said the *Times:*

For all that he did with voice and pen toward the bringing in of this new era of justice and light; for all that he did in the hope of serving his brothers by emancipating them from the yoke of oppressive economic ills; for his courage and independence in fighting on the very frontiers of truth, if for nothing else, Tom Bawden deserves the kindly recollection of his fellow men. While the majority of men were too busy, too timid or too dull to deflect a hair's breadth from the beaten path, he was striking out into new arenas of truth and boldly proclaiming it.

H. Sycamore of St. Louis, sends us a new subscriber with the renewal of his own subscription under our $1.50 offer in such cases.

FAIRHOPE'S FUTURE

Editorial in Daphne Standard, Aug. 18.

In our correspondence will be found also, a communication from Mr. C. K. Brown, one of the most helpful members ot Fairhopes colony. While some men came there with little or nothing, invested almost nothing, risked nothing and have made much, Mr. Brown has steadily been putting money into the place, until now he has, as he states, his little all invested in Fairhope enterprises. He is naturally interested in the success of the place and his views are entitled to great respect. As long as there was the remotest prospect that the "Fairhope Plan" would work, he was willing to aid in making the experiment, and even after he had lost all hope of the plan succeeding, he was willing to give others who still thought well of the plan, time to work it out. He now feels that in justice to himself, his own and the interests of those dependent upon him, he should have a hearing and that the welfare of all should be taken out of the hands of the "Management" and put into the hands of all who are equally interested. His statement that "a majority of our people want to sell and leave," is in accordance with the facts, as near as we can learn and such being the case there must be a cause for such dissatisfaction. The Standard believes it to be the result of the undemocratic plan of the colony, in which there is taxation without representation; the right to vote upon matters in which all are equally interested, confined to those able and willing to pay for such franchise; the occupancy of the most desirable locations, allotted to those having the most personal property and improvements, thus in some instances paying them for occupying the best sites, while making other renters pay for less desirable locations, more than they would be required to pay under our State and County assessments. Fairhope has only to adopt democratic principles to make it an assured success, and when "the management" realizes that self government, by its people, is better than even good government, bestowed upon them by others, all renters will support them; none other oppose them, and its success will be assured.

EDITOR COURIER TO EDITOR STANDARD

EDITOR STANDARD:

Without questioning your sincere interest in the success of Fairhope—of which we have your repeated assurances—I ask opportunity to call attention to what seem to me some most unwarranted, unjust, and illogical statements in your editorial comment on the communication of C. K. Brown, in your last issue.

You say: "As long as there was the remotest prospect that the plan would work," etc.

It is a matter of common knowledge, I think, that, under the Fairhope plan, Fairhope has accomplished in ten years, as much, or more, than your own town in 100 years. That every year since its establishment it has done more in the way of improvements than your own or any other similarly situated town along this shore. In no year sinee it was founded has its growth been less than 30 per cent., usually more. Last year thirty entirely new dwellings were built upon Fairhope land. In the first five months of this present year, in spite of the awful howl about the rents, by some people who simply did not want to pay—not to the founders of Fairhope, but to the public, of which they were a part—the real value of the land they held, as they had voluntarily contracted to do: in spite of your aid and encouragement to them to the extent of your ability, in their "knocking" against the town and the plan, under which, as you admit, some of them "came with nothing, invested almost nothing, risked nothing and gained much", fifteen new dwellings were built upon this same Fairhope land; far more, everybody knows, than were built in your town; more, I am sure, than in all the towns along the shore outside

(Continued on fourth page.)

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Time to get out fall gardens now.

Souvenir views of all kinds. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Banner patterns will be on sale at Call's in September.

Mrs. Stuart Yarnelle visited in town a few days this week.

September magazines now coming in. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Why not read a good story book? A. M. Dealy & Co. have them.

The Courier job office has had quite a run of job work this week.

Rev. Mrs. Oliver preached at the Christian Church Sunday morning.

Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Scuppernong and Muscadine grapes are ripe and some Japanese persimmons.

A big supply of pitcher pumps, galvanized pipe, etc., just in. Mershon Brothers.

Mr. J. W. Posey Sundayed with his family and remained until Tuesday morning.

The grand minstrel show by the Dealy brothers and others has been postponed to Sept. 1.

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Little Miss Margery Pilcher, has been quite ill with intermittent fever, but is improving.

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Meals at the Fairhope House are now served a la carte. Why not drop in for Sunday dinner?

C. E. Littlefield and his assistant Mr. Dyson have piped Dr. Rowe's house and premises for water.

The Baldwin County Telephone company has put in a fine new switchboard in its Fairhope "central."

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thomas were in from Magnolia Springs on Sunday, to attend the Mrs. Fredericks' funeral.

The Kelly and Brockman families of Mobile, are occupying the former Dr. Page residence for the balance of the summer.

Mrs. L. E. Page came over on Friday evening, and was joined by Mr. Page on Sunday morning. They returned Sunday evening.

Just received at Robac's 1000 yards embroideries, flouncing, allover laces, hats, caps, thermometers, crockery, glassware, Jewelery brushes, hardware. Prices very low.

The a la carte service at the Fairhope House makes the dining room practically a short order restaurant, and people are finding it convenient to drop into the place at any time for a dainty lunch or substantial meal.

Messrs. Littlefield and Gaston were appointed with Supt. of Public services Patterson on Monday night, a special committee to repair the town well. They will do it if it can be done.

Mr. J. M. Northcutt of the Fairhope Pharmacy returned on Wednesday evening from a visit of about a week with his parents at Evergreen, Ala. During his absence, Miss Effie Mershon assisted with the telephone exchange and in the store.

Will the friend who borrowed from the Library long ago Little Lord Fauntleroy case D. 335, please return it?

Miss Mary Gould writes from Des Moines where she is visiting, complaining of the heat which she thinks is more oppressive than at Fairhope; and from Cleveland Mrs. Shupe writes of fingers stiff with cold and a fire in the room.

Archie Littlefield was over from Mobile visiting his people on Sunday. On Tuesday evening Mr. H. C. Littlefield came over with Miss Cecile Reneau. Miss Reneau will remain for a week or more visiting the Littlefield family but H. C. returned on Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. DeWolf who have been with us for a year or more, left on Wednesday morning for Evergreen, Ala, where Mr. DeWolf expects to engage in the baking business. They are much interested in Fairhope and will continue so, but Mr. De Wolf thought the business opening better at Evergreen.

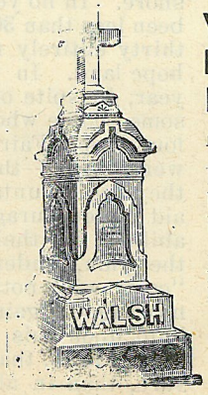
Captain Joseph Lawrence sustained a very severe fall, on Tuesday, while working on a chimney for Mr. Worcester a little north of Fairhope. A scaffold gave way and precipitated him to the ground, a distance of about 14 feet. A couple of ribs were broken and he was also very painfully bruised. It is hoped he will be out again before long.

A jolly party of gentlemen which left bright and early Wednesday morning, for a two or three days outing comprised, Rev. C. E. Hill, A. H. Mershon, F. A. Creswell, Wm. Call, and C. E. Littlefield. They went on Mr. Wood's schooner "Dotty" formerly the "Good Luck." Their destination was Dauphin Island Messrs. Geo. Cain and L. Jefferson constituted the crew.

On last Monday evening the Council instructed the treasurer to notify lessees whose rents due January last were unpaid, that he had been directed to collect the same by suit if necessary. The Council, we are sure, has no desire to oppress any one, but the corporation needs all the revenue to which it is entitled, and the Council recognizes its duty to collect it. "Business is business."

Selling Out

Having decided to return to Holland, I offer for sale my tailor shop and residence, with all improvements, poultry, goat, cow, household goods, etc., all at bargain prices for cash. Geo. Steenstra.



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From various reports coming to the COURIER office, Fairhope has been disgraced several times recently—notably on last Saturday and Sunday by an exhibition of drunkeness and disorderly conduct about the beach and wharf. This should not and must not be tolerated. The laws of Alabama make drunkeness in public places a serious offence and should be vigorously enforced. The only thing necessary is for citizens who are witnesses to such conduct, to make complaint before the local justice and appear as witnesses. The duty is not a pleasant one, but the sooner a few "horrible examples" are made of those who have neither respect enough for themselves or for the rights of others to refrain from making public nuisances of themselves, the better it will be for the peace and good name of the community.

Married in Mobile

August 23 the marriage of Mr. Arthur Trenholme and Miss Hazel Curtis occured quietly at Mobile. It was a civil marriage before Judge Alford, Mr. DeKalb being the witness. The young people returned to Fairhope in the evening and will make their home at the Red Roof farm for the present. Many friends unite in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Trenholme a long and happy married life.

Fought With Alligator

Last Sunday afternoon the Misses Walker and Messrs. Stites and Tilson were enjoying a drive out Fish river way, when the carriage wheel passed over an alligator lying in a puddle in the road. The beast showed fight, and the gentlemen and one of the ladies dismounted and attacked Mr. Alligator with clubs, while the other lady held the excited horses. After a lively fight the alligator was killed and brought to town. It measured five feet in length.

Death of Mrs. George Fredericks

Florence Fredericks, wife of George Fredericks, died at their home in Fairhope on Saturday, Aug. 19, and was buried in Fairhope cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredericks formerly lived in Illinois, going thence to Mississippi, whence they came to Fairhope in 1898. Mrs. Fredericks suffered long, having been in poor health for several years and bed-ridden in this illness for several months. She left a husband and two children: Paris, a young man, and Leo, aged ten years. She was a member of the Fairhope Christian Church and the services were conducted at the house, by her pastor, Rev. A. E. Shupe

The following resolutions adopted by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Church, express the feelings of those who, perhaps, knew her best, outside the immediate family.

WHEREAS it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His wisdom to take from our midst our well beloved sister, Mrs. Florence May Feedricks, who, after long continued suffering, departed from this vale of tears fully trusting Him who doeth all things well, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED. That while we bow in submission to His will we deeply deplore the loss of a sister who was never weary in good work for the society and the church, and whose true Christian character won the love and esteem of us all. And be it further

RESOLVED: That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to the afflicted husband and children and recommend them to the loving care of the One whom she trusted.

GRACE KENNEDY PAGE,
Sec. Ladies' Aid Society.

V. I. C: Meets in Mobile

The ladies of the V. I. C., met and took a picnic dinner with Mrs. L E. Page at her home in Mobile yesterday going over on the "Pleasure Bay."

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FAIRHOPE'S FUTURE

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of Fairhope. Last year nearly $3,000 was expended in Fairhope, for the benefit of the people of Fairhope, besides about $400 state and county taxes paid in their behalf, under the Fairhope plan; against not one single dollar in your or any other town in the county, save as the "hat was passed" for it; while, at the same time, as you have yourself attempted to show, those who have been of the most benefit to the town in the way of building up its business interests and giving employment to its mechanics, etc., have some of them paid less than the state and county taxes would have amounted to on their improvements alone had they lived in Daphne. What more evidence, I ask, does any man need that the plan *is* "working?"

If the attention which you devote toward telling the people of Fairhope how to "make a success" of it, were devoted toward "making a success" of your own town, it might keep in sight of Fairhope, though, handicapped by a policy which encourages land speculators and fines industry and enterprise, it can never hope to keep the Fairhope pace.

The statement, which you endorse, that "a majority of our people want to sell their homes and leave," is not true. If it were true, it would not be any reflection upon the Fairhope plan, unless it were shown that the effective cause with most of those wanting to leave, was dissatisfaction with that plan Yet you, a single taxer, in your eagerness to condemn Fairhope's policy, because it does not exactly accord with your ideas, accept without question this false and damaging assertion. And you are ready to saddle upon the Fairhope policy, (claimed and admitted by single taxers generally, to be as near an approach to the single tax as present laws will admit,) the dissatisfaction of every one who complains of the poor soil, who thinks the summers too hot, who can't stand the prickly heat, or the fleas, with whose, or his wife's health' the climate does not agree; who doesn't find profitable employment at a trade, for which there is no demand here, who tries to farm, without capital, without a horse, a cow, or a hog, and some—without knowledge and in some cases without energy, etc, etc. Baldwin county has scores and hundreds of such people. They are about your town. They are everywhere as you know, where new settlers have come in from the north and west. And I assert they are in greater proportion in almost, if not every, other new settlement in Baldwin County, than in Fairhope—for people are constantly coming to Fairhope, from these other settlements in the county. Yet, to make your point" all of the blame for this is charged up to the Fairhope policy. You would even saddle upon it, the disgust of sensible, peace loving people over the ignorant and unreasonable criticism to which the colony is subjected, and the unrest and uncertainty engendered by the efforts of some members and leaseholders to overthrow the policies and contracts to which they have mutually agreed.

You speak of "taxation without representation" at Fairhope. There is no such thing; any more than when you rent your land to some one, and collect your rent, according to agreement. Your statement contradicts your own repeated claims, that "Fairhope was not, and could not be an application of the single tax, because, it had no power to impose or remit any taxes."

You speak of: "the occupancy of the most desirable locations, allotted to those having the most personal property and improvements, thus in some instances, paying them for occupying the best sites, while making other renters pay for less desirable locations, more than they would be required to pay under our state and county assessments."

Of the four assertions made in the foregoing sentence, three are false and the fourth but half true. (1) There is no "allotment" of land in Fairhope, in the sense of chance or preferment, Anyone who wants land at Fairhope—not already taken—gets it by asking for it and tendering the rent for the balance of the year. (2) No attention is paid to his "personal property," and his "improvements," of course, do not exist until after he secures the land, so they cannot enter into the consideration. (3) Nobody is "paid for occupying the best sites," or any sites, in Fairhope. The Treasurer's books and every lessee's cash account will show that he pays the rental value, as charged, which is highest on the best sites and lowest on the poorest. (4) *Some* renters *do* pay for "less desirable locations"—(and desirable locations, too) *more* than they would be required to pay under our state and county assessments." The man who holds a lot out of use—and pays just as much for it as he would if he had a good house on it—which is the "Fairhope plan," pays probably *several times* as much as the state and county taxes. The man who holds a valuable lot, poorly improved, pays *more* than the state and county taxes. The man who puts his land to good use, is the man who benefits under our policy. That's the single tax idea of it. "That's the intention." In every case lessees pay according to the value of the opportunity—not the use which is made of it.

You say "Fairhope has only to adopt democratic principles to make it an assured success." The democratic principle is, "the rule of the people." The large majority of the members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation favor the policy which you oppose. I believe a majority of the lessees, regardless of membership, favor that policy. (They all said so over their signatures to their leases!) Does it therefore become right? Of course not. It is right or wrong because it is just or unjust, entirely apart from what a majority at any given time may decide regarding it. If wrong, no "application of democratic principles" to it will make it work out right. Neither would any degree of democracy remove the opposition of those who want to "get something for nothing," or, like children of a lesser growth, not only will not play themselves unless they can have their way, but wont let anybody else play if they can help it.

"The management" is referred to several times, as if it were something apart from the people. "The management" at Fairhope is the people—the members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation. A majority can any day do anything they desire within the limits of the constitution—to which they have mutually agreed—even to the extent of electing or dismissing officers at will. Mr. C. K. Brown has just as much voice in

the Corporation as any other member, besides being a part of the so-called "administration." It never occurred to him to admit other than members to a vote until he had failed of his way within the membership. The so-called "administration" represents and suits a majority of the people today—not only of the membership, but, I believe, of the lessees—instead of a minority, as is the inference from your statement.

The trouble with Mr. Brown and his party is that they are largely in the minority, but instead of abiding the will of the majority, which would be sound democratic policy, they join with the enemies of the Colony within and without, to injure and discredit it because they cannot have their way. And they find their most helpful ally in *The Standard*. Yours truly,

E. B. GASTON.

Just and Single Tax—But

EDITOR COURIER:

I have all along adhered to the position taken by you in your comments upon C. K. Brown's communication published in last COURIER, that refunding the state and county taxes to lessees of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation constituted the vital feature of the Fairhope plan and alone entitled it to be considered a single tax colony. I yet think it a feature that would, if feasible, make of the Fairhope plan a much closer approximation to genuine single tax than otherwise; but I have lately come to the conclusion which I will state in the following three propositions.

Fairhope is not, never was, never can be, under existing conditions, other than an approximation to single tax; there is in its plan one other feature even more characteristically single tax, consequently, refunding the tenant's state and county taxes is not the vital or a vital feature in such approximation, though as before stated it would render the plan more complete as such.

The other feature which I consider more characteristic of single tax is the pledge, as I understand it, of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to its tenants, that all money taken in rents of them shall be expended in public services. That is a very important single tax feature.

The refunding the personal taxes certainly brings the plan nearer to single tax—completely assimilates them so far as the individual tenant is concerned, and I can, as yet, see no injustice in it. But it would seem that many of Fairhope's lessees, members as well as non-members of the corporation, can see nothing else. I have heard the latter view expressed even by a beneficiary of the system, and I have heard the feature denounced frequently as unjust. Now, is it well to completely ignore a public sentiment of so prevailing character?

And, although I reiterate, I do not consider the proposition unjust, it does strike me as one inexpedient in an increasing ratio. The value of taxable wealth in Fairhope is rapidly rising and it may be a question which the logic of events alone can determine whether the rentals of the colony at their highest allowable assesment will continue to successfully cope with the burden of taxation upon its resources this implies.

I am not advised as to what proportion of the Colony receipts must first be deducted to pay these taxes, but assume that it is sufficiently large to make a considerable reduction in the amount left to be applied to public utilities. If instead of refunding to this and that private individual his or her personal taxes, the entire receipts of the Corporation—less taxes which I assume must be paid by it on Corporation property—were to be *refunded* to the tenants as a whole in more, better and cheaper public improvements, I believe the general effect would be a more satisfactory one—nobody could kick at this or complain of the injustice of "paying another man's taxes."

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I understand from your comments that the "refunding tax" feature was one of those incorporated in the Colony constitution from its inception. I have the impression, indeed, that this is true of the *improvements* made by each tenant upon his land, but was not made to include his *personal property*—his movables—until some years later; and the poll tax continues an exception to this day.

Strong as my sympathies still are, and firm as my position has hitherto been on the side which the COURIER has taken in this matter, and much as I should regret the necessity of abandoning this feature of the Fairhope plan here discussed, I should greatly prefer to see it given up than the plan fall through altogether; for, though on the outside, I have always been deeply

interested therein. Better a concession of this kind than the discord I have been witness to and the acrimonious personalities I have been compelled to hear, and which I had never looked for in a community of people professedly living upon a higher, more altruistic plane than that of the wicked world around them.

Yours Sincerely,
Fdk. Wm. Chapman.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

The payment of personal taxes out of the rent was an original feature of the Fairhope plan; not an afterthought.

The first purpose of the single tax is to secure equal right to the use of the earth; the expenditure of the sums taken from each to secure this is a secondary matter.

To give up a just and beneficent policy simply because objected to—and especially when those who object to it have contracted with others to follow it, and when those who don't like it have all the rest of the world to go to, would be the weakest kind of folly. And it would not bring the peace hoped for.

No just proposition can be inexpedient in any ratio. If the land values won't pay the state and county taxes on land, improvements and personal property and leave more for local purposes than other towns have under the common plan, the single tax is not a practical scheme, and it is the purpose of Fairhope to demonstrate this problem. Figures recently secured, of the taxable value of land and other property in our great cities proves that it is practical.

Certainly Mr. Chapman cannot expect for a moment that lessees would cheerfully pay the present rent and their state and county taxes on top of it.

A Little Dull Just Now—and Why

The present is about as dull a time, as the Courier remembers to have seen in Fairhope since it was anything of a town. There are several reasons for this which are beyond the control of the people of Fairhope. Among these are the fact that it is late for those desiring to improve summer homes and too early for immigration from the north. Another, the poor prices realized by our farmers for their early crops, Another the yellow fever scare and worse, the quarantine scare.

There is another however for which some of the people of Fairhope are responsible. It is the bitter and unfair criticism to which the colony plans and administration have been subjected. People who have thought of locating in Fairhope, and who thought the rents asked for our land reasonable, and the plan fair, have been scared away by wild talk of mismanagement, of insincerity of the founders of the colony, of a revolution in colony policy, of the colony being thrown into the hands of a receiver, of exorbitant rents to be charged in the future, etc., etc.

Men (some of whom have not had a dollar invested here and were free to leave and go elsewhere at any time) whose chief interest lay in the building up of the place and the encouragement of building operations, or according to their own statements, in realizing on their improvements and getting away, have, with an intelligence—or lack of it—only paralleled by that of the cheerful idiot who would saw off a limb between himself and the tree, tried to discourage those who would have given them employment or possibly have helped them out of a situation which they professed to abhor. It is possible that some of these may have been actuated by a sincere desire to protect from injury those to whom their remarks were directed, and not simply indulging in the foolish and reprehensible practice of

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"knocking." If so, we can admire their sincerity while condemning their judgment, but we greatly doubt if any are entitled to such credit.

There is one consolation, for those who, while constantly working to help further the interests of Fairhope and all its people, are compelled to share in the harm done by these "knockers" that they are themselves the worst sufferers.

No one who knows the justice of Fairhope's fundamental policies, and has seen her triumph over adverse conditions in the past, doubts for a moment, her continued progress along the original lines or her ultimate glorious success.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

August 22, * * * The other day while doing some trading at our Mershon's, one of the firm called my attention to a spectacle just across the street close to the Fairhope pharmacy. This was one of the new barrel baskets provided by the V. I. C. for the waste paper, etc., that some pedestrians are in the habit of throwing in the street. This particular basket was well filled with long pieces of board! "There!" said Mr. Mershon, "you see what use the boys make of the baskets the ladies of the V. I. C. have provided for waste paper." Thereupon he gave a very severe criticism of the Fairhope boys, and especially of the lack of discipline of parents who allow their children to run wild in the streets. I defended the children. I always do, fully believing that

"Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

The child is the future citizen of the state and the most precious of all its treasures. Hence the paramount duty of every family, every community is to see that its children and youth are properly trained physically, mentally and morally for good citizenship. There should be no long vacations in nursery, kindergarten, school or college because all of these should be so adapted to the needs of the young, as to make every exercise a delight. The old method of driving children to their work, to their lessons, or by the lash to make them loving and obedient, finds no supporters today except among the ignorant and the tyrannical. The modern methods of training children are as different from those prevailing a few years ago, as the present methods of traveling by steam and electricity differ from the old time sedan chair and stage coach.

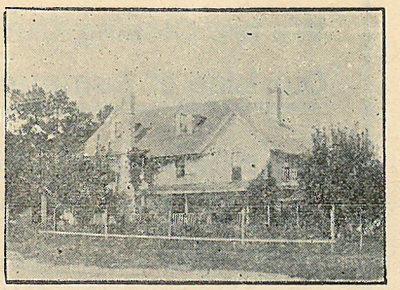
All this and more passed through my mind as friend Mershon with really righteous indignation scored both children and parents for the bad conduct of the former. Now it is true that our children, especially the older ones are—what? Let us tell the truth. They are *neglected*. Most of us know this, and all deplore it. Hence the efforts we are making to have better schools; kindergartens, higher schools, as soon as we possibly can; hence the money we have raised and the work we have already done to improve the school grounds, preparatory to the school garden, which we are now certain to see realized.

But all this reflection while we are looking over the way at the V. I. C. basket bristling with boards, the work of our naughty boys. I went over and threw out the boards. One of the boys I had noticed there a few minutes before, but not doing any "mischief." After relieving the basket I came back to the Mershon store. There were several boys there and any quantity of bits of paper before the front steps and the side ones, also, where there was located one of the V. I. C. barrels. I suggested to the boys that we pick up "some" of these papers. My words were not half enunciated when several of the boys rushed furiously at those papers, and in two minutes there was not one to be seen anywhere near the basket, and my assistance consisted

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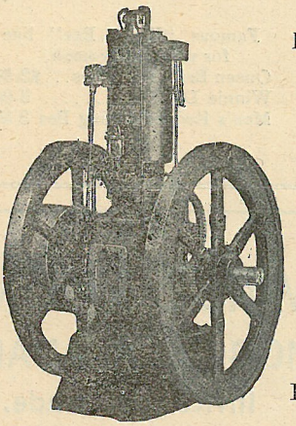
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I think, in adding one piece to the many gathered in that short time! I wish that Mr. Mershon had happened to the door while those boys were madly scrambling after those papers. It might have modified his opinion of their natural depravity. Of course there are some very disorderly boys in Fairhope, but only a very few, and these are by no means past reform.

Later * * * I have just returned from the post office. Someone—who knows but it was some one, or more, of our very naughty boys?—had picked up every bit of refuse, on one side, at least, of the whole block. Now if our Supt. of Highways would only cut down the dog fennel and grade up the side walks!

Clearing Up

We are glad to note in many directions, that the timely suggestion of our V. I. C. in regard to cutting weeds and cleaning up the streets, has been acted upon by many of our citizens, and in some places the renovated views along streets is quite park like, and is a most encouraging showing of how little labor it will require of any one if each will do a little in cleaning their corners, and sides of the streets.

We will yet hope that the slumbering civic pride in the village will be so aroused that we shall become as noted for the neatness and good order of our streets as we are for our economic ideals.

This issue of the Courier, should have a wide circulation among single taxers. We have printed several hundred extra copies and urge our friends to send in lists of names of single taxers, in whose hands they would like copies placed—accompanied by 2 cents a copy if convenient—if not, send the names anyway and we will see that the papers reach them.

Would that the Courier had a thousand friends like Jno. H. Blakeney of Binghamton N. Y. Fairhope and the Courier are near to his heart and he lets his regard find expression in helpful ways. He looks after renewals of subscribers in his town, subscribes for it for his relatives himself, talks Fairhope and gets new subscribers at every opportunity and he enjoys it and so does the publisher. Suppose you try it.

Sales, Rental and Exchange Department

The publisher of the Courier has decided to open in connection with his other business a department for the sale, rental and exchange of improvements on Fairhope land.

Only such properties will be listed as are considered by us to be good values at the prices asked. Those having properties to dispose of are invited to place them in our hands. Those desiring to purchase improved places are invited to communicate with us, stating their desires as near as may be. Address all communications to E. B. Gaston, Fairhope.

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Leave Mobile 9:15 a. m. for Fairhope, Battles, North Wharf and Zundell's.

Leave Mobile 3 p. m., for South Wharf and Zundell's.

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A New Volume

With this issue the COURIER begins a new volume —the twelfth.

It has been the editor's pleasure to speak through its columns to an ever widening circle of friends for eleven years, barring a very brief interval when it was in charge of another.

They have been as loyal and devoted friends as an editor ever had and their approval has been our chief reward.

The past may be taken as an earnest for the future so far as the character and continuation of the paper are concerned and the editor sincerely hopes that it may be also, of the support which will be given him by his widely scattered friends.

Fairhope Controversies

Our esteemed friend Bolton Hall, writes: "It appears to me that everything pertinent to the Fairhope controversy has now been said. There is no use in keeping up dissension tho' it would never have done to have avoided the discussion. Now I suggest that you say this, and express your regret that you cannot alienate further space to criticisms from or of these objectors"

We know of no one for whose opinions we have greater respect than Mr. Hall, but it is not clear to us that the COURIER can or should pursue the policy he suggests.

We think that readers of the COURIER will readily agree that it has been, under the circumstances, singularly free from personalities and bitterness. The editor has believed, and has preferred to believe, that those who differed from the well-defined policy of the colony were (though mistaken in their views) sincerely interested in its success as a single tax object lesson, but multiplied circumstances indicating the contrary, seemed to us to justify the somewhat plain speaking which has characterized the last few issues. We felt that our friends outside were entitled to know something of the real animus of the opposition as known and felt by loyal colonists upon the ground.

We by no means would convey the impression that there are not among the opposition those who are sincere friends of Fairhope, differing from its policy in some respects, but such is not its controlling spirit.

The COURIER would much prefer to devote its space to presenting Fairhope's advantages of plan and location, and building up its interests, to engaging in controversy with critics; but where controversy is thrust upon us, it does not seem to us necessary or wise to avoid it, and it should have this good effect, at least, that it will make clear the points at issue, so that those considering a location at Fairhope, may be fully advised and govern themselves accordingly.

It is idle to expect to build up a place with those hostile to its policy. Every such an one is added weakness rather than strength and if controversy will serve to emphasize the salient features of the Fairhope plan, so that those who do not approve will stay away, rather than come and be forever in opposition. great good will be done.

On the other hand, reiterated forcible statement of the colony policy will attract those in sympathy with and who will be whole-heartedly interested in its success, should they come.

Mr. Lancaster Discusses Fairhope Policy

Editor Courier:

The Fairhope Industrial Association is certainly having an Anglo-Saxon experience.

Its government is being "discussed" after the manner of that people from away back, and since it may be hoped that some decision may come out of the discussion that will permit the residents to go on with their "efforts" "expenditures" and "improvements" which are now much retarded, I would like to enter one more criticism so that when we start up again we can live without dodging whatever handy movables may be flung at us.

When I arrived in Fairhope early in 1904, I had no knowledge whatever of the details of the community, excepting that it was a matter of landlord and tenant for a different purpose than to make money for both parties in the usual way. Failing to find a cabin to live in that suited me I leased a small lot and built one, having no object in view but to obey the orders of my physician.

A blank lease was obtained and the first thing I saw was that this corporation is a benevolent association.

The landlords refuse all responsibility for the title to the land rented, since everything is done for the sole benefit of the lessees.

I had never signed such a document before, but thought I would risk it and run my chance of making terms with the rightful owners if a contest on title should oust the landlords.

I could not see why the same thing should be given two names. If they were a benevolent association, why say they were an industrial one? In law the two are not identical.

When I came to the method of fixing the amount of rental, I struck a conundrum. The landlords were to fix that. The tenant had nothing to say. But before amazement that any sane man could be found to sign such a lease subsided, I looked at the landlord's obligation and was astonished in the opposite direction, until it was remembered that it was all a benevolent matter for the benefit of the lessees.

And then the "unearned increment" came to the front and I asked the officers of a meeting of the lessees if the "unearned increment" was the increase in the value of the land from two dollars an acre 10 years ago to, say, 1000 dollars an acre at the present time. I was answered that "it was."

I then asked if the "improvements, efforts and expenditures of the lessees" mentioned in the leases that we have all signed, made any of that "unearned increment" and was promptly answered, "yes the whole of it."

But if I understand the language of the lease, the landlords have bound themselves not to use the "improvements, efforts and expenditures of the lessees" in determining the amount of rental, and therefore they cannot use the "unearned increment" in any way, as it belongs to the lessees, they having made it.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Elzevir Bell is clerking for Frank Creswell.

Souvenir views of all kinds. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Banner patterns will be on sale at Call's in September.

September magazines now coming in. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Why not read a good story book? A. M. Dealy & Co. have them.

The Fairhope is expected to be in commission again early next week.

Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

New line of disc harrows at Mershon's. Every farmer ought to see them.

A big supply of pitcher pumps, galvanized pipe, etc., just in. Mershon Brothers.

The Massey, Curtis and Trenholme fami ilies picnicked on the beach yesterday.

What nice candy, and so fresh. Where did you get it? A. M. Dealy, of course.

Eugene Wilson aud Norman Weaver left a week ago for Iowa and Minnesota points.

Mr. Geo. Fredericks and sons Paris and Leo and Mr. Chas. Wilson are off on a week's outing.

Elder Shupe is in very poor health just now, causing his many friends considerable anxiety.

Mend your own harness with the Acme Harness Riveter, for sale only at Mershon Brothers.

For rent, good upright piano. Apply to Miss Harvey, 1st of Mrs. Nichol's cottages, Fairhope.

Meals at the Fairhope House are now served a la carte. Why not drop in for Sunday dinner?

Miss Cecile Reneau returned to Mobile this morning, after a visit of over a week with the Littlefields.

Mr. McPhaul, representing the Forbes Piano Co., of Mobile, was in this vicinity a couple of days this week.

Will the friend who borrowed from the Library long ago Little Lord Fauntleroy, case D. 335, please return it?

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, now living near Marlow, will probably remove to Fairhope about the middle of the month.

The Fairhope Christian church is in correspondence with several ministers, hoping to soon have a permanent pastor

Mr. P. J. Creamer is in charge of Mr. Keller's shop in his absence, attending to the wants of the public in the backsmithing line.

Frank Creswell has had a large sign painted on the end and side of the Brown building. H. M. Ewald did the work and did it well.

Considerable inconvenience is experienced by parties desiring to do business with the Corporation treasurer, on account of his absence during the day at Volanta.

The a la carte service at the Fairhope House makes the dining room practically a short order restaurant, and people are finding it convenient to drop into the place at any time for a dainty lunch or substantial meal.

The ladies of the V. I. C. will present an attractive literary and musical program on the evening of the 15th for the benefit of the school.

Mr. Cunningham, whose family is occupying one of the Improvement Company cotiages on Fels Ave., is with them for two or three days.

The bay is yielding a very important food supply now-a-days. Quantities of flounders sheep head, mullet, shrimp, crabs etc., are being caught daily.

The family of Mr. J. K. Simmers of Mobile is occupying the Mr. Keller cottage for a few weeks. Mr. Simmers gets over from Saturday evening to Monday morning.

Neatly painted waste barrels, have been installed by the V. I. C. in public places about town, and everybody is invited to put waste paper and other "trash" in them.

Mrs. Getty and "Billy" visited Mrs. Getty's parents Mr. and Mrs. Switt from Friday to Tuesday and Mr. Getty came over Sunday afternoon and remained until Monday morning.

The many friends of the Powells will be pleased to hear that Miss Ivy, though having experienced a slight relapse, is now rapidly recovering from her severe illness with typhoid fever.

A birthday dinner in honor of A.H.Mershon and Master Ronald Burdette Mershon, the little son Dr. and Mrs. C.L Mershon, was enjoyed by the Mershon families, at the home of A.H. Mershon, on Monday.

A congenial party consisting of Messrs. and Mesdames F. L. Brown, G. M. Bancroft, J. W. Braam, Wm. Call and E. B. Gaston and Father Knowles, took their dinner on the beach last Suuday and enjoyed the aftefnoon resting at that delightful spot.

Mr. Joseph Keller, our village blacksmith, and wife, are now at Melrose, Idaho, at the home of their son Frank, enjoying the cool mountain air. They stopped on the way, visiting their son Joe, who lived near Fairhope for awhile, returning to Kansas two years ago and now living near Cedarvale Kans, and another son, who lives there, also their daughter Mrs. Kimmel at Arkansas City. Also stopped at Denver, Col., and Spokane Falls, Idaho. They expect to return in September.

Mrs. Howland's hosts of friends will hear with regret that she sustained quite painful injuries by a fall down her garret stairs which she was descending with a heavy trunk of files of the "Credit Foncier" of Sinaloa" of which she was editor for years. She assures us she thought her neck was broken at first, but after taking her time to gather herself up and take stock of her injuries she found she had escaped with sprains and bruises. She is again able to be out and the editor-in-chief hopes will soon be fully herself again.

Members of the Mobile cogregation of Rev. Hill, to the number of a score or more came over last evening and surprised that worthy gentleman, presenting him with a memorial window in the new church now building. A large number of Fairhope friends also joined in the pleasure of the occasion. The presentation speech was made by Dr, Osgood of Mobile, and eloquently and feelingly responded to by Mr. Hill. Short speeches were also made by Rev. Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Legge. Ice cream and cake were served in abundance.

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Captain John Foster, of the Fairhope, was summoned by the U. S. Marshal at Mobile, as one of a board of three to hold a survey on the schooner Emma L. Cottingham; whose crew complained that she was not seaworthy The board found with the crew and the master was directed to make the repairs signified as necessary.

The Courier office had a very pleasant call on Tuesday, from Mr. S. E. Freeman, of Atlanta, who was some years ago, a subscriber to the Courier but had not been closely in touch with us of late. Happening to be in Mobile on business he embraced the opportunity to visit Fairhope, and while here again subscribed for the Colony journal.

The editor and wife were guests at supper of Mr. and Mrs. Ross of the Fairhope House on last Sunday evening. From personal observation the writer is confident the recent change in dining room service at this popular hotel, will prove very satisfactory to the public. The new chef is an "artist in his line" and with a larder generously supplied with the best the markets offer, he caters most satisfactorily to the individual tastes of the guests. The house with its broad galleries and charming location, is a most comfortable and restful place and Mr. and Mrs. Ross are most agreeable and attentive hosts.

Labor Day

There will be a Labor Day celebration in Fairhope this year for the first time. The Carpenter's Union is arranging an excellent program for the exercises, which will take place under the big Magnolia on the beach. Among other interesting events there will be music by the band; addresses by a union speaker from Mobile, and by Mr. E. B. Gaston, who will take up the Fairhope Plan as regards the working class, particularly union workmen.

The sports committee has arranged a tug of war between the married and unmarried men, a nail driving contest for the girls and a tight rope walking competition.

The program will begin at one o'clock. Everybody is cordially welcome. Monday afternoon, Sept 4.

Lightning Strikes School

Dnring the severe thunder storm on the evening of the 25th, lightning struck the new Fairhope school house and damaged it considerably. The bolt evidently struck the south chimney, knocking the cap off of it, and the shingles around it and then descending, scattered all over the building, the main part of the current escaping to the ground under the southwest window where one of the brick pillars was rent in twain. A big hole was knocked through both inside wainscoting and outside weather-boarding, and studding shattered at the extreme north end of the 72 foot building, and a similar damage was done under the south east window.

It is very fortunate that it did not happen at a time when school was in session and that fire did not follow.

Four hogs which were under the house were electrocuted,

Well in Working Order

The town well is again in working order and we believe will furnish more water than it has ever done. The removal of the pump pipe and a few minutes testing of the volume of water with a sand bucket, pulled up as rapidly as possible, demonstrated that the close wire-wrapped strainer put in last winter was not a success, not admitting a sufficient supply of water. Recourse was then had to the plan under which very good results were secured for two or three years when the pump was first put in. A large sized well point three inches in diameter and six feet long was put on the end of the pump pipe and the same lowered within the casing, until, by the settling of the inner pipe and raising of the outer, the point was left in the water-bearing sand entirely below the casing. As the point is nearly twice as long as the former one and extends clear below the casing, whereas the former was found on its removal to have been only about half of it below, it is beileved the pump will be given an abundant supply of water and deliver more to the tank than ever before. A check-valve has also been placed between the pump and the tank, which will prevent the water wasting about the pump head, when the pump is not running.

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The world heard with great relief of the conclusion of a treaty of peace by the representatives of Japan and Russia at Portsmouth. But what a pity that such a solution might not have been reached before the awful pouring out of blood and treasure.

There need be no fear on the part of any one of any change in the vital features of the Fairhope policy. A three-fourths vote of the members is necessary to amend the constitution and not one-fourth can be secured for any of the changes now advocated.

Science seems to be winning a victory over the yellow fever at New Orleans, though there has been quite a discouraging spread to outlying districts where the organization and facilities for fighting it are not as perfect. Mobile has thus far kept entirely free and with the thorough quarantine in force it is confidently believed will remain so.

Mr. John Weiler, of the excellent "Peoples Single Tax Propaganda Movement" of Chicago, which is holding meetings every night at different points about that city, says: "We find that people are ripe for single tax. We mention Fairhope at every meeting to demonstrate that the single tax is practicable. Your colony is a powerful object lesson to the world of the beauty of our reform."

Mrs. E. M. Scofield, who received the COURIER for some time by the kindness of an unknown friend, appreciates it so much that she sends $1 for renewal for another year, She is a southern lady who "was converted to the single tax after leaving the south," she says, "having married a Yankee single taxer." She adds: "We now have a son and a daughter whom we hope and expect will be good workers."

Mrs. Frances R. Riley, one of our pleasant visitors of last winter, writes from Farmington, a suburb of Detroit, Mich., enclosing clippings from Detroit papers about Tom Bawden's death, and says: "Without doubt he did more than any other man in our state to get Henry George's ideas before the public, especially those who would listen to his talks when they would not read a book on the subject. We are sorry to lose him as a man and as a worker." Mrs Riley adds: "I hope to enjoy a home at Fairhope this coming winter. I cannot tell you how eagerly the COURIER is devoured as soon as it reaches me and I shall never forget the kindness of Fairhopers."

The COURIER's defence of Fairhope in last issue against the criticism of the STANDARD and others, has been most heartily received by the friends of Fairhope and even by many others, who, if not themselves wholly agreeing with Fairhope's plans, apprciate what has been accomplished under them, believe in fair play and respect those who are willing to put their theories to the test of practice, upon themselves.

Mr. Lancaster's letter printed and commented upon elsewhere in this issue, furnishes an excellent argument it seems to us against the folly of admitting every one who happens to come to Fairhope to a vote in carrying out its essential purposes, as is advocated by some. Mr. Lancaster is a good citizen and most amiable gentleman, but he would not be of great assistance in running a single tax colony.

Mr. Powell recently contributed an excellent article on Fairhope to *Maxwell's Talisman*, a journal devoted chiefly to the reclamation of arid lands by irrigation and having a large circulation. Practically the same article appeared with several excellent illustrations, in *The World's Work*, of London, one of the leading English magazines and it was also in part reproduced in *Unity*, of Chicago, of which Rev. Jenkins Loyd Jones is editor in chief.

The ridiculous futility of attempting to tax intangiable or concealable personal property is shown by the recent report of the State Examiner of Public Accounts on Mobile County. He says: "In 1904 money hoarded and on deposit in banks was given in for taxation at $12,650 while the statements from the banks in January 1905 show $8,000,000 on deposit." Some people are afraid the single tax is not "practical," but they don't object to a tax which is notoriously proven unpractical as well as vicious to the very extent to which it is enforced.

The Issue Now Clear

EDITOR COURIER:

Single taxers who clearly understand the principles of Henry George and are familiar with the Fairhope plan can no longer be deceived by the opposition after reading the letters published in the last two issues of the Courier and replied to so ably by the editor.

Philadelphia, Pa., W. L. Ross.

Pats the Editor on the Back

DEAR MR. GASTON:—

Have just got the COURIER and the first thing I saw was your answer to the *Standard*, and I can't resist patting you on the back. Good! We live in a town under "democratic principles," where they "pass the hat" for improvements and then don't get them, and a large per cent of the people here really do want to sell and leave, and some of them want to come to Fairhope where they do things.

Fruitdale Ala.. CORDIE B. READ.

F. W. Rose Coming

Mr. F. W. Rose the veteran single taxer of Piedmont, W. Va., who, with his wife, visited Fairhope a couple of months since, writes the editor under date of Aug. 22:

DEAR FRIEND GASTON,

I expect to be in Fairhope some time in October with my family. I have sold my business and am trying to sell my real estate, but whether I do so or not I expect to be with you at that time. I expect to build a home on the lot next to Mr. and Mrs. Powell."

Friend Rose is fully advised of conditions at Fair-

hope from long reading of the COURIER and personal investigation, and is in full sympathy with the Colony policy. He is rather an exception to reform publishers in having accumulated a reasonable amount of property and should be a great help to us.

We had some clippings from his late paper expressing the appreciation of his neighbors and fellow newspaper men of his services in his community but have mislaid them. He and his family will be cordially welcomed among us.

Municipal Telephones

Press despatches from London announce that England will soon have a system of government telephones. Public ownership must sooner or later extend to the telephones. The telephone business is by its nature a monopoly. No one cares to have several different phones in his house. One telephone system in a city is very much more convenient than several systems, but if the one system is in the hands of private citizens it is sure to develop all the objectionable features of a monopoly.

Public ownership is the only solution. The city should own the city system; the county should own the system for the country outside of the cities and furnish connection between the cities of the country. They can add inter county lines and the national can, if it becomes necessary, add interstate lines.

Our system of government is admirably adapted to this divided work. Each subdivision can do the work to be done within its limits. In some states the citie are not allowed to take up this work but the laws should be changed. The telephone monopoly will soon be as burdensome as the telegraph monopoly and the railroad monopoly, if private ownership is permitted.—Bryan's *Commoner*.

Mr. Lancaster Discusses Fairhope Policy

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If it be said that the word "lessees" means only the particular "lessee" on that one piece of land that he rents, then the wording of the lease is unfortunate. For the word is constantly employed in the plural, as a collective noun as if to purposely prevent any such interpretation.

Certainly the obvious meaning is the one that a court of law would apply.

It seems evident that the legal aspects of the leases have been overlooked in the effort to "carry out a principle," and it is vital to the continued prosperity of this community that the lessees should scrutinize the legal foundations upon which they rest.

I was informed by another speaker at the lessees meeting before mentioned, that the "unearned increment" was made by the Bay of Mobile, the climate, and the high land bordering the bay.

That statement called for reference books, and it was found that the items mentioned have been in existence at a conservative estimate for a million of years.

At $100 per acre increase in value each year Fairhope land would now be worth $100,000,000, per acre.

What are the landlords doing to let the lessees off with a paltry $1,000 per acre valuation?

I. LANCASTER.

COMMENT BY THE EDITOR

Mr. Lancaster's point in regard to the contradiction between "benevolent" and "industrial" is perhaps well taken. "Industrial" applied to the Fairhope Association was a misnomer. The name is now the "Fairhope Single Tax Corporation."

We are unable to see why Mr. Lancaster, should have any difficulty in understanding what the "unearned increment" is. The reply to his first query at the meeting referred to was correct, assuming that the value of the land in question was represented by the figures given. The second reply was not correct. The "improvements efforts and expenditures of the lessees," did not create the increased value. It was due to increased demand. Supply and demand are the only things directly affecting the value of land or anything else. The "improvements efforts and expenditures," of the lessees may have indirectly affected the land value in this case by causing increased demand, but circumstances might easily be supposed under which

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they might exist without increasing demand, and therefore without an increase in land value.

The same is true regarding the statenent of another speaker that the "unearned increment was made by the bay of Mobile, the climate, the high land" etc. These advantages have acted and do act undoubtedly to attract people hither whose demand for land enjoying such advantages, has enhanced its value. But it was obviously not until people came, noted these advantages and were attracted by them, that they affected demand, and through demand land values, though they existed a billion years.

That the clause of the lease referred to, has given difficulty to Mr. Lancaster, we regret. But he is the first man to our knowledge, of hundreds who have scrutinized it, who ever thought of giving it the interpretation he would put upon it. The clause preceding the one referred to provides that the land shall be subject to an "annual rental based upon the value of said land exclusive of improvements" to "equalize the varying advantages of location and natural qualities of its different tracts" and is a sufficiently clear statement of the principle upon which the rent is to be determined. The second clause, to "convert into the treasury of the corporation for the common benefit of the lessees all values attaching to such lands not due to the efforts or expenditures of the lessees" is to be interpreted in the light of the foregoing and having in mind that the lease is not a contract with the lessees jointly but with each individual lessee. The meaning is then perfectly clear that each individual lessee is to pay an annual rent which shall equalize him with all other lessees in the enjoyment of the varying advantages of location and natural qualities of all tracts, and which shall take every value attaching to the land leased by him not arising from his efforts and expenditures.

The Corporation has satified itself of the legality of its lease contracts. If any lessees are not satisfied thereof, they have their remedy,

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Last week you saw the announcement of the marriage in Mobile of two of my intimate friends, Arthur K. Trenholme and Hazel L. Curtis. You may have read articles in the COURIER over Mr. Trenholme's signature, and otherwise have seen his name there. Miss Curtis is the daughter of Mrs. Leonora Curtis, and the niece of Mrs. L, S. Massey, her sister, both of whom are much esteemed friends of mine. As I had heard that the young people of Fairhope intended to give a "mock serenade" to the young couple, I was very glad to receive an invitation to a very small and informal reception at Red Roof Farm on the day after the marriage. "I will be there," I said, "to protect those Babes in the Wood." You know how I abhor such kind of serenades, tho' our young people here do not mean even discourtesy by such demonstrations I am assured. If they will look into the Century Dictionary under the word "charivari"—"chivaree," (as they call it here) they will find given as one of its definitions: "A mock serenade with kettles, horns, etc., intended as an annoyance or insult.

I cannot understand how any self-respecting citizen, young or old, could engage in such an uncitizenlike practice, to speak gently, not to say euphemistically.

We were very cordially welcomed before we reached the house, and as we drove up—having been sent for in consideration of our "age and infirmities"—the house with its broad veranda, faced with huge circular pillars, presented an imposing appearance. We visit-

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September 1 and 2, Butte, Montana.

ed awhile, Mr. and Mrs. Massey having joined us, all the while expectant of the promised "serenade." It was so long delayed that we began to hope for a happy disappointment when a feeble din of horns and catcalls commenced. Mr. Trenholme rose, took the charming little bride of a day upon his arm, and proceeded down, the long walk to the gate. Instantly the din ceased, and the party, soon appeared, following the hosts. At first there was a sign of restraint I thought, but it was soon succeeded by refreshments, by songs, music, light conversation and laughter until, late in the evening, nature honored the occasion by a real and sublime serenade. This one was from the orchestra of the heavens led by the great spectacular conductor, Jupiter Tonans!

We could not separate for some time, but the electrical display ceased after a while and the guests left with every kind wish for the happy union of Mr. and Mrs. Trenholme.

I was very sorry to learn that in my "Letters" last week I had offended or at least annoyed Mr. Arthur Mershon, and I straightway went to him and apologized for writing so carelessly as even to *seem* to misrepresent him; and in this instance, and "with the best intentions" I have done so.

The Single Tax In a Play

George H. Swinton of Colorado Springs, renewing his subscription adds:

"I had the pleasure last night of listening to the play "Resurrection," dramatized from Tolstoy's story by that name. The house was crowded (1200 seats) and they heard some "straight" single tax doctrine. The play is a strong one, was well rendered and I trust will help our cause. It was played for five nights to full houses.

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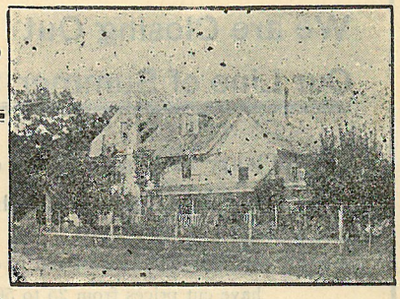
James H Currie and family, of Illinois, expect to come to Fairhope within about a month. Mr. Currie writes that his family would sooner miss a meal than the COURIER.

In spite of the blight, pears are very abundant this fall.

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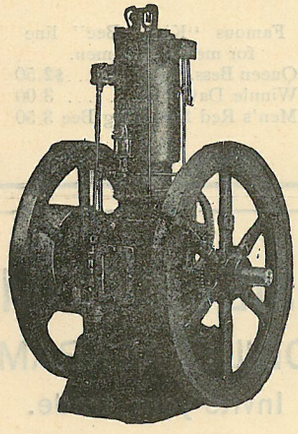
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Fairhope Single Tax Corporation was organized to practice a theory which its founders think good. Its basic principle is the Law of Equal Freedom, "That every man has freedom to do all that he wills, provided he infringes not on the ebual freedom of any other man." This law is applied by it:

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It should appeal to those who believe the path of progress does not necessarily lead to the substitution of a government trust for the multiple private trusts which in the enjoyment of special privileges have grown to be a national menace, but that EQUAL FREEDOM is a sovereign remedy for all our economic ills.

For further particulars, address with stamp, G. W. Wood, Secretary,
—Or better, subscribe for the FAIRHOPE COURIER.

Now let everbody talk Fairhope, and the coming winter will be the most prosperous we have ever seen.

Rush in your gardens now. It is time to plant radishes, lettuce, parsnips, beets, turnips, etc., and perhaps not to late for fall potatoes,

Sales, Rental and Exchange Department

The publisher of the COURIER has decided to open in connection with his other business a department for the sale, rental and exchange of improvements on Fairhope land.

Only such properties will be listed as are considered by us to be good values at the prices asked. Those having properties to dispose of are invited to place them in our hands. Those desiring to purchase improved places are invited to communicate with us, stating their desires as near as may be. Address all communications toE. B. Gaston, Fairhope.

Rare bargain in place near bay front. Well built house 28x46ft. beside 10ft. galleries on two sides; fire places in two rooms; good stable, large lot, good variety of fruit. Gaod location and house well adapted for keeping boarders or renting rooms. $1000 will buy. Improvements cannot be duplicated today for $500 more. I recommend this as a bargain. E. B. Gaston.

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SUNDAYS

Leave Mobile 9:15 a. m. for Fairhope, Battles, North Wharf and Zundell's.

Leave Mobile 3 p. m., for South Wharf and Zundell's.

Leave Zundell's 5 p, m., touch South Wharf, North Wharf, Battles and Fairhope.

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Smile

Smile and the world smiles with you,
"Knock" and you go alone;
For the cheerful grin
Will let you in
Where the kicker is unknown

Growl and the way looks dreary,
Laugh, and the path is bright,
For a welcome smile
Brings sunshine, while
A frown shuts out the light.

Sing, and the World's harmonious.
Grumble and things go wrong.
And all the time
You are out of rhyme
With the busy, bustling throng.

Kick, and there's trouble brewing,
Whistle and life is gay.
And the world's in tune
Like a day in June
And the clouds all melt away.

—*Tengwall Talk.*

From One of Fairhope's Organizers

EDITOR COURIER:

I have with great interest from its very inception, watched the progress of Fairhope Colony. Especially have I "kept tab" on the efforts made to make of Fairhope a failure by so changing its constitution that its very foundation principle would be overturned and the structure fall into the chaos of prevailing commercialism.

Most vividly do I remember the days and evenings when you and Brother Bellangee and I drafted the constitution of Fairhope Industrial Association. In that labor I think we builded wiser than we knew. I am firm in the opinion that every principle incorporated in the original constitution was and is correct and practical.

Most emphatically do I now assert that the proposition to give to lessees of the corporation's property the right to vote for corporation officials and determine its policies, is wrong, absolutely wrong, unjust, irrational and illogical, and if done will sound the death knell of Fairhope as a single tax experiment. As well might an orthodox church invite atheists to determine its creed. Nor is there the slightest excuse for such a change in the constitution. Let those who desire to have a voice in the management sign the roll of membership. And let those who do not like Fairhope management get out of it. Fairhope was established—hewed out of the wilderness—for those who believe in it, not for those who like the old system best. Its constitution is strictly democratic, but aliens, although they may abide within its borders, have no moral right and should never be given a legal right to either control or influence in any way the corporation's affairs.

It has been with regret that I have seen Fairhopers in their anxiety to secure settlers, abandon some of the important purposes of its founders, and I trust that the retrograde movement will go no further, for indeed it cannot do so without destroying the very fundamental purpose of the colony. I do not fear this, for I believe the membership of Fairhope, by a large majority, know what they are organized for, and knowing, dare maintain.

Oskaloosa Ioa., ALFRED Q. WOOSTER.

The writer of the foregoing was, as he states, one of the framers of the original Fairhope constitution. He and the writer were both at that time on the staff of the *Farmer's Tribune*, the leading reform paper of Iowa. He was the one who suggested the name "Fairhope", and, when the organization was perfected, he founded the *Liberty Bell*, which was the colony organ until the publication of the COURIER was undertaken by it.—Ed.

Assistance Not Needed

In his issue of last week Mr. Norton gave space in the *Standard* to the letter of the editor of the COURIER, (which was also published in the COURIER of two weeks ago) making running comments thereon, which, as they seem to us to introduce no new argument and could hardly be effectively reproduced without republishing much of our letter, we do not deem it necessary or advisable to give space to in the COURIER. As we have written Mr. Norton, we felt very well content after reading his attempt to reply, to leave it with our letter as representing our respective positions upon the points in dispute, though some mis-statements of fact we felt unwilling to leave unchallenged and offered the desired corrections.

To our intimation in an earlier number of the COURIER that Mr. Norton was not very democratic in claiming a position as "member for Alabama of the National Committee of the single Tax League," Mr. Norton retorts by a challenge to submit to a vote of the people of Fairhope, following a public discussion by himself and Mr. Gaston, the question as to which they would prefer to represent them on the S. T. Committee, and also as to the issues involved at Fairhope, which he states to be: "Shall the bona fide resident renters of Fairhope determine what shall be the rental value of its land and determine also as to the expenditure of the public funds?"

This invitation we have respectfully declined for the following reasons: We are not a candidate for any such position, nor is there, in fact, any such recognized body in existence. The resident members of Fairhope Corporation have already voluntarily given to the non members an equal voice with themselves in the disposition of the public funds; and we will admit without argument, that renters generally would vote that they should fix their rent—indeed, would probably vote that the land should be donated them in fee simple and that they should collect rent of their landlords.

An excellent opportunity was afforded Mr. Norton to discuss Fairhope policies, at the time of the Single Tax Conference, in the presence of visiting single taxers, but not accepted.

The issues at Fairhope (if such there be) can be settled only by the people of Fairhope, along the lines of their voluntarily entered into agreements and no assistance of outsiders is needed.

How it Works

For several years past Neighbor A. Swift held, under lease from the colony, a tract of land 300 ft. wide

(Continued on 4th page.)

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The Powells are expected back during this month.

Frank Brown is getting another kiln of brick ready.

A new line of souvenir views. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Banner patterns will be on sale at Call's in September.

Fall and winter line of shoes just received at Mershon Bros.

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Why not read a good story book? A. M. Dealy & Co. have them.

Captain Jos. Lawrence is able to be out again after his severe fall.

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Dr. Rowe and Miss Dorothy have moved into their new home on Fels Ave.

Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

New line of disc harrows at Mershon's. Every farmer ought to see them.

Miss Mabel Woods of Mobile, is visiting Miss Stella Lawrence for a few days.

A big supply of pitcher pumps, galvanized pipe, etc., just in. Mershon Brothers.

What nice candy, and so fresh. Where did you get it? A. M. Dealy, of course.

George Cain has about completed a small dwelling on a Colony lot near the Ettel line.

Henry Holbein one of our summer visitors from Mobile, is very ill with pneumonia and typhoid.

Miss Harvey, one of our summer visitors, was taken with an acute attack of appendicitis last week.

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M. V. Mathews has completed a neat four room cottage on Church street, just this side of his present home.

Just what you want to eat, cooked just as you want it, and at the right prices—Fairhope House. Service a la carte.

Mr. Ned Dougherty has applied for a lease of the lot adjoining on the west that upon which his cottage stands.

Mrs. A. O. Berglin and children left Tuesday for an extended visit north. They will go to Chicago, Green Bay, and to Manistique Mich.

Mrs. Hunnel is having an outside entrance to her stairway to her upper rooms put on the east side of her cottage. Geo. Fredericks is doing the work.

The Sept. meeting of the Arts & Crafts Society will be held at Mrs. Comings on Wednesday evening the 13th at 7.30. Let every member be present.

The recipe for gingered pears in the COURIER a couple of weeks since was all right. The editor's good wife tried it and the results were highly satisfactory.

Reverend Hill and Mr. J. K Simmers, are among those who are considering taking lots and building summer homes at Fairhope. We sincerely hope both will do so.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Pilcher on next Thursday Sept. 14. The subject will be, "Miss Willard as a reformer" All interested are cordially invited to attend.

W. S. Sumner sends remembrances of himself and wife to all their Fairhope friends with the wish that "harmony may ever be with Fairhope and that we shall come back to you this fall and find all well and prosperous."

W.S Baldwin's horse made a sudden spurt and turned suddenly just at the foot of the hill, as he was driving down to the labor day exercises, throwing Mr. Baldwin from the wagon. Luckily he escaped with only a shaking up.

Superintendent of Public Health C. K. Brown had a small bill on Monday night, for burying eight hogs and one goat. Four were victims of lightning when the school-house was struck, but the causes of the deaths of the others are probably shrouded in mystery.

Fairhope's first Labor Day celebration, under the auspices of the local Carpenters Union was a very enjoyable affair. There were probably between 250 and 300 people on the ground during the afternoon. For further report see Mrs. Howland's "letters" on another page.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweet have moved in from near Gateswood, about thirty miles east of Fairhope and have rented the late John Smit place. Mrs Sweet has been engaged as one of our teachers for the coming school year and Mr. Sweet has accepted a position with Mershon Brothers as clerk in the store.

Messrs. Sturzic and Beasly recently from the north, now residing in Mobile, where both are employed as mechanics visited Fairhope two weeks ago with their wives and were so pleased that they came over again last Sunday and selected two lots each in the tract lately surrendered by Mr. Swift, for which they have made formal application expecting to build homes upon them. They will of course, be glad to get employment at home, but ask no guarantee of the same, as they can find steady employment at their trades in Mobile.

Leaseholders' Protective Union

There will be a meeting of the Leaseholders Protective Union at the Hall 7.30 P. M. Monday 11th September 1905: all interested are invited to be present. A. Swift, chairman.



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Mr. W.H. Bryant was over with his family Tuesday night and came back on Wednesday night with a party of friends to take in the minstrel show. Mr. Bryant was obliged to go back to his business on Thursday, but is back again today taking a "day off", with his friend Mr. Batchelder. Both were callers at the COURIER office.

Dr. Chas. A. Mohr, state health officer, came over on Tuesday, on a tug, with Dr. Hail and undertaker Wm. V. Beroujo n (the latter to embalm the body of Mrs. Stokes) to look after the health of this section, some reckless talking person having set a rumor afloat that there was yellow fever on this shore. Dr. Mohr investigated what few cases of illness were under the charge of local physicians here and at Daphne, and very soon satisfied himself that there was no foundation whatever for the reports. The fact is that the shore is exceptionally healthy this season.

Our neighbor Comings, brings the Editor a basket of his mammoth pears, as large and handsome perhaps as we have ever seen. The special interest in this fine crop of pears, is that Mr. C. had the trees treated by the widely known horticulturist Callahan of Point Clear, who for the last three years. has been claiming to cure the fatal "blight" that is such a wide spread difficulty in pear growing and if it can be cured will open a great source of great profit to Baldwin county farmers, for such pears as have been the envy of all who have seen Mr. Comings trees, are rarely to be seen in any fruit growing locality in the whole U.S.

The trees of friend Comings, have shown scarcely any traces of the blight this year, while all around him, the blight has been severe, and fatal in many cases. Surely this cure should be widely tested, and if it is a success generally as it has been in this case, and in others nearby, it will be one of the great things of this great year.

Mr. C. C. Mechem Jr, of Mobile, who is one of Fairhope's old-time friends, was responsible for a visit from Sunday morning to Tuesday morning of a very pleasant party of Mobilians which included beside himself, Mrs. M. McColgan and daughter Miss Anna, Mr. A. C. Tonsmeire and Mr. Hans Curfel. Miss McColgan is one of Mobile's most accomplished pianists, and Mr. Curfie is a prodigy with the Cello, while Mr. Mechem both plays and sings with great effect. The editor's family had a delightful evening at their home with the party, enjoying their exquisite music, which was also shared by their entire neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Ross, of the Fairhope house, were also present and Mr. Ross added to the pleasure of the occasion with several vocal solos. The party were guests of the Fairhope house and expressed great pleasure with its service and with the varied charms of Fairhope.

Hall Lighted with Acetylene

At the Council meeting on Monday night, the Council accepted a proposition from Littlefield & Comings to equip the hall for Acetyle ne lighting, the gas to be furnished by A. H. Mershon from the plant from which his own house, Mershon Brothers' and Frank Creswell's stores and the Fairhope Pharmacy are lighted.

The work was completed by Wednesday evening so that the lights were used for the first time at the Dealy Brothers minstrel show adding immensely to its effectiveness.

Death of Mrs. Stokes

The community was greatly shocked on Tuesday morning by news of the death of Mrs. V. H. Stokes, which occured about ten o'clock on Monday night, September 4.

It was not generally known that she was ill as she had not desired it to be made public though she had been confined to the house for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Stokes came to Fairhope from New York, a few years ago and built a very comfortable home on Colony land just beyond Mr. Masseys. She was a very ardent social reformer having been a resident member of Ruskin (Ga.,) colony for about two years. She was a woman of culture, and charming personality and will be greatly missed.

She left two children, a son, Percy, who resided with her here and a daughter, Mrs. Ethel De Cernea, of New York City.

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Upon further consideration of Mr. Bolton Hall's suggestion that the "Fairhope controversies" should not be continued further in the COURIER, we have concluded that while our policy will continue to be to make the paper a forum for the presentation of such argument or criticisms as residents of Fairhope desire to submit, outside critics will be given attention, where it is deemed worth while, in the medium in which their criticisms appear.

The Mobile *Register* presented on September first, a magnificent trade issue, reviewing the business of the year in that thriving metroplis. The issue was one of five sections and forty-eight pages, replete with interesting matter regarding Mobile and vicinity, with many excellently printed illustrations. Fairhope had a quarter page write-up. We presume that extra copies may still be had and suggest that friends interested in this section write for the same. The price, five cents.

Mr. Fels writes us just upon his arrival at London, [illegible] his short stay upon this side: "While in Ameri- what is known as the Employment Bill, in which the ablishment of farm labor colonies by public authori- s for the unemployed, formed the important part, s passed by Parliament, though not in as good shape its friends hoped for. It is a step however, in the ght direction and will have the effect of more gener- ly calling attention to the land question. The thing ill become more acute as people wake up to the pos- ibilities,"

It is very probable that the efforts of Mr. Fels himself to encourage the authorities of several districts in or near London to employ their able-bodied paupers upon the land, even to the extent of purchasing farms and tendering the use of them, and the success attending the experiments made, exerted a powerful influence for this bill. Mr. Fels fully appreciates the importance of "object lessons" in teaching even members of Parliament, as well as children, and his efforts are usually along that line.

How It Works

(Continued from 1st. page.)

by about 2000 ft. long adjoining on the north that owned by him. No use has been made of the land save to cut firewood from it. He talked at one time of clearing it and putting a persimmon orchard on it, but several colonists, the writer among them, advised him strongly against doing so, saying that the land was sure to be in demand for building sites within a few years and that no one could afford to hold it simply for growing persimmons on it, and pay such rent as would be considered cheap and willingly paid by those wanting it for home sites. Of course the rent has been advancing on the land with considerable regularity, against the as regular protests of neighbor Swift, and last winter there was a very sharp advance. The Council also exercised its right of eminent domain (reserved in all leases) to plat a street along the south side. There was already one on the north.

Mr. Swift of course, thought the increase of rent outrageous and was very active among the protesting tenants, being in fact, the president of the so-called "Tenants Protective Union," under whose auspices an effort is now being made to revise the Fairhope constitution, the committee on which includes three non-members of the Corporation and two members (one of the latter having only made application for membership in February last, expressing his hearty approval of the constitution, without which, of course, he would not have been admitted.) This however by the way.

While Mr. Swift, with other leaseholders, was protesting so vigorously agalnst the rent, Mr. Dougherty became enamored of a lot in the tract held by Mr. Swift and in addition to paying the colony its alleged exorbitant rent, was held up by Mr. Swift for a "bonus" of five dollars in order to get him to relinquish; which of course, went into Mr. Swift's individual pocket.

At the Council meeting on last Monday evening the secretary reported to the Council, that Mr. Swift had notified him of his desire to relinquish all of the tract save four of the cheapest lots (being in a hollow and which he presumably desired to hold simply to cut the trees off of them.) The rent for the first half of 1905 had not been paid. At the same meeting an application was made by Mr. Beasly, for two of the lots and applications are in hand since, to be presented at the next meeting, for three additional lots. Three dwellings will probably be built on these lots within the next few months. Thus are the claims of single taxers that their policy will discourage the holding of land out of use, keep it open for incoming settlers, increase opportunities for labor, and bring increased public revenue, being vindicated by Fairhope.

Single taxers will also readily understand that those who are not rooted and grounded in the faith and who will insist on holding on to land which they are not using or are but poorly using, will object strenuously to paying what others who would make good use of it, would consider a low rental and pay willingly.

Fairhopes's Controversies Indicate Success

EDITOR COURIER:

In the absence of further information in regard to Fairhope's affairs, the accounts of Fairhope's troubles might well be considered as very strong presumptive evidence of Fairhope's success.

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How It Goes Elsewhere

EDITOR COURIER:

If some of your discontented people desire to sell out perhaps they can do as well with their property at Fairhope as can be done elsewhere. I will give three illustrations. Some twelve years ago there was built a large establishment in what might be called a suburb of Pittsburg. To my knowledge the ground cost nearly ten thousand dollars and the buildings and power plant ninety thousand. Total cost $100,000. The industry failed and the final owner issued an illustrated circular describing the property and sent it broadcast over the country, in effort to sell it. After several years' effort he finally sold it last year for $25,000

Two years ago an experienced business man erected a modern plant in Pittsburg. The ground cost in the neighborhood of $12,000 and the buildings all of $100,000 not counting the owner's time of a year spent in planning it and getting it started. The owner died a few months ago. After advertising this great property, located at Pittsburg, one of the most active industrial places on earth, it was sold two weeks ago at $34,000. So much for the reward of industry.

Less than three years before the Farmer's Bank building (24 stories) at Pittsburg' was erected, the owner of part of the land it stands on offered to sell his property for $150,000 The deal fell through and two years later he sold the property, and the building was taken down as worthless, for $300,000. So much for the reward of monopoly. Is it possible that some of the Fairhope discontented are looking for the reward of monopoly?

Allegheny Pa., H. W. NOREN.

STRAIGHT TALK BY A SUBSCRIBER

EDITOR FAIRHOPE COURIER:—

Please find enclosed one dollar for a year's renewal to THE COURIER. I have read in *Single Tax Review* and your COURIER all, pro and con, pertaining to the Fairhope controversy; and especially did Prof. Bellangee's article in THE COURIER a few weeks ago, and your answer to editorial in (Mr. Norton's) *Daphne Standard*, printed in your COURIER of 25th. inst., delight and interest me. I cannot see that Messrs. Miller and Norton are to be thanked for the publicity, aid, and comfort they have given the "knockers". Let Fairhope be and forever remain a Single Tax town or cease to exist. If any there be who don't agree to this,—why, the world is large and Fairhope I fancy can spare them. Before and when such people came to Fairhope they knew what Fairhope stood for: if they didn't want to abide Fairhope's rules, principles, and methods, why did they come and settle there and was it honest to do so? If the non-member residents want the rights and privileges of members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation (have a right to vote etc.,) why let them get into exactly the same position as to membership, cost, duties., etc, that members have had to, and then there cannot nor will there be any question or doubt about having the same rights. And is this anything but common sense and justice? Can I, you or anyone else get a right to take part in the government of a society, legislate and vote in and on its affairs except I you or he becomes a regular member of such society or organization, be it religious, political, fraternal, industrial or what not? Why should it be different with the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation or with people who want to take part in its affairs? If a man or men do not want to come and live in Fairhope on Fairhope's terms and conditions, they don't have to. But if they do come and sign a lease, let them live up to their contract and pledge or get out! Single taxers respect the rights and opinions of others and we want our convictions, plans, rights and ideas respected also. The world is large enough for all of us. F. G. ANDERSON. Jamestown, N. Y.

A LABOR SERMON BY REV. BIGELOW

Cincinnati, O., May 21, 1905. Herbert S. Bigelow, in his pulpit at the Vine St. Congregational Church, said in part: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." There is no merited rest without useful labor. The plowman goes to the field when the dew is heavy on the grass. All the day long he follows the furrow. The furrow is narrow and the field is wide. Up one side and down the other. One round completed and another begun. the tearing of the sod, the grating of stones, the caws of passing crows, the roll of distant thunder, these are all the sounds he hears as the shadows lengthen and the sun goes behind the woods.

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Then sleep—the sleep of a mind at peace and a tired body. The owl may screech, or the lightning may flash, or the windows rattle with the thunder, but the ploughman hears nothing of it all. In the great commonwealth of labor he has done his part and Nature has said: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

HUMANITY'S NOBLEST PRAYER

Labor is a sacrament. To make labor free, labor for all and for all free labor, that all may know the joy of work and none may wear the yoke of drudgery—this is humanity's noblest prayer.

If none were idle, if none had the power to live by the sweat of another, what health there might be, what flowering of the spirit of man, what beauty of life might grace the multitude!

When wealth is unearned and labor despised and desire vitiated and want a constant dread, humanity, weary and heavy laden, will find no rest. To mankind the voice of Justice speaks and says: "Your heart is hungry and your soul is without peace. In a hundred ways your life transgresses my law. Come to me. Do justice on the earth. Then your heart-hunger will be satisfied and your soul will find rest."

YOKES THAT ARE HARD

The yoke of the world is hard. On the stock exchange, on the board of trade, in the lobbies of senate chambers, are frantic hands reaching for the glittering gold. To these driven slaves the voice comes. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me. It is not gold you need, but love."

There is another and easier mode of life. There are those who do not lust for riches or power. Their lives are filled with the dignity of honest labor. Their friendship is golden. In their silent example is virtue and strength. They do their work. They speak the truth. They pity the sorrowing. They are the friends of peace. They dream of justice and good-will. Their yoke is easy and their burden is light.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Sept. 5. * * O friends! How shall I find words to tell you of my great loss—the death of dear, lovely Mrs. Stokes. My heart literally aches, and yet I should think of her host of bereaved friends—of her stricken son, Percy Stokes who is here, and of her loving daughter now on her way from Europe. Never have I known a daughter's love greater than hers. * * To-night after the embalmer had left, I stood beside the bier and laid a white rose upon her breast. White as that rose and beautiful she looked, and so natural that she seemed merely asleep.

Sept. 6. * * Labor Day celebration, under the old magnolia on the beach, was a real success. The Carpenters Union managed the whole thing I believe, and all went off well. The lunch they provided bountifully with fried fish from the bay, and the rest of us carried baskets. Mr. Gaston made an excellent extempore address showing the advantages of the Fairhope plan to the working man. This followed an address on union labor, read by Mr. Trenholme, then unusually good music by the band led by Mr. Moormon and a violin and guitar duet by Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink. The violin was my John Albert which I never dare refuse to friend Simmers tho I am "awfully mean about lending that instrument." He plays like the ar-

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tist that he is, and it is a treat to see his deft management of the bow and to hear the music he evokes.

The games we all enjoyed but the tight rope walking was rather too exciting. They mostly dropped off from the rope painfully early in the contest.

The Minstrel Show

The "Dealy Brothers' Minstrels' Show" at the Fairhope "opera house" on Wednesday evening was greeted with a fine house and was certainly a "howling success."

There was only one opinion and that was that a better show was never seen in a place of anything like the size of Fairhope, and that it would have done credit to local amateur talent in a town of any size.

Those taking part in black face were as follows:

Arthur and Will Dealy, Will Call, A. H. Mershon, F. A. Creswell, J. M. Pilcher, E. L. Page, Dan Shepherd, E. S. Ross, Elzevir Bell, Tom Wilson and Al. Oberg; with S. D. Yarnelle as interlocutor. The list includes, you will note, a number of our "leading citizens." Mr. Pilcher and Will Dealy were "end men" and were both extremely amusing.

The local hits were very clever and well taken—especially those on Daphne and Volanta, on the new railroad and Mr. Norton, on the "kickers" and on Will Stimpson.

The sermon by "Deacon Sharpe" (Mr. Pilcher) from the text "Old Mother Hubbard, she went to the cupboard, etc.," was excruciatingly funny, and the burlesque "quarantine guards," in which the chief role was by Mr. Call, was also very effective.

Mr. Yarnelle could not have been excelled as interlocutor. The singers were not at their best, either in the solo, quartette or chorus work; but there is nothing in which practice is so essential. A number of excellent voices were, however, in evidence.

The instrumental pieces by Mr. Simmers on Concertina and violin, the latter with guitar accompaniment by Mr. Stemerdink; the harmonica duet by Mr. Pilcher and Mr. Creswell, and harmonica and guitar by Frank Creswell and Mr. Stemerdink, were much enjoyed. Mrs. Pilcher presided at the piano in her usual pleasing matter.

The receipts were over fifty dollars.

VITALITY OF AN ORIGINAL IDEA

The leading editorial of the *Cincinnati Post* on Aug, 26, was on Tolstoy's letter declaring the land question to be the great question and approving fully Mr. George's method of settling the same.

We quote from it as follows:

"To the mind of most people the doctrines of Henry George died with him. The dramatic events surrounding his death seemed to indicate that this was true. George was at the climax of his campaign for the Mayoralty of New York. So great was his support, that all the politicians were at sea. Many of them expected that George would be elected. When he was stricken dead, after an evening of speech-making, his followers dropped back into the old parties. The vote for his son, who replaced him on the ticket, was insignificant.

"A few followers since have striven to promote his doctrines, but they have never caught public attention. It looked as if "Progress and Poverty" would become merely one of the curiosities of literature.

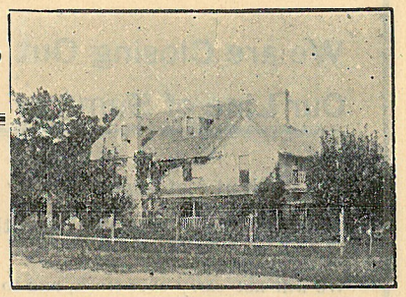
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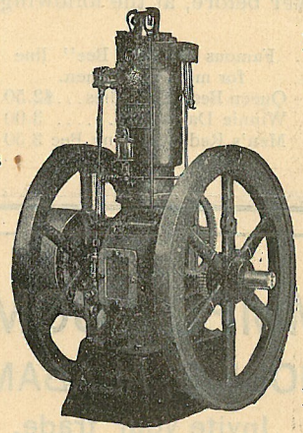
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(Successor to Fairhope Industrial Association)

Organized and incorporated at Des Moines, Iowa, February, 1894.
Established Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, January, 1895.
Re-organized, October 1904

F. L. Brown, Pres. Wm. Stimpson, Vice Pres.
W. A. Baldwin, Treas. G. W. Wood, Sec'y.

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation was organized to practice a theory which its founders think good. Its basic principle is the Law of Equal Freedom, "That every man has freedom to do all that he wills, provided he infringes not on the ebual freedom of any other man." This law is applied by it:

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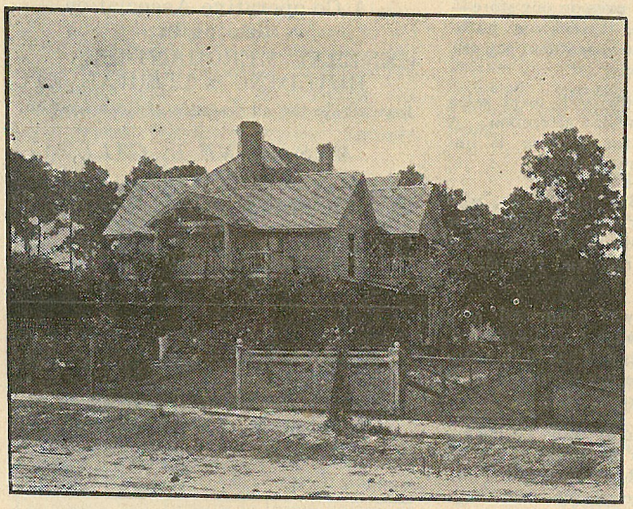
Leave Mobile 3 p. m., for South Wharf and Zundell's.

Leave Zundell's 5 p, m., touch South Wharf, North Wharf, Battles and Fairhope.

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THE GABLES

We picture herewith "The Gables," the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Comings, perhaps the most attractive improvement in Fairhope. It occupies a beautiful site on the corner of Fairhope Avenue, and Church st., at the summit of the slope from the bay, of which it commands a nice view though a half mile from the beach, and is just one block west from the business center of the town; most delightfully located both for a home and for a family hotel, which is now being conducted in it. There are two other small buildings on the rear end of the lot.

While presenting this improvement and describing its location it will perhaps be of interest to outside friends to know the rent charged upon such a site.

The lot is No 19, Block 2, Division 1, size, 104½x215ft. with frontage on two main streets. The rent for 1905 is $27.50. The rent on the remaining lots in the block and on the opposite side of the avenue down to, but not including the corners on Bay View avenue, is $15 each. Some of the most strenuous objections to this year's rent appraisement came from lot holders in this locality, but the writer has taken every opportunity to get the judgment of disinterested parties, visitors and others, on the values of these lots and has never found one who did not think the assessed values ridiculously low.

Mr. Comings also holds a lease to the e. three-fourths of the lot adjoining on the west, with a small dwelling thereon, (secured within a few months from B. H. Bingham) the colony rent upon this being $11.25.

It will be obvious that Mr. Comings, on the lot upon which his fine improvement stands, is a beneficiary of the Fairhope policy as the taxes on such an improvement would probably equal if not exceed the rent; but he himself exemplifies —as many others do even more conspicuously—the results of our policy, for, on the lot on which his small improvement stands, the rent is probably at least twice the taxes, though even in this case it can easily be shown that it is cheaper to hold under the Colony than to own, when account is taken of the taxes which would then have to be paid upon land and improvements and the capital which would have to be invested in the land.

See Ad. of "The Gables" on page 7.

Daphne Still the County-seat

Another decision of the courts in the famous Baldwin County court-house case has been rendered—and again in favor of Daphne. Chancellor Smith of the Chancery Court at Mobile has rendered a decision to the effect that the bill never went into effect, that the county-seat was never therefore legally changed from Daphne to Bay Minette, that all payments from the county treasury on account of the new buildings at Bay Minette were unauthorized, and he specifically enjoined the county officials from appropriating any further monies for the purpose.

Another appeal has been taken to the supreme court, from the Chancellor's decision, but well informed persons, do not see how in the light of its former decisions that body can do other than approve the Chancellor's decree.

The especially interesting features of the present situation are that Judge Brown has ordered the fall term of the Circuit Court to be held at Daphne, the fourth week in October and, that the County Commissioners are reported to be preparing to spend more of the county funds in the employment of attorneys to continue the fight. The latter we do not hesitate to characterize as an unwarranted and outrageous abuse of a public trust. The attempt to change the county seat from Daphne to Bay Minette was not the work of the people of Baldwin county but of a few parties interested at Bay Minette. If they want to spend their money to continue the fight in the courts they are at liberty to do so, but to spend the money of the people of the whole county to keep up Bay Minette's fight and to saddle on to them a big debt for the new courthouse and jail for which they have never voted and when they already have good buildings well located for the purpose and paid for, would be nothing short of criminal in intent if not before the law.

The writer has put up money several times to help fight the case simply in behalf of the people of the county and of fair play and decency in public affairs and protests against the commissioners appropriating the public tax fund to which he has also contributed against the interests of the whole county and for the special benefit of a portion of the people only.

The criticism is sometimes made that people are misled as to the single tax by calling Fairhope a "single tax colony" in that they get the impression that the single tax means that the government should own all the land and lease it out, whereas it does not imply interference with the existing system of land tenure. The few people if any who are thus misled, miss the central principle of the single tax—as indeed some single taxers seem to do—that land values belong to the public and should be taken for public use, while that which belongs to individuals should be left sacredly to them. The method by which this is accomplished is a secondary—though of course important matter. We think it safe to say that for every one who has been confused in this way, at least fifty have been helped by Fairhope to a clearer understanding of the single tax principle than they ever had before or would probably otherwise have had.

The Courier works all the time for Fairhope and should have the hearty support of every citizen.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

New ribbons at Call's.

Water in the tank now.

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Next week.—Frank Creswell.

The haying season is on now.

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Be sure to see the grand minstrel show at the "opera house" tonight.

The Fairhope is positively promised to be out again on Monday afternoon.

Only seven shirtwaists at 50c each at Call's. Hurry if you want one.

Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

The Dealy Brothers Minstrels, have been invited to give their show at Daphne.

Frank L. Brown was initated as a member of the local W. O. W. Camp on Tuesday evening.

The Kelly-Brockman families returned to Mobile on Monday, after a short stay in Fairhope.

The Point Clear Hotel closed on Tuesday after a generally supposed to be unprofitable season.

Cheese! Cheese! Imported Swiss, Limburger, Edam, Pine apple and cream, at Mershon Bros.

We have a small stock of lawns and dimities that we will close out at reduced prices. Mershon Bros.

Some fine pompano, a rather scarce and very delicious fish, have been caught recently from Fairhope wharf.

Squire Littlefield is confined to the house this week the result of a sprain in his side complicated with a cold.

Archie Littlefield is home again, after a couple of weeks in the Mobile post office, filling a temporary vacancy.

A new stock of ant food just in, buy while we have it for this will be our last shipment this season. Mershon Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell are due to arrive on the Mallory steamer today and Dr. Atkinson is expected today or tomorrow.

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Fairhopers who will have to attend Court in October, will appreciate very greatly the convenience of having court held at Daphne.

Mr. Call made several gallons of cider from sand pears. It is excellent. He had about 13 bushels on a few trees in the back yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess and their son will move in from Marlow next week, to occupy the Rathburn—formerly Gaston—place next to the COURIER office.

You should keep your eyes on our store—new goods arriving daily, it costs you nothing to come and look over our stock; you are welcome. Mershon Bros.

The Henry George Club will meet with Mrs. Gaston on next Thursday afternoon. A full attendance is hoped for as there is important business to be transacted.

Mr. Mulkey of the Bay Side Cafe, who has been rather "under the weather" for some time went out to Mr. E. C. Brooks' at Belforest on Tuesday to rest and recuperate for a few days.

F. W. Stalker, who was connected with the "Baldwin Times" under both its former and present managements and has been a frequent visitor at Fairhope has removed from Bay Minette to Silver Creek, Miss.

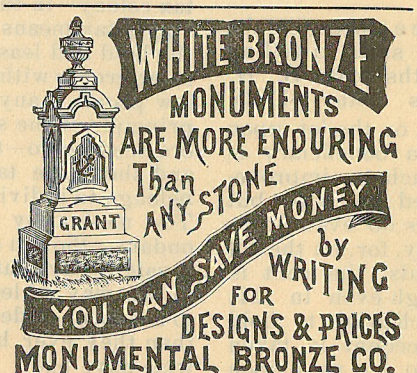
Superintendent of Lands and Highways Bancroft did a good job on School street in cutting ditches on the sides and crowning up the center. The former are of advantage also in helping to drain the school grounds.

Fairhope Avenue from Mershon-Comings corner down, fully demonstrates the virtue of Bermuda grass on the road-sides. Money cannot be spent to better advantage on our sandy slopes, (most of our land is clay) than in getting the road sides set to Bermuda.

Clemens Gerhard, who was with the COURIER as printer and pressman for a year or more, has gone to Havana, Cuba. He has had an unpleasant experience, as we learn from a copy of LA LUCHA, in being detained at Havana as a yellow fever suspect.

Messrs. Beasly and Stersic, who came over and selected a couple of lots each near Mr. Dougherty's, were greatly pleased when they brought their wives over to look over the ground, to have them select the same lots without knowing the choice of their husbands.

With the Point Clear hotel closed and the Fairhope to go into commission again in a few days, it is expected that the Carney and the Pleasure Bay will both "run the shore" and engage in a more or less fierce fight for the Eastern shore trade. There is likely to be "something doing" in steamboat circles.



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Capt. George Lawrence is again a member of the Corporation and taking a lively interest in all Colony affairs which indeed, he did when he was without a membership. His health is somewhat improved of late. His sons George and Stuart, are handling the schooner "Minneola" under his direction, doing a general freighting business between the Eastern Shore and Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Miller and Albert Stearns are tied up in Pensacola with the quarantine, with little prospect of getting away, no matter how much they might desire, before frost. They are well, however, and the men have steady employment. So strict is the quarantine that Mr. Miller was not allowed to move his sailboat from the wharf without permission of the quarantine officer.

Mr. A. H. Barkley of Chicago has been visiting his father and brother at Fairhope for the week past, leaving on his return trip this morning. This was his second visit and he was accompanied this time by his mother, The family look forward to being united in the home here and Mr. A. H. Barkley is holding down a good job in Chicago, while father and brother are developing the place here. He and his mother are both much pleased with Fairhope.

The COURIER'S 2 report weeks ago of the satisfactory condition of the town well was a little premature, for someone's carelessness in dropping a bolt down into the pump pipe at some stage of the work before the final connection was made, made it necessary to pull it up again, and then considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the strainer down again below the outer casing. It is, however, all right now, and with a fair amount of pumping wind will keep a supply in the tank to meet present needs.

The "Leaseholders' Protective Union" met at the hall on last Monday evening, President Swift in the chair, and a synopsis of the proceedings, is furnished us by Secretary Molyneux. A constitution of F. L. P. U. offered by Mrs. Hail was adopted, an amendment supported by M. M. Cope and C. K. Brown, that the word "Reform" be substituted for "Protective," being voted down.

Mrs. Hail presented for the committee the proposed constitution for Fairhope Single Tax Corporation and the same was discussed seriatum and final action on it delayed for two weeks to give all interested opportunity of thinking it over. A copy of the proposed constitution has not been furnished us. A minority report of the committee was presented by M. M. Cope. W. A. Baldwin was appointed a committe of one to see E. Q. Norton and see if a "Leaseholders' Protective Union" column could not be secured in the "Standard." Adjourned to meet in two weeks.

Clippings from the Chicago dailies have reached us telling of the happy reunion of Mrs. A. O. Berglin with her father and five brothers in that city, at the home of Fred Lavigne 10141 Commercial Avenue, the eldest brother. All of the brothers save the eldest, came long distances to attend the reunion, one of them coming all the way from Vancouver, B. C.

It seems that the family was broken up by the death of the mother when Mrs. Berglin was but three years old, the boys being left to shift for themselves and the daughter being adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bebolt. She believed herself to be their own child, until she accidentally discovered that such was not the case, at the age of 13 years. She was told that her family was all dead, but was not satisfied and after marriage to Mr. Berglin, having learned the family name and former residence, she did not rest until she got into communication with her eldest brother and the happy reunion referred to followed. Her many friends in and about Fairhope will rejoice with her in her happinesss.

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Having decided to return to Holland, I offer for sale my tailor shop and residence, with all improvements, poultry, goat, cow, household goods, etc., all at bargain prices for cash. GEO. STEENSTRA.

Want Column

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Editor Norton of *The Standard* was in Fairhope on last Saturday and made the COURIER a call.

Dr. Goldsborough of the U. S. Marine Hospital service after a thorough investigation of Mobile gave her a "clean bill of health"

We have received another communication from Mr. Lancaster regarding the "unearned increment"—which he seems still unable to grasp; but having so many communications "on the hook" received prior to his, we are unable to give it immediate insertion.

We note with regret that our friend John A. Green, late editor of the Mobile Daily *Herald* and one of the best all round newspaper men in Alabama, has quit the newspaper field and gone into the fence business under the name of the "Southern Fence Co." We wish him great success in the new venture.

The fact that Mobile has been kept free from the yellow fever so far in spite of its prevalence on the gulf coast both east and west of the city speaks volumes for its generally sanitary conditions as well as the efficiency of its quarantine. If the city remains free throughout the season it will give it quite a boom—and cause a sharp advance in land values, probably.

The effort of the Leaseholders' Protective Union to revise the constitution of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, has proceeded far enough to indicate that the members of the Union will never be able to agree among themselves; and to do the Single Tax Corporation the service of demonstrating most conclusively the folly of admitting everyone who happens to come to Fairhope and lease land, to a vote on its fundamental policies.

Government in the Lottery Business.

The government after making strenuous efforts to stamp out private lotteries has engaged in the demoralizing business itself.

At the late government disposal of homesteads by lottery at Provo, Utah, fully 3000 persons were present The first and second choice which were drawn by Raymond Daniels of Proyo, and Noah M. Balbock, of Angoria, Colo., respectively, were variously estimated in value at from $5,000 to $10,000 each.

Land Values Come and Go With Demand

The Mobile *Item* of the fourth, had a three-quarter page illustrated article about a deserted village; the town of New Chicago, Ind., once a thriving little city of two hundred or more people situtated about two miles west of Alexandria, Ind. New Chicago was established by the Indiana Gas and Oil Co., which established there a great pumping plant for forcing Indiana gas to Chicago.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent in buildings and expensive machinery. The town had paved streets, water, gas, electric lights, a fine hotel and many handsome modern residences. But the supply of gas failed and today the town is tenantless and the value of both the land and improvements have practically disappeared.

Doubtless land was rapidly increasing in value in the heydey of New Chicago's growth and to the superficial observer it would have appeared due to the "efforts, improvements and expenditures" of the citizens, but the disappearance of the land values while the concrete results of the aforesaid "efforts, improvements and expenditures" remained as before, demonstrated that the land values were due to some other cause, and that cause was *demand*.

"Hold the Fort"

F. K. Perry of Naugatuck, Conn. renewing his subscription to the Courier, adds:

There is no way for you to demonstrate the righteousness of the Single Tax principle save by taking the land rent in its entirety, or as nearly as it is possible for human agencies to decide upon. If any members of Fairhope's little community desire to keep back any portion of the value created by all, how can they be less than public beneficiaries to that extent—recipients of public charity, whose place would be in the almshouse if you had one, or upon the list of pauper families publicly assisted,—if you have not? If any leave Fairhope because they cannot retain the rent of land that came to them free, be glad they're gone. Fairhope is no place for them. There are plenty of places yet where land rents are secured to holders but they might experience some trouble in getting the land. Most of us have. Deeds don't usualy convey free land and rents, too. "Hold the fort." F. K. PERRY.

I hope to be able this fall to send in a few dollars for papers to be sent to my friends. I am going to try and see you next year. F. K. P.

From Secretary New York Citizens' Union

EDITOR COURIER:—

It gives me pleasure to enclose cheque for renewal of my subscription to the FAIRPOPE COURIER, I have been observing with some concern, the controversy about the management of the Colony, although on general principles, I knew that such criticism was bound to arise. The attempt to realise an ideal in the midst of adverse conditions, is bound to result in certain modifications of the perfect system with which men of transcendental tendencies are apt to quarrel. The opinion of every one to whom I have spoken whom I judge to be competent to give an opinion, had been universally favorable; even if they had not been Mr. Powell's endorsment would have been sufficient to convince me of the success of your experiment.

I hoped to visit you last winter but found no time to do so, and I am still looking forward to making a trip next year. I wish the COURIER every success and that it may live and prosper until it becomes the leading daily of a great southern city, which shall exemplify to the world what a modern community is capable of, in

which justice and fair play are the objects of popular pursuit and not the mere acquirement of wealth at the expense of others, by fair means or foul.

JNO. J. MURPHY.

Danger Ahead

The intelligent public is coming more and more to realize, that all the losses and costs of this war between these organized armies of self interest comes at last upon the general public, in added costs for all necessities and this tax is becoming unsupportable by a self respecting independent people, whose interests should be as paramount as they are so largely in the majority in numbers.

We lately asked a widely traveled and intelligent gentleman, who has been in intimate touch with some of the strongest plutocratic, and reform forces; a man whose opinion would be thot worthy of eminent consideration, what in his opinion would be the probable outcome, if, at the next presidential election, a reform candidate of any school should have an apparent election by a very close count, or some such a result of first count as was the case at the Tilden and Hayes election?

With the greatest gravity but with no hesitation he answered, "The worst civil war in history".

One of our most popular educators, not known as a reformer of any school and his institution mainly patronized by monopolistic elements, in a popular lecture dropped the somewhat startling remark that, "The probable soon coming conflict between organized capital and organized labor is likely to be of such severity as to make our late civil war seem like a mere skirmish in comparison. This was surely a strong suggestion of "danger ahead".

When large bodies of men organize for any purpose, their action is always at an extreme; the pace is set not by the careful and conservative but by the radical and extremists. Capital is now organized as never before to utterly overthrow Organized Labor. They have organized strike breaking to an extent that is appalling to the element in labor that has depended on the strike for defence. Labor is also more completely organized, more antagonistic and determined and its leaders feel that conditions would be absolutely intolerable without union, and they are encouraged by a popular opinion generally entertained that labor has not had anywhere near its fair share of modern improvements. It is very safe to say that organized labor is in no mood to be crushed, and remain passive.

Is there any safer or saner way out of the dangers than by adopting the Initiative and Referendum, and let the people vote directly on such laws and customs as the majority wish, and let that be final? There was never so great need of the direct voice of the people; it is the only safe way out of imminent danger. Direct legislation by the people for the people is the only safe way forward to a higher democracy. S. H. COMINGS.

Dangerous Employment

It is reported by the press that peach canners in California have greatly reduced the cost of preparing peaches to be canned. While formerly they paid one-third of a cent per pound to peel and pit peaches they now pay only one-tenth of a cent per pound to pit them, and they take off the peeling with a lye bath. "Handling the peaches thus treated makes the workers' hands sore, and these sores give the peaches a very nice flavor, besides providing patients for the physicians who make a speciality of treating cancer of the stomach." This is an interesting bit of information for the consumers of Californfa canned peaches. One also naturally inquires why people will put their fingers into such a thing as a lye bath. It is simple enough. They must work or starve, and there are few chances of obtains ing employment. If all the land that is held out of use were set free there would be land enough of a good quality to maintain three times our present population in comfort, and if intensive cultivation were resorted to it is believed that our country could support one hundred times its present population. If all of those out of work could employ themselves by getting a piece of ground on non-speculative terms, many of them would do so, and many more of those now employed who are longing to get a farm would do so. The result would be, that, instead of workers seeking employment, employers would be seeking laborers, and those criminal grafters who want to poison consumers by treating peaches with a lye bath would have to skin their own fingers in doing it. B.

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The school house is new and modern in every way, the grounds are being improved and by the time school opens every thing will be in readiness for the most successful school year Fairhope has ever known. The school opens Oct. 2, and continues eight months.

THE GEORGE ACADEMY

will open Nov. 13, with a full corps of teachers under the direction of J. W. Braam, S. B. Mr. Braam is a graduate of the University of Chicago, a man of experience and ability who cannot fail to carry this to a success. The courses of study will be arranged somewhat to meet the demands of the pupils and such branches taught as will enable them to return to their home schools without loss of rank. The academy will have but one session each day, thus avoiding too long confinement and giving time for other things. Tuition is free to lessees of colony lands and their families, but to others there will be a small charge.

As the needs of the pupils will determine the program for the first year and in order that it may be arranged speedily, we desire those who contemplate joining the academy to communicate with the principal at the earliest possible moment.

Beginning in January, Miss Frances Lyon, a graduate of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, will open an

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

under the auspices of the Fairhope Arts and Crafts Society. The regular work will occupy one half of each day and such branches will be taught as are adapted to the pupils, while classes in the various industries will be formed for ladies and gentlemen and those not in the regular school work.

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In addition to the school work there are fine music teachers here, graduates of our best conservatories, a physical culture and elocution teacher of national reputation, besides many non-residents who willingly offer their services in the various branches in which they are proficient. For all these branches the tuition is very moderate.

The opportunities for studying social science are unusually good. Many prominent speakers are here during the season and the clubs offer attractive programs. There will be a

WINTER ASSEMBLY

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3rd. Bones, Mose. 3rd. Tambo, Ephraim.

Opening Chorus - - - Entire Company
Solo and Chorus - - - - Mr. Daniel
Solo and Chorus - - - - - Bones
Solo and Chorus - - - - - Mose
"Smoky Moke"s - - Bones and Tambos
Honolulu Quartette
Solo, - - - - Mr. Daniel
Solo and chorus (by request) Mose
Harmonica Duet

PART TWICE

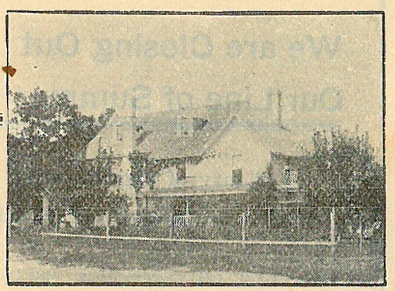
Solo - selected - J. K. Simmers
Burlesque - - - Quarantine Guards
Song - - - - Old Black Joe
Sermon - - - - Deacon Sharpe
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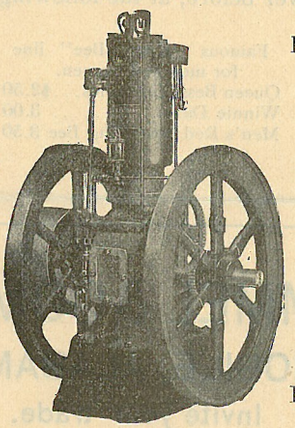
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James H Currie and family, of Illinois, expect to come to Fairhope within about a month. Mr. Currie writes that his family would sooner miss a meal than the COURIER.

In spite of the blight, pears are very abundant this fall.

Sales, Rental and Exchange Department

The publisher of the COURIER has decided to open in connection with his other business a department for the sale, rental and exchange of improvements on Fairhope land.

Write for description of properties.

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Organized and incorporated at Des Moines, Iowa, February, 1894.
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Re-organized, October 1904

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From a Non-member Lessee

Lilybank Cottage
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Editor Courier:

As thou art aware, I came to Fairhope last fall expecting to find there an object lesson setting forth the principle of the single tax movement. And in that I was not disappointed for I found Fairhope Single Tax Colony a live concern. Leasing land, I built a house for residence and feel comfortable for having done so. And the more I consider the conditions of settlement in the Colony and note the development that has taken place, I am convinced that a remarkable degree of success awaits us in the near future. And not merely in regard to material growth but in emphasis of the moral truth it fundamentally stands for. Remembering too, that the colony was established by the effort of a few zealous single taxers, who purchased a tract of land in the ordinary business fashion, and in as shrewd and straightforward manner as I think could be devised, they formed a constitution for guidance in their novel undertaking; then made it known that they were prepared to lease said land to suitable parties for a term of 99 years, hoping, of course, to attract single taxers and others in sympathy.

Occupying the position of landlord, they formulated conditions upon which leases would be granted. And these show plainly that the great feature in landlordism, that of collecting rent and increased value for personal aggrandizement, is altogether wanting and that said revenue would be expended wholly for communal advantages even to the extent of paying county taxes on the holdings of lessees. This is expressly stated in my lease agreement as in all others. Having paid no money for the land, I agreed to pay to the authority having government of it, such rental as shall from time to time be deemed by said authority as requisite for sustaining and promoting the welfare of the colony, and for furthering the distinctive object for which the Colony was founded—namely—the prevention of speculation in land values within its borders—something that every well grounded single taxer understands can only be done by assessing the full rental value of each allottment, increasing as the increase of the land value occurs. But this most assuredly is vital to the existence of Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

And besides, it must be evident to every thinker on the subject that increased value cannot come from what are called improvements. These it is true may provide a comfortable home, give opportunity for business and in some way help in earning a living. But, from the first day of their placement their commercial value declines and continues to do so, being kept in existence by the expenditure of labor and wealth. All real estate men understand this, and know every whit as well, that the sites of buildings, farms, mines, indeed all land is the grand source of increased value and is never absent where there is increase of population, and these business men do all they can to induce people to come and live in their neighborhoods.

I confess to a surprise on my advent to Fairhope at finding such a large proportion of the lessees and even some members of the Corporation out of harmony with, and apparently antagonistic to the constitution and policy of the Colony. What brought these people here, it might not be easy to divine. Doubtless their motive was sincere; nevertheless their coming to Fairhope was a mistake and likely some of them are conscious that it is even so. With their views on the land question it could hardly be otherwise. Whatever they may have thought about the situation at Fairhope at first, they now understand that they cannot directly or indirectly obtain the increased value that by the growth of the Colony comes to their lots, but only their share and that only as it is expended for public use. And to me this appear s as the veritable cause of the present trouble or unrest in the neighborhood. Some otherwise clear-headed excellent people having a wrong estimate of their relation to the land they occupy, seem to forget that in no sense are they owners of the land, but simply tenants governed by the terms of their leases, which they voluntarily applied for, and as willingly accepted and in token of agreement they affixed their signatures.

And surely their is no room in all this for assuming democratic or any other political means in attempts to run or as some would have it, ruin the Colony. Manifestly the campaign cry heard so often in this connection "Taxation and Representation" is but unadulterated foolishness having no application whatever.

However I am persuaded that if these good neighbors of mine and fellow lessees would carefully read their deed of agreement with the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, they could not as rational beings fail to realize, as I myself do, that the wisest and best course for us to pursue is to conform fully to its requirements and at the same time encourage our friends of the Corporation to faithfulness in the discharge of their onerous duties, manifesting good feeling, sound judgment and withal a wise prudence, with strictest loyality to the spirit and letter of the constitution.

In such harmonious effort consciousness would prevail that in some measure we were helping to bring about peace on earth good will to men. And beyond cavil this cannot come to the race, until private ownership of land shall cease and nature's great storehouse for the supply of the wants of everything that lives, is open to all. Thy friend truly,

Archibald Crosbie.

The writer of the foregoing is a man of ripe years and wide experience, a single taxer for seventeen years, who will be readily called to mind by single taxers who have kept in touch with the movement and its active workers, and with such his letter will have great weight.

President Roosevelt in a recent speech made at Wilkesbarre, Pa, said: "I strive never to tell anyone what I do not thoroughly believe and I shall not say to you that to be honest and temperate, and hard working and thrifty will always bring success." Of which the Rochester, Pa, *Commoner* rightly says: What a commentary upon the equity and righteousness of our social and industrial system! All thoughtful men know that success does not come with the exercise of the virtues. But it ought to and until honest effort and honest conduct are justly rewarded there is something radically wrong with our industrial system President Roosevelt's words are suggestive both as to individual conduct and the righteousness of the present order of things.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Look at the last page.

New ribbons at Call's.

Banner patterns at Call's.

Plenty of water in the tank.

New line of fall shoes just in at Creswell's

Heinz pickles, preserves, olives, etc,. at Creswell's.

A new line of souvenir views. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Fine line apron ginghams five cents a yd. at Creswell's.

Cigars for all—from 1c to 15c each. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Fall and winter line of shoes just received at Mershon Bros.

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No. 100 ribbons, suitable for sashes, only 25c yard at Call's.

Plenty of rain; good for fall gardens but not for haymaking.

The V. I. C. will meet with Mrs. Gaston on Thursday afternoon.

Why not read a good story book? A. M. Dealy & Co. have them.

Few more nice gentlemen's dress shirts to close out at twenty-five cents at Creswell's.

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Saturday Special—ice cream and ice cream sodas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Elegant pork spare ribs in pickle. Equal to fresh, only ten cents a pound. Mershon Bros.

Dr. and Mrs. Greeno returned from their northern trip on Thursday evening of last week.

The commitee is busy getting the school house ready for the opening of school on Oct, 3rd.

A new stock of ant food just in, buy while we have it for this will be our last shipment this season. Mershon Bros.

Just what you want to eat, cooked just as you want it, and at the right prices—Fairhope House. Service a la carte.

Rev. Hill and family returned to Mobile on Tuesday, having greatly enjoyed their stay here and promising to come again.

Try our new cereal coffee "Nutrito", delicious, and nourishing, in fifteen and twenty five cent packages. Mershon Bros.

Our neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Dorchester will teach a five months school at Euclid and have moved out there to be near their work.

Mr. McLean of Middleboro, Ky., was a Fairhope visitor yesterday and is considering the matter of locating on the eastern shore.

You should keep your eyes on our store—new goods arriving daily, it costs you nothing to come and look over our stock; you are welcome. Mershon Bros.

The resignation of Mr. Watros as a member of the Executive Council, was accepted on last Monday evening and a special election called for next Tuesday evening, the 26th., to fill the vacancy.

Many a nice string of fish is being caught from the wharf with both hook and line and cast-net.

Miss Fanny Stevens of Magnolia Springs came in Tuesday and will remain until Sunday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creswell.

Just received at Robac's—600 yds. fine lace, shoes, ladies' shirt waists, walking skirts, hats, jewelry, notions and tinware. Prices very low.

Mr. Geo. Kilborn, Secretary of the Ala. Land and Development Co.. (the land department of the M. and O R. R. was a Fairvisitor last Sunday.

Messrs. Beasley and Stersic of Mobile, who have recently taken two lots each on colony land, are expecting to build neat cement block cottages soon.

Mrs. Mead left on Tuesday morning for an extended visit with relatives and friends at and near Chicago. She will probably be gone three months or more.

Dr Atkinson returned on Wednesday evening from her northern trips, looking exceedingly well, glad to be home again, and cordially welcomed by her host of friends.

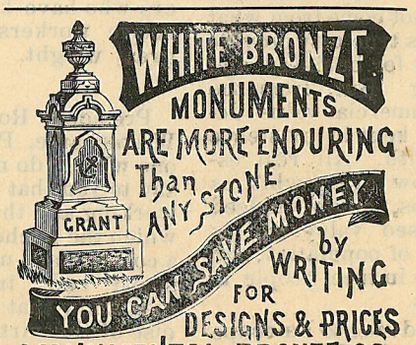
A large part of the summer visitors have returned to their homes in Mobile. We regret to lose them but will hope to see them back next summer with reiniorcements.

Mr. C O. White of Menominee Wisconsin has rented one of the Fairhope Improvement Company,s noce cottages on Fels ave., for six months with the privilege of a year and will move into it with his family as soon as his goods arrive.

Mrs, Lydia J.Newcomb-Comings is to give a series of ten lectures for the benefit of the Arts and Crafts society, the first of which will be given on Sept. 25, at "The Gables," the subject being "Naples". Further announcements will be made later.

The water works committee have strong hopes of installing the water works system this fall and are busy gathering information regarding same. Any of our friends who have any suggestion to offer us or can refer us to some good system in operation will have the thanks of the committee. Wm Stimpson, Chairman.

W. L. Ross of Philadelphia, arrived on last Sunday morning for a visit of a couple of weeks. Mr. Ross is a member of the F. S. T. Corporation and one of the Colony's staunchest friends. He is interested with his brother E. S. in the Fairhope House and the chief purpose of his visit is to confer with him regarding important improvements which are to be made in this popular hotel.



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Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Powell arrived in Mobile, via Mallory steamer on Friday last and got over to Fairhope on Saturday evening. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Brainerd, fellow passengers on the steamer. whose destination was Pensacola where Mr. Brainerd is to take charge of the Y M. C. A., but who thought it would be well to delay their arrival in Pensacola until the fever situation was improved. Mr. Powell has been granted a vacation of four months by the Vacant Lots Association and will help to keep things moving at Fairhope during that time.

The second performance of Dealy Brothers Minstrels on last Friday evening was greeted by a very fair audience though not nearly so large as that attending the first performance, The rendition was smoother than the first, a choice lot of new jokes were added to the best of the former ones and the music was notably better. The band playing before and during the performance, added much to the occasion.

The two performances netted in the neighborhood of $70.00 for the school fund, for which as well as the excellent entertainment afforded, the community is greatly indebted to the gentlemen participating.

S. H. Comings and Fred Mathison were accepted as members of the corporation on Monday evening and are strong additions to carry out the fundamental purpose for which the corporation was organized. Mr. Comings has been with us for nearly a year, during which time he has thoroghly satisfied himself of the justice and practicability of the Colony policy, and our people have had full opportunity to become acquainted with him and his most estimable wife. They have a record of many years of faithful work in the cause of reform, and have been among our most interested and helpful citizens even while not on the membership roll. Mr. Mathison has been with us about a year and a half, having come all the way from Oregon to Fairhope because it was a Single Tax Colony. Mrs. Mathison is just as much devoted to the single tax as he is. They have an interesting little family of three children, one born since they came here — and are making them a home out in section twenty two.

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Horace Sague, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., sends us a new subscription with his renewal.

A new and welcome visitor to our exchange table, is *Taxation*, a monthly single tax journal, published at Perth, West Australia.

Collections have been made on land fund subscriptions and membership account and another one hundred dollars paid on the option on the White tract.

Ernst Ebel, of Chicago, renewing his subscription to the Courier says: "I take an interest in your colony, paper, etc. Mrs Howland and her pen brought me to America in 1891. She was Lachesis, the goddess of fate, for me."

E. J. O'Brien of Citronelle, Alabama, reports to the *Call* receiving a little over $200 net returns from a trifle less than two-thirds of an acre planted to cucumbers. His first shipment was May 26, the last, July 23. He promises to write more fully regarding methods of culture and his ideas on cucumbers as a crop, before the opening of the next cucumber season and we will try and look out for the same and give it to our readers when it appears.

The publication in the COURIER of the first, of the card of Mrs. Cordie B. Read, of Fruitdale, commending our defense of Fairhope against her critics, gave offense we regret to say, to Editor Gilmer of the Fruitdale *Herald* who retorts with some unkind thrusts at Fairhope. Which leads the very benign and considerate editor of the Citronelle *Call* to chide us both. The COURIER feels most kindly disposed towards Fruitdale and all the other progressive towns of Alabama and will evidence it, by refraining from making any reply to Brother Gilmer.

Steamer Fairhope Again in Commission

The steamer *Fairhope* went into commission again on Monday afternoon, after being off seven weeks, during which time she received a thorough overhauling—in fact was practically rebuilt. On her initial trip she was the first of the quartette of eastern shore boats leaving Mobile together, to reach this shore, and on Wednesday evening she led with ease the fleet of four steamers leaving Mobile at the same time for eastern shore points.

A very important change made in the hull model of the steamer while being rebuilt, was in increasing the beam fully two feet and a half at the waterline, thus giving her greatly increased stability and at the same time reducing her draft, both very desirable changes and done without reducing her speed, but, if any difference, improving it. The upper deck was also lowered a little more than six inches, also contributing materially to remove the appearance of top-heaviness, which was marked before.

These changes have also much improved the appearance of the steamer. She is, in fact, a better boat, today by a great deal than the day she was first launched.

What she needs now is business and she ought to have every passenger and every pound of freight passing through Fairhope. Were it not for her quick direct service, Fairhope would still be only a "way station" on the eastern shore route, instead of the most important shipping point on the shore with four steamers daily, two of them direct.

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The Single Tax and the Farmer

EDITOR COURIER:

A late number of the COURIER contained an article from Michael Flurscheim, which says:

"Do you think you can convince the farmer that it will benefit him to have his land values, on which he borrowed, confiscated and to see his mortgagee force the land into public auction, with the result that under the influence of the growing land tax not only nothing will be realized for the farmer, after the mortgage is paid but that he may also lose his personal property?"

This shows a misapprehension of the condition of the American farmers. Hardly any of them have any land values. All that they have is improvement values, and the few who have any valuable land almost invariably have much more value in improvements.

The taxation of the land value would help the farmer by allowing him to get nearer to the city and filling up the vacant land that separates him from civilization; but the exemption of improvements would make his improvements much more valuable and much more available.

The enormous demand for produce of every kind which would follow any system that left the most of the earnings of the laborer to himself would make boom times for the farmer.

I do not see why it should be more difficult to convince the farmer here than it has been in New Zealand.

New York City. BOLTON HALL.

Encouraging News From Germany

EDITOR COURIER:

As we are inspired by seeing our great cause progress no matter where on this globe, it may be of interest to your readers to learn what our cousins in Germany have accomplished. Lately I became a member of the German Single Tax Society, ("ground reform" they call it there) so I get their literature and I have been surprised at the progress they have been making.

The latest victory was in Danzig; on June 24th. The fight that preceded was a most bitter one. One opponent had a tract published saying that the taxing of land according to its value had proved a failure in Dortmund (about 90,000 inhabitants) where they had it for about five years. But an inquiry revealed that its people are entirely satisfied and would not return to the old plan.

The city of Breslau (235,000) where the revenue from the vacant building sites amounted to 10,800 marks, now realizes 316,000 marks. The city council of Berlin on April 13 adopted taxation of land value by a majority of 71 against 29. This is an immense victory considering the land speculation in a city that doubled its inhabitants in the last 25 years, from one to two millions.

The president of the L. T. Society inquired of the minister of the interior if any of the fourteen towns of Russia had gone back to the old plan of taxing building sites on the potato planting plan? And the reply was: that: "None has been reported at this central office." Over there they are not only allowed, but are urged by their authorities to adopt the land value tax.

Cleveland, O. F. BURGDORFF.

A Fairhope Farmer's Views

EDITOR COURIER:

The editor of the *Standard* in the issue of Sept. first, made some statements and criticisms to which, as a single taxer and farmer on Fairhope land I wish to take exception. He objects to the rents in Fairhope being based upon the speculative value of the land, but he does not, it seems to me, offer any adequate remedy. If he can ascertain the economic value of Fairhope land and also present a plan for basing rent upon that value without inducing land speculation in the colony I am sure "the management" will be glad to adopt his plan. In my opinion if there has ever been any thing wrong with the rents it has been that they have been too low. Thus when I came here, I could not locate as close to town as I wished to, because, although there was plenty of desirable unused and unoccupied land it was held by people demanding a bonus.

The gentleman whose improvements and lease-right I bought, was holding 40 acres of colony land, tho' not able to make profitable use of five acres. When I told him that it was my intention to surrender 30 acres as soon as I got possesion, he seemed surprised and advised me strongly to hold on to it, saying it would be worth something after while. And the *Standard* editor proposes that this man and others like him, as well as socialists, anarchists and every one else holding a lease and living on colony land should have a vote in an association whose purpose is to demonstrate the practicability of the single tax.

He also says that the farmers around Daphne have made one hundred times as much from the soil as have the farmers on Fairhope land. That is a very big difference and I have sincere doubts of the truthfulness of the statement but, if it be so, it is certainly not because of the burden of the Fairhope plan upon Fairhope farmers. My rent on ten acres is $3.50, which includes the tax on the land and my improvements and personal property, without my having to tie up a dollar in the land. Most of my neighbors hold 20 acres each and pay seven dollars rent each. If farmers about Daphne are doing so well it is very encouraging as to the agricultural possibilities of the country and we should profit by their experience. The truth about the matter is that most of tarmers on Fairhope land have made but little from the soil chiefly because, having come here with small capital and having been here but a year or two their farms are not as yet sufficiently developed to yield any considerable returns. My observation and experience is that the poor man who undertakes to develop a farm on timbered land has to wait and work a long time before he can make more than a good living from the soil.

Fairhope has enemies, but it has also friends and I have an abiding faith in its future. I traveled some three thousand miles with my family to come here where we can in a measure practice what we preaeh. We have been here nearly a year and a half and our only serious cause for complaint is the presence of people

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FRED MATHISON.

Uncle John's Jottings

I am probably as good a single taxer as the editor of the Daphne *Standard* is,—have been a "Croasdaler" for nearly twenty years—and I am satisfied with the Fairhope plan of applying the Single Tax.

Nobody supposes that the Fairhope plan is a perfect application of the single tax. Fairhope cannot abolish tariff, internal revenue, and other taxes which Fairhope buyers of commodities have to pay; but by collecting the full rental value of the land occupied by its tenants, paying the state and county taxes of these tenants and devoting the balance of the rent to public improvements for the benefit of all, it goes as far in applying the single tax as is possible under present conditions.

Mr. C. K. Brown, in his letter in the COURIER of August 11, says, "The injustice of refunding the state and county taxes is apparent to all, and as it has [they have?] to be paid, each had better pay his own" How's that for a single tax proposition! And Mr. Brown adds: "We can get just as near the single tax one way as the other." These quotations from Mr. Brown's letter are respectfully refered for consideration to those outside single taxers who are inclined to sympathize with the objectors to the Fairhope plan.

I have been in touch with the Fairhope movement since before the present site of the colony was selected; am acquainted and have had somewhat close relations with two of its original organizers; have carefully read the COURIER from the beginning and have tried to be an unbiased student of the colony's plans and progress and I wish to say most emphatically that in my opinion there is no just cause for loss of confidence in Fairhope while its past and present policies and methods shall continue without interruption.

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The several articles on interest that have recently been published in the COURIER have not done much in settling that question. Indeed, the question appears to be one the solution of which "no fellow can find out." Here in brief is my idea: Capital being stored up labor it is paid for, when used by another than the owner, as present labor would be. To illustrate: a certain amount of labor is devoted to the building of a house. A tenant hires the house. His payments to the owner are really for such amount of the labor embodied in the house as he gets the benefit of, or as was in effect, performed for him. Again: I borrow a sum of money and the interest I pay is really wages for such portion of the labor that was applied to the production of the money as I, in effect employed. Hence, in the last analysis, there are really only land and labor—rent and wages. This is the way the matter looks to me. There may be nothing in it—Anyway, I don't lie awake o' nights trying to solve the interest question, and I rather regard much discussion of it as neither interesting nor profitable

UNCLE JOHN.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

"The churches are empty, the theatres are full."—I heard this quoted once long ago in New York in the presence of an eminent divine. The speaker added: "attractions are proportional to destinies," and sought to show that the churches must do more to "attract" the people, to interest, to charm, to educate them.

I shall never forget the expression of disgust on the face of that divine, nor the tone of his voice as he answered: "I've done preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ if not sufficiently attractive without a stereopticon."

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The Rev. Mr. Kent in a late sermon said:—"If the present church membership of Christendom were as intent as Jesus was, in seeing justice established in human relations" x x x "This world would soon be transformed into a veritable paradise. The great barrier to Christian progress is the *un*-Christian church." x x x "The great effort of the pulpit, so far as it has dealt with the concerns of this world at all, has been to stimulate the poor to industry, frugaliity, and thrift, and then to contentment with their lot, whatever it may be. The fact that the machinery of government has been so arranged and operated as to bring luxury to the few and poverty to the many, has never dawned on preachers as a class, tho' themselves in many cases the victims—they have failed to see it."

"Take for example the private ownership of land which government has generally sanctioned and encouraged throughout Christendom together with the system of taxation that has grown up under it." Mr. Kent then shows how the owner of land near a growing center of population though taking no part whatever in that growth, draws often an enormous income from the rental of property to the value of which he never contributed a dollar. He shows how those increased rental values should not "go into any man's pocket but into the pocket of the whole people" through whose presence, industry and enterprise, these values came to be." Further on he says: "The intelligence and moral sense of the community have no higher function than the righting of this wrong;" and that "the case has been put with such clearness and force in the writings of Henry George and others that no intelligent man has any excuse for being ignorant of the facts. The argument has never been answered in so far as it bears against private ownership of land. It is as valid for land as it is for air and water.

He who preaches doctrines like these will "draw". People will flock to hear him for they are still asking what they shall do to be saved. "Sell all thou hast and distribute unto the poor", interpreted literally, has been a stumbling block. The great teacher will show that the highest possible interpretation of any occult text, wherever found, the interpretation most consonant with the immutable laws of nature, must be the correct interpretation. Such method of interpretation shows that the "Kingdom of Heaven" is a *state*, which can be realized only through justice and love. He who has these is in the right path though he "never heard of Jesus" and he who has them not is on the "wrong path tho' he cry 'Lord, Lord,' all the days of his life."

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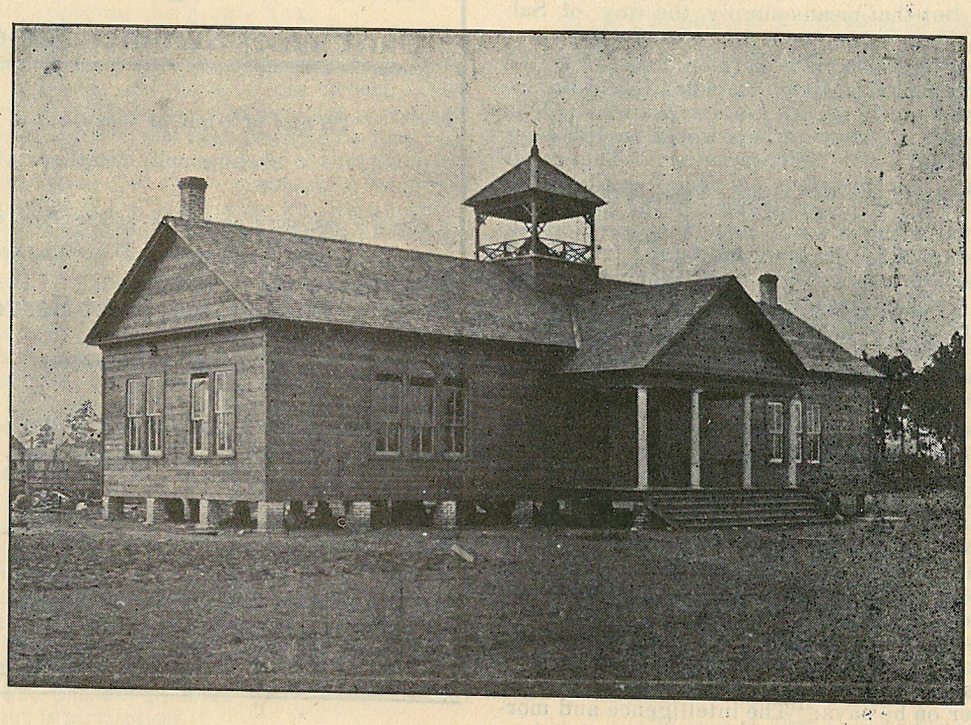
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A CHAPTER OF FAIRHOPE HISTORY

Referendum Ballot Dismisses Officers Not in Harmony With Constitution

An interesting chapter of Fairhope history has been made in the last two weeks.

To present the matter understandingly however, it is necessary to go back a few months.

Readers of the COURIER will remember that at the regular annual election in February last, the vote was very close. There was in fact a tie on two officers, and two others failed of a majority. A second election was held two weeks later to complete the ticket and the COURIER expressed the hope in the issue of Feb. 10th, that an agreement might be reached which would secure practical unanimity. A sincere effort was made in that direction, by the writer especially. Against the strong opposition of most of their friends, Professor Bellangee and he refused to again stand and joined in a proposition to the opposition for a compromise ticket.

Our commitee making the proposition was treated with scant courtesy by the leaders of the opposition and so far as we know our propositions were never submitted to their rank and file, for no formal answer was made. Instead, the conduct of the opposition leaders was such as to indicate that our sincere effort at harmony was taken as simply an evidence of our weakness.

However, in spite of the failure of the effort at an agreement, Mr. Bellangee and the writer insisted on their refusal to be candidates and a large part of their friends voted the proposed compromise ticket, which was elected: Mr. G. W. Wood succeding Mr. Gaston as secretary; Mr. W. A. Baldwin succeeding Mr. Bllangee as treasurer; and, at an election held a little later to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. G. W. Wood as supt. of public health, Mr. C. K. Brown being elected to that office.

It was hoped by those who proffered the compromise (and without whose assistance we do not hesitate to say that these parties could not have been elected) that representation in the active administration of Corporation affairs, would bring the opposition into active support of its fundamental policies and enthusiastic work for its success along the original lines.

Those who have kept in touch with local affairs, know that this hope has not been realized, at least as to Mr. W. A. Baldwin and Mr. Brown, who, with Mrs. A. B. Hail, a trustee, have been very active members of the "Leaseholders Protective Union" officered by non-members of the Corporation and which has lately been conspicuously engaged in fomenting opposition to the Fairhope constitution and leases and advocating changes which, in the opinion of most of the members, would result in the entire overthrow of Fairhope as a Single Tax Colony.

The condition had become so intolerable to the resident members loyal to the constitution, that on Tuesday evening the 19th, a well attended meeting was held to consider the situation. After a full discussion it was decided by a large majority—afterward unanimously acquiesced in— that the interests of the Colony and loyaly to its fundamental principles and devoted friends, demanded that those who were not in line with its policies should not be allowed to continue to misrepresent the members and injure the reputation of the Colony as officers. A petition calling for a referendum vote upon the dismissal of W. A. Baldwin, as treasurer; C. K. Brown, as superintendent of public health, and Anna B. Hail as trustee, was signed by every one present and signatures afterward secured to the total number of 33 out of a possible vote of 54. It was further decided, however, to submit copies of the petition to all the parties before filing it, giving them opportunity to resign if they desired to do so.

It is one of the best and most "democratic" features of the Fairhope constitution that its members can at any time assert themselves over their officers, not only to overrule their actions, but even to remove them if desired, without charges or hearing. But it goes without saying, that it is never approved for the time being by those to whom it it is applied. No resignanations were received but strenuous efforts were made to prevent the proposed action being taken, even to the extent of a resort to violence by Dr. R. A. Hail, who, it will be remembered, made two assaults upon Professor Bellangee last winter. The assault this time was made upon Mr. Wm. Call, on last Saturday morning; the Doctor addressing him with a profane and vulgar epithet, without any previous conversation, and following it immediately with the assault, to make which he ran across the street to the front of the Call building. Mr. Call defended himself vigorously for the few moments until his assailant was restrained by the writer and Mr. C. K. Brown, but no serious injury was sustained by either party. As a result of the affair the Doctor has been put under bond for appearance at the next term of court to answer to two charges, one of assault and battery and one of using profane and obscene language in the presence of the family, his bondsmen being Dr. H. S. Greeno, E. T. Molyneux, W. A. Baldwin and A. O. Berglin. He was also required by Justice Littlefield, under authority of section 5178 of the Alabama code, which gives magistrates such authority where threats against the peace are made in their presence, to enter into a $5000 bond to keep the peace for the next twelve months, his bondsmen on the latter, being Messrs. Moog of Battles, Brodbeck, Zundel, Gilmore and Dr. Schowalter, of Point Clear.

Of course the opposition was not allowed to stop the referendum and the election was held, as prayed for, on last Tuesday evening, resulting as follows.

For dismissal of W. A. Baldwin 36, against 13; for dismissal of C. K Brown 37, against 12; for dismissal of Anna B. Hail 37, against 11. For superintendent of industries to succeed M. V. Watros, E. S. Ross was elected by 36 votes to 6 for Chas. Wilson and 3 "scattering." On the second ballot, to fill the vacancies caused by the removal of the officers named, William Call was elected treasurer; S. D. Yarnelle, superintendent of public health: and C. E. Littlefield, trustee, by practically the same vote by which the others were removed.

A protest against the removal of Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Brown, and Mrs. Hail, presented by Mr. Molyneux, by direction of the Leaseholder's Protective Union, was received, read and ordered placed on file.

The result gives emphatic assurance to residents and non-residents that Fairhope is "in the hands of its friends" and that it will continue to do business "at the old stand" and according to the constitution and

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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During the wind of Thursday a dead pine tree was blown over on to Mr. Powell's house, doing slight damage.

A new stock of ant food just in, buy while we have it for this will be our last shipment this season. Mershon Bros.

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The many friends of Rev. A. E. Shupe will hear with pleasure that he is somewhat improved from his late severe illness though still confined to his home.

Mrs. DeCernea of New York, daughter of Mrs. Stokes arrived last week and will be here probably some weeks yet, settling up her mother's business affairs here.

Dr. Shelden, who is a native southerner and who is familiar with many portions of the gulf coast country. pronounces the vicinity of Fairhope, the freest from malaria of any place he has ever been.

We have a small stock of lawns and dimities that we will close out at reduced prices. Mershon Bros.

If you have received notice of the expiration of your subscription, please give it prompt attention. We hope you wish to renew and will do so promptly.

The Peter Gass family returned to their Mobile home on yesterday morning for the winter. They help materially to swell our summer population and are enthusiastic friends of Fairhope.

The Progressive League will meet next Sunday at 3 p. m., the address to be by S. H. Comings, on the subject: "Unity of all Reforms and all Religions." Everybody will be cordially welcome.

Mr. J. W. Posey and family left on yesterday morning after a two and a half month's stay in Mr. Stimpson's Magnolia Ave. cottage. They are warm friends of Fairhope and are quite sure to come again.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmers and family returned to Mobile on Tuesday morning. We hope to have them with us again next season. They are warm friends of Fairhope, and Mr. Simmers has greatly delighted and helped us with his musical and other talents.

Mr. P. W. Paulson of Silver Hill will establish a creamery there. He expects to put up a silo, using velvet beans and cow peas especially. He was in Fairhope yesterday and purchased Mr. Berglin's gasoline engine to cut silage and run a separator.

Wm. Stimpson has sold his cottage on Magnolia avenue, usually called the "Exchange cottage," to the Hughes, of Mobile, who occupied Prof. Bellangee's cottage during the summer. They are very pleasant people indeed, who have been going to Daphne previous years, but say they find it much more convenient and pleasant at Fairhope. They will occupy the house during the summer, and rent it during the winter, and contemplate making some improvements upon it.

Mr. and Mrs. Massey are to succeed Mr. and Mrs. Mulkey in the "Bayside Cafe" taking possession at once and being ready for business just as soon as they can get fitted up to their liking. Mr. and Mrs. Massey will, we believe, make a success of the Cafe, which should be an important feature of Fairhope's facilties for entertaining and accomodating the public. They have had a great deal of experience in years past in that line of business. Mr. Massey and Arthur, will also do a baggage and freight delivery business to and from the wharf. Mr. and Mrs. Mulkey and family will for the present move into the Ettel cottage.



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A Correction

EDITOR COURIER:

In the COURIER of Sept. 15 you gave a notice of the happy reunion of Mrs. A. O. Berglin with her father and brothers. Now we don't want to rob Mrs. Berglin of her happiness, but desire to correct the statement reflecting upon her foster mother, now living, that she was falsely informed that her family was all dead. Such was not the case. There was no attempt to deceive her in the matter, but she was informed that she was a foster child, knew her family name and where to find her relatives.

Mrs. M. Bebolt-Larsson, Volanta, Ala.

Important Telephone Change

The Eastern shore Telephone Company, of which our Dr. C. L. Mershon has been president and moving spirit, and which rendered a great public service in extending its system throughout the county and to Mobile, has sold out its lines to the Home Telephone Company of Mobile. This Company has recently greatly increased its capital and secured very favorable long distance connections. Manager Bryant, who has already taken charge of the E. S. T. Co.'s system, advises us that it will be thoroughly overhauled, extended to new points in the county, new cable connection with Mobile made and the system generally put in first class condition throughout. The Fairhope local system connects with this system, and Manager Bryant, who is a warm friend of Fairhope, assures us that his company will be glad to continue to co-operate with us on most liberal terms.

Bees in the Coast Country

We are often asked how bees do in this section, and the following letter of Mr. Oscar S. Rush, of Bayou La Batre, Mobile county, to the Mobile Herald, will be of interest.

I have received many inquiries as to my success in production of honey at Bayou La Batre, and am now in a position to state that I have more than realized expectations. From 54 colonies of Italian bees I have taken 3,294 pounds of honey, spring count, making an average of 61 pounds per colony. By controlling the swarming I can far exceed this average another season, and I find that I can get a considerable quantity of honey during September and October, that I have not expected of the range. There is a weed here that at this writing, September 20, is in full bloom and my bees are storing much honey from it. It has a small white bloom which is very fragrant and yields nectar equal to titi and gallberry. There are hundreds of acres of it in reach of my apiary.

I have never seen this weed anywhere else, and am ignorant of its botanical name, but will soon get the information by sending a sample to the department of agriculture. Besides this there are other wild flowers that produce nectar in the fall season, making this an excellent bee pasturage for fall storing of surplus honey.

The yield here is obtained from titi and gallberry in the early spring, and the quality of honey produced is of the highest grade. There is a vast unoccupied territory for bee-keeepers in Alabama and Mississippi, and apart from the pleasure derived from the pursuit, the remuneration is satisfactory.

Bee keeping is fascinating to one whose heart is in the vocation and one must love his bees to make a success of the business and every progressive bee keeper realizes the benefits to be derived from taking at least two bee journals, as well as reading the standard bee books.

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Mr. Jacob Reitz, of Chicago, one of the Corporation members, says: "I have kept posted on matters concerning Fairhope by the COURIER and must say that I fully endorse the stand taken by yourself and co-laborers in the matter of rentals. I hope you will continue to hew close to the line, let the chips fall where they may."

The *Call* (Citronelle) of last weeek has an item about the opening of a new addition to that town called "Barr Harbor." The tract is of twenty acres divided into 49 lots twenty-five of which are for sale, the balance presumably being held for an increased price. The most desirable of these lots the *Call* says are held at $350.00. Some can be had as low as $150.00. The size ranges from 70x190 to 85x210. Six per cent. on an investment of $350 would be $21 and if an improvement were put on the lot which would bring the taxable value up to $1000 (which would be very reasonable) the tax would be $14, which would make the annual cost to the owner to hold, $35. Contrast this with a charge on lots say on Fairhope Ave., 104½x215 feet, including taxes on land, improvements and personal property, of $15.

In a letter which, though not addressed to "Editor Courier" we presume he will not object to our making public use of, Bolton Hall, referring to our reason for publishing matter regarding Fairhope controversies, that intending settlers were entitled to know the objections to the Fairhope policy, says: "Intending settlers are not entitled to be told a lot of things that are not so. Probably no one settles without coming to see the place and our friends will then take care that they hear. If not when you hear of their intention, you can send them one of these numbers." He suggests that we might keep standing a paragraph referring those who want to know the objections to Fairhope to the Daphne *Standard*, or, better, to say: "We have devoted in the past, as much of our space as could be spared, to answers to objections to the methods and results of Fairhope. Those who are interested can have copies of the objections by sending six cents in stamps."

From A Single Taxer Who has Seen for Himself

EDITOR COURIER:

So much of late has been said for and against Fairhope and her policy, probably a line or two from one who has been on the ground, may throw some light on the subject.

During the months of March and April of the present year I spent six weeks in Fairhope with considerable pleasure and benefit to health, and I can cheerfully testify to Fairhope's progress and the thrift and industry of her people. I failed to notice one idle and counted at least eight or ten new buildings under construction and alterations and additions being made to four or five other buildings. I visited all the little towns on the eastern shore, including Daphne, the home town of Alabama's distinguished citizen, the National Single Tax committeman from that state, but nowhere did I observe the progress and industry in evidence at Fairhope. If the single tax was not the cause of Fairhope outstripping her neighbor towns, what was the cause? I also attended quite a few of Fairhope meetings, and listened to the arguments and queries of Fairhope objectors and I always left those meetings with the feeling that if Fairhope's public affairs were left in their hands or management, it would soon be good bye Fairhope.

If the paying of state and county taxes out of ground rentals is not, to ground users, the abolition of taxes, what is it? If the taking what is left of ground rentals after paying taxes, and applying the same to public purpose, is not the single tax, what is it? It seems to me that the question of tenants' right to vote, ought not and must not in the present case be considered. For Fairhope Corporation is a business enterprise, the object being to conduct Fairhope's business for the benefit of all concerned, and to demonstrate to the world at large, through her colony plan, what the taking of ground rentals for public purposes will accomplish, and I think Fairhope has demonstrated this satisfactorily in the progress she has make. The question of the tenants' right to vote will be all important and very pertinent when the great state of Alabama permits, through legislation, the taking of ground rentals for public purposes. When that good time comes Fairhope's esteemed friend from Daphne and his able allies can champion the tenants' right to vote as to what pro rata of land values shall be taken for public purposes, and I am sure that in their efforts in that direction, they will be ably assisted py Fairhope Colony Corporation. For the present it seems to me, that it illy becomes anyone with the pretensions of a single taxer to make little of Fairhope. She is certainly doing great work, and is the only object lesson that single taxers can point to. In order for Fairhope to accomplish her mission, she must hew to the line of her constitution, until the good time spoken of comes. So let the good work go on. God speed Fairhope and the good time coming which Fairhope is hastening.

St. Louis, Mo. M. H. PALMER.

Exemption of Improvements From Taxation

The New York *Evening Telegram* has been taking a vote of its readers on a proposed law to exempt real estate improvements to the value of $3,000, from taxation, and has devoted a column to letters from the people on the subject. Bolton Hall writes an interesting one, from which we quote.

"If we exempt $3,000 we do not want to discourage people from building better ones as well. It will be only fair to exempt the same value of more costly houses.

"The reasonableness and justice of exempting cheap homes from taxes is so evident that the discussion of it is necessarily a one sided one; there is little to be overcome, save lack of interest and stupidity.

"We tax dogs to make them scarce, and we tax liquor to check its sale, and we tax goods to make them dear as in our tariff; consider, that to tax buildings is to make them scarce, to interfere with their selling and to raise their price.

" 'Say' said a buyer, 'what will you sell me that middle two family for now, the lowest price, for cash?'

"The builder took out his pencil. 'Land, $1,900; building, $3,500; this year's taxes as unfinished, $40.'

" 'Well,' he said, 'there's what it costs me—$5,440. I'll sell it for $5,850—$410 profit; that is little enough, for sure.'

"The prospective buyer took out his pencil, too. 'Let's see', he said. 'Interest on $5,850 at 5 per cent is $292.50, repairs, say, $75; vacancies, $50; insurance $10; gas $15 —$440. It rents for $600. That shows up pretty well. But stay', he said, 'I've forgotten taxes—say $5,000 assessment at $1.50—$75. That makes $515. No,' he added, 'It won't do—too little margin.'

" 'Well' said the builder, 'I can't sell it any cheaper. You can see for yourself it only just pays to build at that price. But I'll tell you, you can raise the rents.'

" 'Maybe,' said the buyer, 'and maybe not.' "

" 'At any rate,' urged the builder, 'they are going to exempt $3,000 of the building from taxation next year; that will take off $45, so you won't have to raise the rents.' "

" 'All right,' says the buyer. 'I'll buy your house —next year.' "

"That is the way the buyer has to figure to find out if it will pay him to buy, and that is the way the builder has to figure to see if it will pay him to build anymore. The tenant has to figure only on how to earn the rents."

Of course if the proposed law should carry, and New York lose the tax on improvements up to $3000 in value, the deficiency will have to be made up, presumably by increased assessments, or an increased tax rate on the property remaining subject to taxation. And so it would be if Baldwin County were to exempt improvements and personal property from taxation under the single tax plan. The deficiency would be made up by an increased assessment on land. The effect therefore on the individual lessees and our community is substantially the same under the Colony's application of the single tax principle by collecting the rental value of the land, and out of it paying the burden of state and county taxation, as if the same were directly done by the state and county.

A CHAPTER OF FAIRHOPE HISTORY

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contracts to which it is pledged. And, furthermore, that its officers will be chosen from among those who approve of its policy and can and will work sincerely and enthusiastically for its success.

Now that it has been declared by so overwhelming a majority of the resident membership of the Colony that the policies which have brought it such success in the past will be pursued in the future, we look for a very prosperous period. There is nothing so detrimental to progress as doubt of the future. Those who don't like "the Fairhope plan" will stay away—or it is to be hoped that they will, at any rate—but those that do like it will feel renewed confidence, and will come and enjoy its benefits with us and help to make it a more conspicuous demonstration of the justice and beneficence of the single tax policy.

THE RESOLUTIONS AND PETITION

WHEREAS: Certain officers of this Corporation have pulicly announced their hostility to fundamental policies of the Corporation; have circulated through the public press and otherwise statements regarding Corporation affairs, misleading to characterize them most mildly, harmful to the reputation of the Colony and against the interests of its people and.

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bers of the Corporation, some notoriously hostile to its policy, and some even having personal interests in this vicinity contrary to the interests of Fairhope as a single tax colony, in an agitation against its constitution and lease contracts and

WHEREAS: Such officers cannot be expected to work sincerely and enthusiastically for the success of Fairhope along the lines to which its members are pledged by the constitution, and both members and non members are bound by their lease contracts, and

WHEREAS: Such officers do not represent the sentiment or choice of a majority of the resident members, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That we hereby petition for the submission to the qualified voters of the Corporation, at the special election, called for Tuesday evening, Sept. 26th, of the following questions:

Shall W. A. Baldwin be dismissed as treasurer?

Shall C. K. Brown be dismissed as superintendent of public health?

Shall Anna B. Hall be dismissed as trustee?

And, in event of an affirmative vote on any of the foregoing, to fill the vacancies thereby caused.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Sept. * * * The news in this number dear——— will greatlysurprise you who think Fairhope a rather "slow" place. You see we have been having excitement enough though not altogether of an uplifting kind. Still the experience is valuable to us. I want you and G. W. to watch our progress from this time on. I am not much of a prophet, but I can see that from this time on Fairhope is to recover fully the confidence of her outside members and friends, and go steadily forward to the fulfilment of a grand destiny. You are simply nervous through your great anxiety for us. Just wait and watch our movements. If there are changes to be made in our plan we can make them after full, and open and friendly discussion—not while our body is shaken to its foundation from the enemies of our plan, but when peace and order are again ours * * * You say G. W. "wonders" why we do not "collect rent enough to run the concern and stop at that till things quiet down." Please tell G. W. with my high esteem that he is just the kind of single taxer that we have had to fight for the last few months. Why, there are some who, up to this time, have been considered well grounded in the principles of Henry George, who have openly proposed this very measure. It demonstrates beyond question that they are incapable of aiding us in our councils, for the very basis of the single tax is the collection of the *full rental value* of the land, not a low rent, not a high rent, not a moderate or an immoderate rental value, but *the full rental value* of the land. We are under solemn obligations to do this, and if we fail we deserve disaster. Do you not understand that if we take *less* than the full rental value we leave the door open to the land speculator. And if we take *more*, lessees will grumble though they know that every cent after paying state and county taxes and the necessary running expenses of the Corporation—every cent goes back to them in schools, roads, water—everything that makes a community fit to live in. They have a right to grumble, of course. Some of the lessees (in this as in every community) find it hard to "make both ends meet." Otherwise it would be all the better for them if we overestimated rental values, since the general improvements would be increased thereby.

Some of our lessees complain that only the members can vote on how the rentals shall be applied. The Corporation decided that they should have this privilege; and certainly they are always asked to

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assist the committee of the Council having in charge the fixing of the rents, but they have failed, as a rule, to give their assistance. This committee has a heavy burden upon it. Moreover the members have no compensation for their thankless task. * * * Think over this, G. W., and be sure to carefully read friend Crosbie's letter in the last issue of the COURIER. It is one of the wisest and best expressed communications we have ever printed.

Resistless Influences at Work

EDITOR COURIER:

The Chicago *Sunday Record Herald* of August 6th, has a lengthy description of an extensive sugar plant, which some wealthy Boston capitalists are establishing in Cuba. These men will want free trade in sugar. Americans with capital invested in Cuba, Porto Rico, the Phillipines and other parts of the world will soon be clamoring for free trade.

More potent than all abstract free trade arguments will be international investments.

It seems probable that it is through this channel that the promoters of those great industries which influence legislation, will find their own interests harmonizing with those principles which are conducive to the best interests of all, at least so far as international trade is concerned. It is thus that the natural course of evolution accomplishes those great tasks which seem to defy the puny efforts of man.

The more minutely we study and analyze the facts of history the more evident it becomes that there is an element of truth in the belief that an over ruling Power is ever in close touch with humanity, directing and guiding. Things which seem to be evil, and evil only, prove to be the means by which some great purpose is accomplished.

We have no reason to doubt that when the fullness of time has come, our own great reform will be carried forward by some resistless influence not now foreseen. This does not mean that we may safely relax our own efforts, for, as Herbert Spencer has truly said: we ourselves are a part of that means through which works, the Unknown Cause. EDWARD GATES.

District School Announcement

The Fairhope district school will open Monday, Oct. 2, at 8:45 A. M. Pupils are requested to be present at that hour bringing all books studied last year, certificates showing their gradings, tablets and well trimmed pencils.

Parents may accompany beginners to the school room. Visitors will not be expected until further notice.

No transfers will be made from other districts without paying tuition.

Sept. 27. H. C. OSWALT, Trustee.

Thinks Our Plan All Right

EDITOR COURIER:

I think your idea of the single tax is all right. The way some of your people would like to run it, would be like giving a representation of the play of Hamlet with the character of Hamlet left out. In your issue ot August 25, there is a piece from Tolstoy the noted Russian, I liked very much. My idea of the single tax is simply that it would restore the land to all the people. Even Rockefeller would have a chance to pull off his coat and go to work.

Ozark, Ark. JAMES B. HARRISON.

Mr. Elloit G. Rickarby Esq., of Mobile was in Fairhope on Friday and again on Sunday.

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INTRODUCTORY

Why Study Economics?

Bible—I. Cor. 12:12-20.

"What changes may come, no mortal man can tell; but that some great change *must* come thoughtful men begin to feel."— *Henry George.*

Henry George: "Progress and Poverty."
Introduction: "The Problem."
Book 10, Chapter 4. "How Civilization May Decline."
Book 10, Chapter 5. "The Central Truth."
Book 10, Chapter 3. "The Law of Human Progress."

Bellamy: "Equality."
Chapter 34. "What Started the Revolution."

Willey: "Whither Are We Drifting?"

General Industrial Conditions

Injustice of Private Ownership of Land.
"Progress and Poverty:" Book 7, Chapter 1.

Injustice of Private Capital.
"Equality:" Chapter 13.

Enslavement of Laborers.
"Progress and Poverty:" Book 7, Chapter 2.

Condition of Laborers.
"The Man under the Machine."— A. M. Simons.

Wage and Chattel Slavery Compared.
"Equality:" Chapter 12.

Primary Cause of Depressions and Panics.
"Progress and Poverty:" Book 5, Chapter 1.

Economic Suicide.
"Equality:" Chapter 22.

How Single Tax Will Prove a Remedy.
"Progress and Poverty:" Book 8, Chapter 2.

PROGRAM

Special Causes and Conditions

Oct. 19. Foreign Immigration. - Mrs. H. N. Brown

Nov. 16. Under Sweating System; in Packing Houses, Etc. - - - - Mrs. Katherine Ross
"How the Other Half Lives."— Jacob Riis.
"Packingtown."— A. M. Simons.

Dec. 21. Trades Unions - - Mrs. Minnie H. Brown

Jan. 18. Trusts - - - - - - Mrs. Anne B. Call
"Trusts and Imperialism."— Wilshire.

Feb. 15. Causes of Poverty - Mrs. Clara M. Gaston
"Poverty."— Hunter.
"Prisoners of Poverty."— Helen Campbell.

Mar. 15. Child Labor - - - Mrs. Laura E. Powell
"Our Toiling Children."— Florence Kelly.
"Child Slavery."— John Spargo.

Apr. 19. Labor Laws of Alabama Mrs. D. K. Bancroft

May 17. Notable Attempts to Ameliorate these Conditions - - Lydia J. Newcomb-Comings

England.—Bourneville. Rochdale System of Stores.
"Labor Co-operation."— Lloyd.
"Garden Cities of Tomorrow."— Howard.
New Zealand.—"A Country without Strikes."— Lloyd.
France.—Guise. Leclaire.
Germany.—Peoples' Savings Banks.
Welfare Work.—Dayton, Ohio, National Cash Register.
Columbus, Ga., Primary Industrial Schools.
New York, George Junior Republic.
St. Louis, N. O. Nelson Profit Sharing and Industrial School.
Philadelphia Vacant Lot Work.
Hartford, Conn., Garden Schools.
Settlements.—"Social Settlements."—C. R. Henderson.
The Commons (a monthly magazine).

EVENING MEETINGS—7:30 P. M.

Nov. 17. With Mrs. F. L. Brown.
Monopoly, not Capital, the Oppressor.
E. B. Gaston.

Jan. 19. With Mrs. E. B. Gaston.
The Inevitable Solution of the Tariff Question.
E. S. Ross.

Mar. 17. At the Fairhope House.
Single Tax and Natural Law.
F. L. Brown.

Light refreshments at close.
Silver collection for reference books.

The first of the series of lectures of Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb-Comings for the Arts and Crafts society was given on last Monday evening. Other "distractions," prevented the attendance there should have been, but the lecture, which was on "Naples" was much enjoyed by those present. The next will be next Monday evening, on "Rome."

Miss Marie Hunnel, of Des Moines, arrived on Wednesday evening, and is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Hunnel, and her uncle and aunt, Mrs. C. H. Wilson, and family.

A. Freeland, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., making an inquiry encloses a dollar for the land fund.

Those who have been trying to improve (?) on the Fairhope constitution ought to found a colony and put their plans to the test of practice as Fairhope has done. Put the "good theories" to the test, and if they work better than ours we will be glad to adopt them.

Study the George Philosophy

The following works of Henry George may be secured at the COURIER office, or will be mailed post-paid to any address at prices given:

	Cloth	Paper
Progress and Poverty	$1.00	$ .50
Social Problems	1.00	.50
The Land Question	1.00	.50
Protection or Free Trade	1.00	.50
The Perplexed Philosopher	1.00	.50
Science of Political Economy	2.50	...
Life of Henry George, by Henry George, Jr.	1.00	...

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NOTES OF HOPE AND PROGRESS

The Courier is glad to give herewith some distinctly cheerful and hopeful communications from residents of Fairhope. We have others "on the hook" and promised. We are sure our readers will enjoy them as much or more than anything the editor might say.

MR. COMINGS ON HIS METTLE

Ed. Courier.

I am happy to say, I have never felt so hopeful for the growth and prosperity of Fairhope as now. I am enlarging my accomodations to care for "the weary travelers".

Am open to chances to buy improvements at "a bargain". And am more ready to help in putting in a town water system, and other public utilities, than ever before.

We should have a bank, an ice plant, a wagon shop, a dentist, and more farms than we now have and a most propitious opening for all.

It is a great thing to live on the "Lower end of the great Appalachian chain" the highest land on salt water between Maine and Texas, with pine groves at our door and oysters running wild in our back yards, to be caught by "just putting a little salt on their tails".

It is the only place I have found where the roads and paths are good at all times, never muddy, nor deep with sand, but firm and hard always and the only place where the town itself has a "moral purpose in being."

S. H. Comings.

P. S. I am having a very interesting correspondence with some superior people, who are thinking of coming here for the special purpose of helping to carry out the principles and original purposes of this movement.

MRS. CALL'S FAITH IN FAIRHOPE.

Editor Courier.

Having heard it said by Mr. Brown and others that a great many of our people wish to sell out because of the failure of our plan to work, let me say that I think no one who had a clear conception of the probable workings of the Fairhope plan, wishes to do so.

In my opinion it has worked as nearly as expected, as anything could do.

The town has made a remarkable growth and my own business has certainly done all that could be expected of it, as I have built it up on practically no capital, little by little. All the business enterprises here have done well, at least all that have been pushed with energy and judgment.

If those who feel dissatisfied will either rent or sell their improvements and move to some other locality for awhile, till their minds have time to clarify and any little personal feelings engendered by the recent over abundance of discussion shall have had time to become dissipated, they will in a short time probably, be willing to return and work under the Fairhope plan without friction. Very truly, A. B. Call

DR. SHELDON PRAISES HEALTH CONDITIONS.

Editor Courier.

In the Dec. 1903, issue of the *Medical World*, was an article entitled "The Practical Workings of the Single Tax in Fairhope" which I wrote by request of the editor of this most widely circulated and highly esteemed medical journal. I called attention in this article to the superior advantages of this location as an invalid's retreat from the rigors of a northern winter. Our freedom of malaria, ozone laden breezes redolent of the pine and its products, our early summers, late falls and mild winters, pure water in abundance, good drainage, balmy sunshine and all the bounteous gifts of nature that count most in the restoration of health, abound here free to all who may seek them.

A typical southern jungle ten years ago, Fairhope stands today a witness to what can be accomplished by the resources of nature judiciously and liberally administered *pro bono publico.*

Geo. A. Sheldon. M. D.

FROM THE PROPRIETORS OF THE FAIRHOPE HOUSE.

Frequenters of California who have visited Fairhope from October to June have pronounced its climate and natural conditions as equal to if not surpassing that of the famed western coast resorts. The beautiful sunsets as seen from the eastern shore of Mobile Bay, have no equal. The writer can vouch for superiority over those of Pikes Peak, added to which Fairhope has the magnificent bay at her feet, which is an ever increasing thing of beauty. The warmth of the glorious sun is tempered by the pleasant breezes from the bay and the gentle sough of the wind through the surrounding pines makes it an ideal location for the northern visitor, in search of rest and quiet.

The Fairhope Hotel is situated on the bluff over-looking the bay and from its commanding position all the beauties which we claim for Fairhope can be seen and enjoyed. The purpose of the hotel management is to continue its improvement to the point where it will be one of the best hotels in this section. The change from the American to the European plan has been so very encouraging that we feel gratified and our efforts to still further improve have been greatly stimulated. In a few weeks a splendid system of acetylene lighting will be installed throughout the hotel by our efficient contractors, Littlefield and Comings. As soon as the public water supply becomes a fact, steps will be taken to install hot and cold baths for the convenience of guests. Many other minor improvements are contemplated and we hope to make of the Fairhope House a comfortable and popular hostelry which added to its already attractive location, will be a credit to Fairhope as well as a success from a business standpoint.

We trust that it is hardly necessary to say that we are fully in sympathy with "the Fairhope plan" which was indeed was the chief reason for our coming here.

Ross Brothers, per E. S. Ross.

DR. ROWE THINKS CONDITIONS IMPROVED.

Editor Courier.

The single taxers of the country when they have learned about Fairhope and determined to take up residence there do so with the belief that they are to become part and parcel of a force banded together to test the truth of their economic belief. No single taxer comes to Fairhope to be taught the single tax. He comes to

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Banner patterns at Call's.

Fairhope souvenirs at Mershon Bros.'

A new line of souvenir views. A. M. Dealy & Co.

School books and stationery. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Miss Dorothy Rowe has been indisposed for a few days.

Fall and winter line of shoes just received at Mershon Bros.

Barrington Hall steel cut coffee, at Mershon Bros.' only.

Why not read a good story book? A. M. Dealy & Co. have them.

New shipment of iron beds direct from the factory. Mershon Bros.

Complete new line of corsets at Call's. Purchase one while sizes are complete.

Elegant pork spare ribs in pickle. Equal to fresh, only ten cents a pound. Mershon Bros.

"Billy" Getty is living with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Swift and attending school.

New line of collars, form fitting belts, smoked pearl waist sets and other novelties at Call's.

Don't put off buying your heaters until cold weather is upon you. We have just received a large supply. Mershon Bros.

Neighbor Captain Nichols is building three small houses on his bay front, under the bluff, Messrs. Moorman and Van der Beck, are doing the work.

Mrs. Ada Graham has secured a beautiful lot on Fels avenue, a part of the Gooding tract, and is getting material on the ground for a neat cottage which will be built at once.

The fleet of eastern shore boats has been reduced to two—beside the Baldwin, touching only at Zundell's—the Fairhope and the Dolive. The Carney is laid up at Mobile undergoing repairs.

The twin danghters of Mr. and Mrs. Stersic, who are to build just east of Mr. Daugherty's, have come over from Mobile and entered school. They are boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Beasley for the present.

There is a good opening at Fairhope for a good young dentist. The former, Dr. Page, has given up his stand, and a young man who can go to the many growing towns in this large county, can build up a good trade.

Oscar Hall, Esq., the well known attorney of Daphne, was in town on Monday attending Justice Littlefield's court. While here he was a pleasant visitor at the COURIER office and left his subscription for the paper.

By a card from the post master at Mankato, Minn., we learn of the removal from there to Pasadena, Cal., of one of our pleasant visitors of last winter, Mrs. L. B. Abbott. The friends she made here will regret that she is not coming back and will also regret to hear of the death of her venerable father, Judge Buck, who was with her here. He died at the family home in Mankato, in the spring. We received at that time a marked copy of the Mankato paper with extensive notice—for Judge Buck was one of the most prominent men of his section—but failed to make mention of it.

Fall hats, underwear, etc., arriving daily at Call's.

Martha Washington corset waists for Misses, at Call's.

New line of box stationery, something fine. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Mrs. Norris Shupe writes from Chicago inquiring about cottages for rent at Fairhope from November to June.

At Robac's—60 ladies' shirt waists, 50c up; 36 wrappers, 50c up; 36 walking skirts, 85c up; men's shirts, 25c up.

J. M. Northcut the popular clerk of the Fairhope Pharmacy went to Mobile on Tuesday to resume his course in pharmacy which he expects to complete this winter. His place in the drug store has been taken by Mr. Edward Worcester.

The annual meeting of the local W. C. T. U., will be held on Thursday afternoon of next week, at 3 o'clock, at the hall. Interesting reports of the year's work will be presented and the public are cordially invited. A collection will be taken.

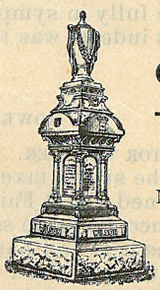
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Mr. Watros writes from Enid, Oklahoma, that he is nicely located there—where he has a fine position as traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery house—but that he is working with "one object in view, to accumulate capital enough to return to the best town on earth and engage in some business which would be profitable to him and of benefit to the place."

In this issue appears a card of Mrs. Jeannette Webb Dennis, advertising standard bred poultry for sale, delivered at boat landing at Mobile. This will afford special opportunity for securing pure bred poultry stock—the only kind it pays to keep. The COURIER takes pleasure in unqualifiedly guaranteeing that patrons of Mrs. Dennis will get satisfactory treatment in every way.

Mr. John A. Folmar, a native southern man, now living near Bromley, Baldwin Co. who holds a lease to 7½ acres of Corporation land, writes that the COURIER expresses his views fully. He says: "The longer I know Fairhope and the more is said of it, the better I like its principles. The first time the plan was ever explained to me, I was perfectly satisfied with it." He is tied to a homestead there, but is fully resolved to come and live in Fairhope.

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Mrs. Jeanette Webb Dennis of Kushla, arrived last evening fof a few days visit with Miss Effie Mershon and other friends here.

First of the season—new, fresh and good. Stobies' self-rising buckwheat flour, Purina pan cake flour, Egg-O-See, home grown pecans. New goods arriving daily. Mershon Bros.

Public school opened very auspiciously on Monday with Miss N. Clements in charge of the intermediate and advanced pupils, and Mrs. Sweet in charge of the lower grades. Both are experienced and competent teachers and we expect a very successful term's work. The enrolment in the higher grades has reached 28 and in the lower 39, a total of 67. After this week visitors will be welcome.

Mr. W. L. Ross, left on Wednesday last week, for his home in Philadelphia. He and his brother E. S. Ross planned extensive improvements to the Fairhope House, including the installation of an acetylene lighting plant and of baths and sanitary plumbing just as soon as a local public water system is installed. W. L. Ross is "one of the faithful" and we are always glad to have with us and sorry to see him go.

The Public Health Journal gives permanganate of potassium as a cheap and simple preparation that will destroy mosquitoes in any stage of their development. A single handful of it, it is claimed, will oxidize a ten acre swamp, kill all embryo insects, and keep it free from organic matter for thirty days, at a cost of not over thirty cents. One pinch in 175 gallons of water, distributed through marshes and swamps would render it impossible for the larvae to develop. It is one of the best and cheapest disinfectants and no harm will follow its use.

The purchase by the Hughes of the Stimpson cottage on Magnolia avenue, which was reported last week, failed of consummation, we are informed. If our information is correct, this failure was largely due to the efforts of some local "knockers," which is something with which Fairhope has to contend, in common with all other towns. As far as the Corporation is concerned, it would much prefer that those who have any doubts of the justice and soundness of Fairhope's policy would let its land alone. The parties chiefly harmed by the "knockers" are the Fairhope mechanics, and it would be well if they saw to it that there were none such among their numbers.

A sale was made by Mr. E. T. Molyneux, on Wednesday, (through the Courier's sales rental and exchange department) of his improvements in Fairhope; the purchaser being the Fairhope Improvement Company. Mr. Molyneux will, we understand, build at once on the forty acres which he owns on the Marlow road, about four miles out and move there. Mr. Molyneux is a good neighbor, a pleasant gentleman and has a very nice family. We are glad that they are going to remain so near us, though we cannot honestly express regret over their removal from Colony land, for Mr. Molyneux has been one of the most active opponents of the Colony policy. The Improvement Company will probably improve the premises some as soon as vacated. The property is a desirable one and will, we are sure, prove a profitable investment for the company.

Dry Stovewood

All lengths, $3.25 a cord delivered, measure guaranteed; half cord least amount delivered. Leave orders at Mershons, Creswells, or Steenstras. B. van Bavel & Koopman.

Notice!

We are requested by the trustees of F. S. T. Corporation to announce that on account of other meetings set for Monday evening, the date of the special election for choice of a trustee to succeed Wm. Call resigned, the same will be called to order promptly at 7:30 P. M., and nominations for the office called for, the poll box being opened for voting as soon as desired nominations are made and closed at 8:30,

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On account of the Corporation election on Monday evening, my lecture will not begin until 8 o'clock, instead of 7:30.

Lydia J. Newcomb-Comings.

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Fielding Gower, of Yonkers, N. Y. renewing his own subscription remits for six months subscriptions of two other single taxers and promises more. This is the kind of help the COURIER most needs and appreciates.

Adolph Feldblum Esq., of New York, writes us that single taxers of New York are taking full advantage of the opportunity afforded by the *Evening Telegram*, for discussing the proposed bill for exempting improvements on land to the amount of $3000 from taxation, (of which we had something in the last issue). He says: "There have been a number of letters published opposing the bill, but the single taxers' arguments have smitten the Philistines hip and thigh. We have every hope of passing the bill at the next session."

A Model Letter

EDITOR COURIER:

Enclosed please find P. O. money orded for one dollar to renew my subscription for the FAIRHOPE COURIER. I like the COURIER and love the editor. "Stick".

Your brother single taxer

Mt. Lebanon. N. Y. CHAS. GREAVES.

Glorious Indian Summer

Six months of it to anticipate in Fairhope.

While our northern friends are beginning to shiver, as the first frosts, and chilling winds touch with icy fingers the very marrow of their inmost frame, we in Fairhope are anticipating six long months of almost perfect and continuous Indian summer, with delightful, sunny, balmy days, in which it is a joy almost unspeakable to be abroad, and breathe the delicious air, so enlivening and stimulating.

In this long stretch of Indian summer, we will have a few days of rain and storm, a few cold frosty mornings, that will tingle the nose in the north wind, but these few breaks, are only enough to make the rest of the season all the more delightful and enjoyable.

And our days are of the genuine, sunny, balmy, slightly smoky days, that in the north scarcely ever last over two weeks, frequently only one week, and some years fail to appear at all, but are always felt to be too precious not to celebrate in some emphatic manner as the few perfect days of the whole year.

Come then our northern cousins, and see how delightful it is to have a whole half of the year the joy of your life time, and come to Fairhope, the gem of the southland.

A View from the Outside

EDITOR COURIER:

I have been a constant reader of your colony paper for the past five years, have always been deeply interested in your welfare as a colony and since the controversy of the past year has arisen, I have scanned your pages more closely than ever, in order that I might form an impartial opinion as to the justice or injustice of your plan. And my conclusion finally is that the members of the Fairhope corporation only should have a vote in shaping the policy and in directing affairs of the corporation. It would appear to me, as an impartial observer, that possibly a mistake was made in your organization in providing that any except stockholders should ever be granted a lease of corporation lands. As I understand the matter it is only lessees, who are not stockholders, who are trying to make you trouble. In our Nucla Town Improvement Co. plan we have aimed to avoid this shoal by permitting only stockholders a lease privilege of our lands. We may not always sail on smooth waters. Storms may arise, mutinies be experienced, and even shipwrecks encountered, but I believ we have provided an escape from the difficulty which you now experience, but which I feel confident the wisdom of your people will eventually overcome.

Sec. Nucla Town Improvement Co. F. B. LOGAN.
and Sec. Colo. Coop. Co , Nucla, Colorado.

We are always glad to hear from friend Logan. Like ourselves he and his colleagues are making practical application of their believed "good theories," and our experiences should be not only to our mutual advantage, but to the advantage of all students of social problems.

We are very much inclined to think from our experience that while men's heads are as variously shaped as they are; while determination to have our own way and personal ambitions for prominence and leadership are such vital characteristics of human kind that entire harmony may never be expected anywhere, among any collection of people.

The most that can be done toward it is to endeavor to select those of like opinions to act together only in mutually agreed directions; with a simple and effective plan for the assertion of the will of the majority, in regard to details in the execution of the general plan.

The differences at Fairhope have largely come from non-members and outsiders, but not wholly. And the effort at Nucla to avoid friction by leasing only to stockholders, will only prove effective to the extent that the stockholders are in harmony with the colony policy. If they are not, the fact that they are stockholders will only make the problem more difficult.

It will be remembered by readers of the COURIER that in the organization of the Nucla Town Improvement Co. the Fairhope plan was largely followed. The land is held in trust by the company and leased to stockholders only, for 99 years. The taxes on improvements are paid by the company and prorated among the lessees on the basis of the value of their leaseholds, but the personal property taxes are paid by the lessees.

The Colony has, it is claimed, a most delightful location, a fine climate and a fertile soil. Mr. Logan will doubtless be glad to answer inquiries.

History

EDITOR COURIER

On a bleak winter day the of the present year I was taying to dig out a stump when there came to me a total stronger with a petition which he wanted me to sign. The petition protested against the rents and some other things. Beleiving it well to have the whole matter brought before the membership I signed it, whereat the total stranger was much pleased and told

me to come to the kicker's meeting saying that I was a good business man and they would be glad of my presence. After he departed I sat on my stump and wondered why the total stranger had said that I was a good business man. So far as I knew no one else had ever said that, and the only business that the total stranger had ever seen me at was digging at astump. However I went to the meeting. After the house came to order the chairman was elected swiftly, which means that a gentleman named Swift was elected to the chair and the total stranger was made secretary. And then there arose a tall consequential looking old gentleman who made what at the time struck me as a most startling statement. He stated that he had been assured by one of the best legal authorities in the state of Alabama that our leases were worthless as between us and a third party and that we might at any time be dispossessed of our leaseholds and the improvements thereon. After that there was much talking and speech making about high rents and low rents, rack rents and ten per cent. and one gentlemen who reminded me some of the plutocratic newspaper picture of a bomb-throwing anarchist proposed that we shoul d refuse to pay the rent; whereat the total stranger clapped his hands with a loud clap. And then arose a short, fat, white headed old gentlemen who talked a long, long time, but of all that he said I could not hear anything save once I faucied he said something about horse trading which seemed to me a highly irrelevant subject to bring forth in view of the startling statement. Then a very large fat gentlemen made a little speech in a big voice expressing his surprise that the meeting had all along ignored the only thing of importance, namely, the startling statement. He shouted that we were all in a pickle! And he roared that he wanted to know how we were going to get out of that pickle!! Here it may be recorded that, so far as that meeting was concerned the large fat gentlemen might still be seeking the information he wanted, for after he sat down nothing further was said during the meeting in regard to the startling statement. And it came to pass that when each had said what he had to say, or shouted what he had to shout and all had resolved what there was to resolve, the meeting adjourned. Whereupon I forthwith buttonholed the total stranger and said to him that it seemed passing strange that the meeting had taken no action in regard to the startling statement, and he calmly replied: "Oh well, this is only the entering wedge, the next move will be to place the colony in liquidation."

HISTORIAN.

A Pacific Coast Letter

EDITOR COURIER:

Inclosed please find postal money order for my subscription to your publication. Through Mr. Powell to whom I wrote for information on reading his article concerning Fairhope in the last issue of *Maxwell's Talisman*, I received several copies of the COURIER and was delighted to learn that the Colony is still at it in good shape. I have been a believer in the single tax ever since writing Progress and Poverty in shorthand for practice when just a "kid," and the more I have an opportunity to observe conditions and the expedients put forth to meet them, the more absurdly inefficient they all seem, and the more completely does the solid principle of justice underlying single-tax philosophy answer all the varying demands of our complex civilization(?) That each individual should have all he can legitimately produce, and that on the other hand, the community should take all it as a community creates, seems so obviously to offer the only solution demanded by strict justice, that it is astonishing that questions of petty policy, setting up and again pulling down artificial limitations to suit the particular crowd of grafters that has the upper hand, should obscure what is really at the bottom of the whole unhappy muddle.

Owing to optical trouble my opportunities for reading in the first person, were largely cut off about the time Fairhope was first talked of, and I could not keep up with its doings thereafter. So when I read Mr. Powell's story I was more than happy to learn that Fairhope is a living reality. I hope it will continue to grow and demonstrate more and more fully what we know to be true. With very best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Los Angeles, Calif. GEORGE W. GIBSON.

County Commissioners Visit Fairhope

Messrs. T. J. Holman and P. J. Cooney, members of the board of county commissioners, were in Fairhope on Wednesday looking after road matters in this vicinity. While here their attention was called to the desirability of straightening the Silver Hill road so as to avoid the quarter of a mile diversion to the south by the saw mill and back again, and making Fairhope Ave., from the point in section fifteen, where the Silver Hill road now turns south, to the wharf, a part of the said public road, for which a petition will be presented at their next meeting. Also the extension of the bay shore road from Daphne which has been located as far south as the Colony's north line, through the Colony land to Battles, a road already being open for most of the distance. It seems that there are some hitches in the securing of the right of way for this road between Fairhope and Daphne, which are delaying its opening. Wm. Call, who is overseer of the Silver Hill road was instructed to have the bridge over Fish river, which was rendered impassable by the late heavy rains repaired immediately. We are assured that the commisioners fully appreciate the importatce of having the public roads leading into Fairhope kept in good condition, and will lend all the assistance in their power to that end. They are directing the road overseers to get the trees and stumps in the right of way cleared out as rapidly as possible, that the road machine which the county owns can be made use of for grading and surfacing the roads.

We understand that commissioners Holman and Cooney are stoutly refusing to agree to any further appropriations of county funds for Bay Minette's fight for the county seat; in which the COURIER heartily approves their course.

NOTES OF HOPE AND PROGRESS

(Continued from first page)

test single tax. He knows what are its possibilities what its limitations. Neither does he look upon the injection of other economic notions with favor. The world is wide and opportunity exists for every phase of economic experiment. Here but one phase is possible if the single taxer shall not meet with great disappointment. Thus it appears to me and to those whom I left behind and to those whom I have met while here who have come here to observe results.

Believing the full rental value of land would be taken for community purposes and that from this fund would be paid all other taxes except those of an indirect nature I was willing to add to that full rental value these indirect taxes holding that even by this added payment over what I would rightfully pay, I would be the gainer and help demonstrate the truthfulness of the theory.

I was met at the threshold by organized opposition to the hitherto working plan. A couple of weeks' observation convinced me that the grounds of opposition were entirely personal and strangely lacking in proper economic element, and had no hesitancy in

assuming that no such perversion of true conditions would prevail. Accordingly no plans were changed and in a few weeks such preparations as were necessary to the establishment of a residence and business were undertaken with the result that every thing is about ready for business, the question of housing having also been settled.

The conciliatory efforts of the corporation having proved futile, complete assertion of their prerogatives has resulted, and I look forward to a distinct and tangible understanding in the future on the part of both the single taxers and the present or any future oppsition.

Concerted effort along developing lines and strict adherence to the fundamental principles of possible economic application, will, I thoroughly believe, augment many fold the present industrial growth.

Very Sincerely,

W. H. G. ROWE.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Oct. * * * Dear Augusta: Fairhope is today like your beautiful Vineland at its best—just warm enough after the heavy rains to bring out the slender, red-brown rose shoots that have flowers *in posse*—My neighbors have more roses than I, because I think, they have not been so afflicted with the leaf rust—There is so much you would enjoy here besides the climate, the baths, the flowers. You would enjoy working with our clubs of women—the V. I. C. and the Henry George Clubs, especially, and you and Mrs. Comings would be great friends. She is active in all good work—just now it is a course of lectures on the great cities of Europe for the benefit of our Arts and Crafts Club whose teacher is the very able and charming Miss Lyons. She will soon be with us again. Last night the lecture was on Rome, and here I was moping at home in gown and slippers trying in vain to read or write or rest, and to reason myself out of the fact that I am always tired—most of all after a long night's rest! What an anomaly! yet it is true.

Mrs. Comings found at the moment, as it were, that among the illustrations for her lecture on Rome the Coliseum was missing and she was delighted to use the large and fine one among the Prang donation. There are so many among these exquisite pictures that should be on the walls of our new hall and school house. Very few of them can be used in the library because all the walls are covered with bookcases. These, you know have overrun into the south west room and onto my west veranda where there is an immense double case holding about 600 volumes. These I have protected from the rains by leatherette curtains pulled taut across and fastened at each side by cords. It is primitive but quite effective. You will rejoice that this little public library of 2230 numbers—not counting the files and stacks of magazines—has a new and able friend. This is Mrs Dougherty, wife of our head printer who has done library work for years, and just the special work needed so much; getting the card catalog system established. She knows the system perfectly, and writes that round, vertical hand that "reads itself."

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* * * Where are you, Carrie L? I do not know who wrote last but do we keep a regular Dr. and Cr. account in our correspondence? You are the one who should always break the silence for you are the globe trotter, and I am fixed here in this southern nook—Fixed, for if there were no other attraction here than these blessed mocking birds, I could not leave. Last spring I was mourning their decrease in number, as I believed; but this fall, and for weeks past, the air has been filled with their delightful music. On all my pines, at times, there is one perched upon some branch a dead one they prefer. But they sing from the eaves, the chimneys, the trellises: from which perches they fly down and chase each other on the garden walks and through the shrubbery. This is their second mating season, I am told, and so we may expect the warm weather to last until they rear another brood. The thick foliage of the Kudzu vine is a favorite nesting place for them. I think the marvelous growth of that vine must be due to them, largely, for I never fertilize it or touch it with a hoe. A hoe! How could I? It is planted close to the tallest of one of these pines whose whole periphery for fully seven or eight feet is one taugled, impenetrable jungle of its tough vines and luxuriant green leaves. The very top of the pine is now covered with this marvelous climber—a fine object visible on all sides from afar. The fragrant blossoms of this vine are most attractive and when they fall they make a carpet of purple on all the walks near the tree. Our ever lamented Mrs. Stokes greatly desired to try to make a Kudzu cover one of her pines I saw it on the day of her funeral. It was doing bravely, having nearly covered the tree for some six feet. I think her son will train it up for her sake.

NOTICE

Will all those who wish to attend the George Academy, except non-residents and those who have already made arrangements, please meet me at the hall on Saturday Oct. 14th. from 2 to 3 P. M.

It has been decided to adopt the new method of substituting a course in stenography for a portion of the classics, in order to better prepare the students for the work of taking notes of lectures which will be given later in the Academy and in college work. Taking notes in longhand is laborious and unsatisfactory, for it is impossible to make them complete or even connected. Furthermore, life long friendships are formed between students and stenography furnishes them with a rapid and easy means of communication. In many cases it can also be utilized for the purpose of earning a livelihood.

Attention is further called to the fact that the terms of the Academy differ somewhat from those of the grammar school. Tuition is free only to lessees and their families; not to those who are merely occupying rooms or houses on colony lands.

J. W. Braam, Principal.

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Five volumes of Henry George's works: Progress and Poverty; Social Problems; Protection and Free Trade; A Perplexed Philosopher; The Land Question. Natural Taxation; by Thomas G. Shearman. Louis Post's Lectures, illustrated. The George-Hewett Campaign.

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We opened on the Library veranda W. W. Kile's valuable donation of Henry George's works including the precious files of the Standard edited by him. There was in the box a present for Mrs. Gaston and a most philosophical looking cat, "Sammy Hop" for me—so interpreted at all events. Sammy Hop's photograph has a place of honor in the library.

Tardily but gratefully we return thanks to the giver.

M. Howland, Librarian.

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Friends of Fairhope and the COURIER are earnestly urged to help increase its circulation. We want to enlarge and improve the paper but cannot do so until the revenue is increased.

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Another Wedding

Mr. N. D. Landes and Miss Almira Lawrence were married at the home of the bride's parents on Sunday evening, Oct. 1, by Rev. G. W. Wood. Mr. Landes has been a resident of Baldwin county for several years, having been engaged of late in the freighting business on the bay. The bride is the eldest daughter of Capt. and Mrs. George A. R. Lawrence and has grown up into young womanhood at Fairhope. The wedded couple are for the present, at home with the bride's parents.

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From the President of F. S. T. Corporation

EDITOR COURIER;

The impression seems to have gone out to some non-resident friends of Fairhope that I am in a measure, at least, in favor of the proposed new constitution. At a meeting of the "Leaseholder's Protective Union," I spoke in favor of the appointing of a committee to draft an amendment to the constitution, the object of which was declared to be "to enable us to get a more perfect application of the single tax as proposed by Henry George." I stated at this meeting that I was not satisfied with the amount of single tax we are now getting at Fairhope, but that I did not know of any way to make an improvement, and pledged myself that if the committee could devise any plan which would give us more single tax, I would do everything in my power to aid it. It is a little presumptuous to suppose that by these remarks I pledged myself to support the action of a committee that had not then been appointed, and which reported at a meeting two weeks later a constitution which in my opinion would, if adopted by the Corporation, eliminate about all the single tax we now have. They proposed to give deeds, in lieu of leases, on the ground that it would be nearer single tax. and less likely to be misunderstood. Henry George is very clear on this point. The object being to do away with private property in land, he states that it can be accomplished without disturbing present titles, by confiscating rent, though he did not contend that it was the only way. As to methods, we simply follow the line of least resistance. As a national issue, the line of least resistance would be to leave present titles undisturbed; but in the Colony plan, where we have to buy the land, (which is unjust but cannot be avoided) where one of our objects is to teach that the land should not be private property, it seems to me that the lease is vastly the better plan, and much less likely to be misunderstood. We are used to leases: they do not convey the idea of ownership, while deeds most certainly do. Therefore the chances that a tenant would get the idea that he owned the land if given a deed are much greater than when given a lease, even tho it were possible to provide in these deeds that the full rental value should be taken by the Corporation.

The refunding of the personal property taxes is another matter which is worrying some people very badly. They claim that it is making the poor man pay the rich man's taxes. That this objection should be raised by non single taxers is not strange as it is one of the stock objections to the single tax every where, and at all times; but how a single taxer can make such a claim is incomprehensible, when we are all agreed that taxes on personal property are unjust. If paying personal property taxes out of the land values in Fairhope is unjust, the exemption of personal property from taxation by the adoption of the single tax or any exemption law is unjust. Yours truly,

F. L. BROWN,
Pres. F. S. T. Corp.

The yellow fever situation seems greatly improved throughout the infected section, save at Pensacola, where there are yet many cases under treatment and new ones being reported right along. Mobile has kept free and has received a great advertisement thereby. "There is a reason"—two of them—the superior local health conditions and the vigilance of the quarantine officers.

Yarnelle on Prospects at Fairhope

"Success comes to those who hustle while they wait." This is as true in Fairhope as every where else, and, I believe the axiom has a wider and a truer meaning here than in those favored spots where opportunity is ready te the hand and Nature's riches lie close to the surface. Until recent years this pine land in farthermost Dixie was universally considered worthless, and even today we are only just beginnining to find out what can be done with it.

To the man who would like to earn his bread "first hand from God," and who would gladly share the toils of Fairhope's pioneers, one all important question arises: what can I do to make a living? To such a man I would say, there are a good many kinds of enterprises that can be made to yield a good profit in this country, and each individual can best choose for himself after personal investigation. Most of these enterprises require considerable capital and some experience. But our friend most likely hasn't the considerable capital. Well then, let him go into partnership with the American Hen.

This noble bird, which is today worth to our country a million times as much as all the bald eagles that ever squawked, never fails to yield a rich return for careful earnest work and intelligent handling. It is a little early yet for me to pose as a sage of poultrydom, seeing that it is not yet one year since I left my Chicago desk to set my feet in this road to independence. Nevertheless I feel more certain every day that the step was a wise one. The climate and market conditions here are as favorable to the chicken business as anywhere in the United States. The knottiest problem I have run against so far is the feed bill. We ought to raise our own feed, and I believe that our farmers will do well to try their hands at producing more oats, corn, millet, buckwheat and rice, and let the Dakotas raise the Irish potatoes.

Don't think for a minute however, that the hen business is a royal road to wealth here. A large proportion of the American people think poultry is a sort of get-rich-quick business, because they have figured it all out by algebra. Not so. To succeed with poultry keeping in Fairhope means that energy, intelligence, perserverance and *constant attention* must be employed, even more than in most other lines of industry. This is true everywhere, and is exactly the reason why so many people make a failure of the chicken business and also why that business still offers abundant success to those willing to pay the price. We don't have the long cold winters of the north, but we have driving rains which chill the chicks, and a hot summer which saps their vitality unless plenty of shade is provided.

Lice and mites must be fought all the time, and the mysterious disease, sorehead, is liable to get a start if vigilance is relaxed. I mention these things for the benefit of the man with the pencil and paper.

Almost every day some one asks me what breed of chickens is the best to raise. There is no best. It is all in the way they are handled. A man should concentrate his efforts on the variety he admires the most and that variety will be the best for him. This being my first year I am experimenting with several standard breeds, but think I shall settle down to my first love, the Wyandotte, which to my eye is the noblest fowl in chickendom. Experience may prove, however, that some

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Banner patterns at Call's.

Fairhope souvenirs at Mershon Bros.'

S. E. Gooding is likely to be back soon.

A new line of souvenir views. A. M. Dealy & Co.

School books and stationery. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Fall and winter line of shoes just received at Mershon Bros.

Rev. Mrs. Oliver will preach in the hall on Sunday morning.

Why not read a good story book? A. M. Dealy & Co. have them.

Heating stoves, cook stoves, stove pipe, elbows, dampers, etc., at Mershon Bros.

Don't put off buying your heaters until cold weather is upon you. We have just received a large supply. Mershon Bros.

Archibald Crosbie will address the Progressive League on Sunday, his subject being "Peace Progress."

Henry George Club will meet with Mrs. Gaston, on next Thursday afternoon. Every lady interested in economics is urgently invited to attend.

The editor is indebted to Father George Knowles for a basket of his fine Japanese persimmons. He is always mindful of his friends and even remembers the "stranger within the gates," as many can testify.

Barbara Willams, who lives just adjoining the corporation, left at the COURIER office, a mammoth pear. It is of the "Chinese Sand" variety and measures 14 inches around one way and 14½ inches the other, and weighs over a pound and three-quarters.

58-piece tea sets of the celebrated Johnson Bros.' china ware for $7.99. See show window. 63-piece dinner sets of the same kind of goods for $12.48. Or you may make your selection and pay for what you want, as we will sell from one piece up. Mershon Bros.

Messrs. Comings and Powell, cooperating with Superintendent of Lands and Highways Bancroft, have put Church street south of Fairhope avenue, and the walks on either side, in good shape. Mr. Berglin also did some good work on the walks about his premises.

Heavy rains and high winds have been frequent during the past two weeks—something rather unusual for this time of year, as October is usually a comparatively dry month. Tuesday night a "norther" came up, the first of the season, making coats feel comfortable for awhile.

The Fairhope House, overlooking the bay, has a charming location with beautiful scenery. It stands upon the bluff and gets the delightful, soft breezes from sea and forests of pine. It is serenaded by Nature's winged chorus led by the mocking bird; and has full view of gorgeous sunsets, too sublime to describe, but never to be forgotten.

We believe a good stenographer and typewritist, with a machine, could get a great deal of work to do here. Desk room could be had in the COURIER office and a certain amount of work a week guaranteed; and local business men and winter visitors would be glad of such help in their correspondence. We would be glad to hear from some one qualified in this way, who would like to come to Fairhope, to remain, or for the winter.

Pretty new Kimonas at Call's.

School caps for girls, at Call's.

Plenty of white caps rolling on Wednesday.

Fall hats, underwear, etc., arriving daily at Call's.

Time to get out strawberry plants and onion sets.

New line of box stationery, something fine. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Just in — comforts, blankets, flannels, outings, etc. These are a "warm proposition." Mershon Brothers.

Mr. E. D. Brann has begun the erection of a nice cottage for Mrs. Ahrens, on her lot down Section street, purchased of Mr. Oswalt.

Fairhope wharf has the best warehouse facilities along the shore. We can give you safe storage for your goods while looking up a location.

The a la carte dining service at the Fairhope House, grows in favor because the best the markets afford is served fresh and in good style, at reasonable prices.

Mr. Norris Shupe now at Chicago, with his family, has engaged one of the Fairhope Improvement Co., cottages on Fels Avenue from November first to May first.

The V. I. C. at a recent meeting appointed a visiting committee, whose duty it is to call upon newcomers and help to make them feel at home. An excellent idea.

H. M. Foster and family, who occupied one of Neighbor Swift's cottages for nearly a year past, have returned to Greely, Colo., whence they came here. They left on Wednesday morning.

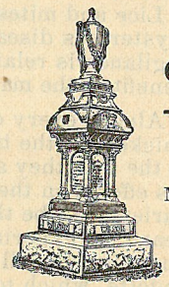
Mrs. Towner has rented Mrs. Patterson's cottage for the winter; and Mrs. Pattersou after a couple of months at Fairhope has gone to Mobile where she has a pleasant position for the winter.

The interest of every resident of a town lies in encouraging immigration and improvement. Whenever anyone gets so that he can't enjoy seeing his town grow, his "room is better than his company."

Mr. Bancroft did a good job on Fairhope avenue from School street east to the top of the hill this side of Mr. Coleman's, last week. This was at the expense of the Corporation. It should be made a public road.

Neighbor Louis E Baldwin left on Wednesday morning for Kansas City and will probably remain there or at some other point in the north and have his family follow him soon. Louis has been an assistant in the COURIER office at times, and our good wishes go with him.

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The editor has fine string beans from his garden now.

The bay steamers now leave Mobile at 3 p. m. instead of 3:30, the Fairhope arriving at 4:30.

Charles Stearns has moved his carpenter shop into the old Coleman building north of Fairhope avenue.

The enrollment in the Fairhope public school is nearly fifty per cent. greater than that at Daphne, as reported by the Standard.

It is reported that Mr. George E. Miller had a light attack of yellow fever at Pensacola, only sufficient to lay him up for two or three days.

The trustees checked up with the retiring treasurer on Tuesday and received his books and vouchers and turned same over to the new treasurer.

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W. C. T. U. Programme

November '05 to June '06

NOV. 11 (Sat.)—With Mrs. Minnie H. Brown.
Devotions.
Roll call: S. T. I. items.
Business.
"Scientific Temperance Instruction."—Mrs. Sweet.

DEC. 14—With Mrs. S. H. Comings-
Devotions.
Roll call: Neal Dow.
Business.
"Regulation vs. Prohibition."—S. H. Comings.

JAN. 11—With Mrs. Bertha Mershon.
Devotions.
Roll call.
"Sociology as Proposed by the National."—Mrs. Comings.

FEB. 8—With Mrs. Clara M. Gaston.
Devotions.
Roll call: Work for Children.
Business.
"Juvenile Courts."— Mrs. Anna B. Hail.

FEB. 17 (Sunday)— At the Hall.
Frances E. Willard Memorial Day.
Devotional Exercises.
Address: "Non-Alcoholic Medication."—Dr. Geo. A. Sheldon.

MARCH 8—With Mrs. C. E. Littlefield.
Devotions.
Roll call: Lady Henry Somerset.
"Giving that Hurts and Giving that Helps."—Dr. Atkinson.

APRIL 12—With Mrs. Grace Parker.
Devotions.
Roll call: Scripture Texts.
Business.
"Does Drinking Cause Poverty or Poverty Cause Drinking?"— T. N. Freeman.

MAY 10—With Mrs. Anna G. Pilcher.
Devotions.
Roll call; Items from the Alabama White Ribbon.
Department Symposium.

JUNE 14—Under the Magnolia.
Program at 5 p. m., followed by Picnic Supper.

"Something doing" in Fairhope all the time.

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Fairhopers "practice what they preach."

A number of our correspondents have expressed their hearty appreciation of friend Archibald Crosbie's letter in a recent issue. It was a splendid setting forth of Fairhope principles and conditions.

Fairhopers have no quarrel with those who do not approve of the Fairhope plan, but we would much prefer that they go elsewhere to try their own plans rather than try to change Fairhope to accord with their ideas.

Volanta would be an excellent place to put the proposed new constitution of the Leaseholders' Protective Union to the test of practice. We understand that Mr. Parker, who is largely interested there, rendered valuable assistance to the L. P. U.'s committee.

Some criticisms of Fairhope would lead the uninformed to believe that people at Fairhope are deprived of sacred rights that they enjoy everywhere else. On the contrary, Fairhope lessees have all the civil rights that citizens enjoy elsewhere, and, in addition, have the property of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation administered for their benefit.

A number of properties of the Fairhope "opposition" are placarded for sale. They have not been listed with the Courier's "Sales Rental and Exchange department" but we presume they are offered at bargain prices, for the Fairhope correspondent of the *Item* (obviously one of that party) is prominently advertising the number of Fairhope properties for sale, and that some have sold for about half their claimed cost.

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation is ready at all times to enter into written contracts with those who would like to take of its land, whereby the same is to be administered without profit to the members of the Corporation and for the joint and equal benefit of lessees, whether members or not; but it has not yet seen it to be its duty to turn the property over to those who have no proper conception of or sympathy for the Corporation policy.

We gave last week, several cheering and hopeful expressions from residents regarding the future of Fairhope and give others this week. We have received also a multitude of cheering messages from outside friends. We could fill the paper with these. Those we publish are only "samples," but they clearly indicate the feeling with which the news of late events was received by these friends, who have been interested in and helped Fairhope because of its plans, and who have rejoiced at the hearty endorsement those plans have just received from the resident membership.

Acetylene Gas Lighting

Among the best of the minor improvements of our town has been the introduction of acetylene gas for lighting, and at the rate of recent increase it will not be long before our streets and residences will all gleam with the beautiful "white light."

Our friend Comings, who is sometimes "run in" for other purposes than voting, put in a plant of thirty lights last May, and it was so satisfactory that the Mershon Bros' installed one of seventy five lights, for their large store, and the contrast was so great, that the other stores that had been thought "well lighted" looked like dark caverns in comparison, with "will o' the wisp" lights, and two at once ordered a connection, and have been brilliant with a flood of radiance since.

Now Mr. Comings has installed a full hundred light plant that will supply two hundred so called "half foot" lights, the size mostly used in rooms of moderate size. He has already supplied the church, and his own four houses and has taken the order to connect with Mr. Powell's house, across the street, and others are negotiating for either a plant or a pipe connection, so this portion of the town will soon all be in the full glory of the finest light yet discovered by man, to almost perfectly imitate the light of the sun.

The Ross Bros. have contracted for a generator for the hotel and the work of installation is begun as we go to press. Others on the bay front are beginning to think that it is a little behind the times to be filling the kerosene lamps, and suffering from its smoke and smell, with its comparatively dull lighting powers.

Acetylene lighting has recently been adopted by the general government and some of the newest and finest Pullman trains, are being illuminated by this strange mixture of "hydrogen and electricity," which in spite of Lawson's break, is likely to become the standard light of the world.

Courier's Friends Heard From

The Courier has been most happily advised during the last few days of its many and warm friends throughout the country. A little special appeal made to a portion of our subscribers for help in increasing our circulation and revenue, has received gratifying and encouraging response. We could fill the paper with the kind things said of it by these friends' and cannot refrain from giving a few, for the gratification it will give those who send these kind messages, to know that others feel as they do.

You have made a good fight and perhaps felt that you were alone in it but you have had one at least, whose sympathy has been with you and has read with interest the controversies that have been the means of bringing out facts and setting forth principles that will some day redeem mankind from land slavery. I hope the Courier may always continue to have the support of those loyal to the cause."

Rochester, Pa., Joseph C. Campbell.
($10 check enclosed.)

N. Y. Exchange attached for $5 for subscriptions for

parties named as far as it will go, including a renewal of my own.

I congratulate Fairhope and all single taxers on the outcome of the election.

If your paper needs help at any time call on me. It will be both a *pleasure and a duty to assist.*

New Iberia La., R. S. McMahon.

Mr. McMahon had been misinformed regarding Fairhope, and taken little interest until he came last spring to see for himself, since which he has been enthusiastic over the good work the colony is doing.

Daniel Kiefer of Cincinnati, than whom there is no better single taxer or friend of Fairhope did not receive one of our special appeals, but he saw Mr. Hunt's and "butted in" as follows:

"My dear Gaston:

Mr. Hunt showed me your circular appeal. I rather appreciate the spirit displayed in your not calling upon me. I take it as an evidence of your appreciation that you believe me to be far out running my limit.

Nevertheless I take pleasure in handing you herewith a check for $3, for which send the paper to the following."

I enclose $3.00 for subscription to the Courier. Sorry I can't find new subscribers, but you may send a copy a year to my son, A. M. Blank, Chicago, and credit my own. I am glad to see some prospect of more peace and harmony at Fairhope. Hope you will succeed in carrying out the principles of first intention.

Don't know yet if we will be able to get down or not; we however, are all anxious to do so.

Miller, Ind. Chas F. Blank.

Kindly for enclosed check for $5 extend my subscription for one year and put balance into anything you see fit to help the Courier's circulation. Wishing you most well, believe me, sincerely yours,

Philadelphia, Pa. T. S. K. Morton.

I enclose my cfeck for $3 advance subscription. I am glad you thought me worthy of this call. I feel that you are fighting a battle for all of us. When Mrs. Foley read your circular, she said: "You will send that money." It is not from an abundance we send it. An appeal from almost any other source would have been refused. Wm. O. Foley, Point Marion, Pa.

Enclosed find check for $3, which kindly place to my credit as a subscriber to the Courier. The Courier is doing a grand work, and I trust it will have a long life and the support of every single taxer in the world.

Newark, N. J. Matthew T. Gaffney, M. D.

I enclose $3.00 advance subscription to the Courier. I think what you have done there is the proper thing.

Kennedy, Ohio. Thomas Hunt

Mr. Hunt, it will be remembered, attended the conference in the winter and was one of the committee on resolutions. He is therefore, personally advised regarding Fairhope conditions.

[More to follow.]

Mr. Braam on the Situation

Editor Courier:—

It is asserted and reiterated by certain persons at Fairhope that more than half of the people here are dissatisfied and want to leave. This is no doubt a great exaggeration. There are some people here who came for the purpose of showing us how to run a single tax colony and when they find that their ideas do not accord with ours and that they cannot get control of the colony they naturally feel dissatisfied. There are some here who were ablaze with enthusiasm when they took up the single tax idea, but an enthusiast's fire soon burns out and he turns his attention to some other subject which happens to attract his attention, and arouses his enthusiasm to the same pitch that the single tax did. When he again grows cold on that subject he finds some other altar to kindle a blaze on. This class of people should be discouraged in the beginning in order that their enthusiasm may continue longer and that they may not harm us too much in the end, for they are sure to kick over the gods whom they at first worshipped. There are also people here who were not so enthusiastic perhaps when they came here, but the colony lands are increasing in value so fast that it seems plain to them that if they could force us to sell out and obtain deeds to their property they could pocket the unearned increase in value themselves. They overlook the fact that the moment the colony ceases to be a single tax colony there will be no incentive for single taxers to remain here, or for other single taxers to come here; and we will all leave as soon as we can dispose of our property. This will throw a great deal of property on the market, the values will decline, and the goose that laid the golden eggs will lay no more, for she will be dead. Everybody would lose by the operation and Fairhope "would be as well laid out as Daphne is." These people are too selfish to be good single taxers.

We shall perhaps always be troubled with these classes of people, and we must be very careful in admitting people to membership. People who show too much of a desire to rule, those who are too enthusiastic, or those who are too selfish, should be kept out of our membership if possible. They are stumbling blocks in the way of the colony.

I do not think that there are any dissatisfied people here except those who belong to these classes and their deluded followers. A petition is of little value in indicating the opinions of others, as the kickers have just learned. People often sign them in order to escape importunity.

I think that Fairhope is conducted on single tax principles as nearly as is possible under the state laws except that the colony does not pay the road taxes, which are worked out by each individual. The inequalities in paying state and county taxes, sometimes complained of, are incentives to improvement, which will be present under a general system of single tax as well as under a colony system; and which are a decided advantage to a community.

Failure is sometimes predicted because the Ruskin colony went into the hands of a receiver. But there is a great difference between the two colonies. At Ruskin, a portion of the capital stock was squandered, and the fact was hidden by padded inventories. In my opinion, as much as two-thirds of it had disappeared. This, of course, was sufficient cause for getting a receiver appointed. Here the capital stock is all invested in land, which, according to the kickers, has trebled in value. The only property that has depreciated in value was purchased by land rents and from private contributions, and not from capital stock.

Taking all these things into consideration I see no reason to be alarmed, but rather see bright prospects for the future of the colony, and am well satisfied to have things go on along the old lines at the same old stand.

J. W. Braam.

Yarnelle on Prospects at Fairhope

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other breed is better adapted to our climate. We shall know more a few years hence.

So, brother—or sister, for that matter, for women are

wonderfully successful in this line—if you would like to be one of us and work faithfully for the goal of independence, come ahead and we'll help you all we can. You won't have to spend all your little hoard in buying land at an outrageous price from a company that perhaps can't even give you a clear title, as is being done in Baldwin county, *outside of Fairhope*. What means you have can all be applied on the necessary buildings, fences, etc., and give you a chance to live until you can get your business on its feet. You won't have to do much clearing for poultry, at least at first, which is an enormous expense saved right there. And when you get a little ground broken for a garden, the hens will furnish a fertilizer that beats all the cottonseed meal in creation. And be sure to plant all the fruit trees you can afford, for poultry and fruit makes a combination that is mutually beneficial. This is going to be a fruit country some day.

I have tried to stick closely to facts in the foregoing, and not to draw a glittering picture that would result in disappointment to anyone. We need men of energy and brains in Fairhope, who will use both in helping to develop this country. Earnest effort will be richly repaid.

Incidentally you can work with us to keep before the world the great economic truth to which our colony is dedicated.

STUART YARNELLE.

From a Fellow Member

EDITOR COURIER:

I note with pleasure in late issues of the COURIER the complete overthrow of those officers who would and have tried to set aside our constitution—notwithstanding they had agreed by their signatures to respect and abide by its laws. The referendum vote did it. Trusting all members of Fairhope, and fair-minded people in and around Fairhope, will stand together, doing what they can for its success, is the wish of one of its members.

Hurricane, Ala. WM. SCHIMENOUR.

Wm. Schimenour has been a true and consistent friend and member since "the year one." Though not seeing his way to reside among us, he has been here at frequent intervals and at all times kept closely in touch with Fairhope affairs.

Prof. Bellangee Elected Trustee

At the special election on Monday evening Professor J. Bellangee was elected to fill the vacancy in the board of Corporation trustees, caused by the resignation of Wm. Call on his election as treasurer. A stormy evening caused a light vote. At the Council meeting immediately following, Mr. Coleman presented on behalf of the signers a written communication asking answers in writing to a number of questions there put regarding the administration and condition of Corporation affairs. The same was referred to the trustees for attention.

Alabama is all right. Baldwin County is all right. Fairhope is all right. Trade with Mershon Bros. and you will be all right.

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The man who thinks a theory and does not work upon it, shows that he has little respect for his own opinions and will not win the respect of others.

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The man who contents himself with pointing out the wrong course of others will never have followers, for none can lead who are not going somewhere themselves.

When a man gets hold of a good idea if he is clear headed he starts to thinking. When he has thought a subject out, if he is an earnest man, he begins to work along that line.

The committee appointed by the V. I. C. on painting the schoolhouse, would be glad to receive propositions on the job. Particulars may be had of Mrs. F. L. Brown, chairman.

Justice Littlefield says that the shooting about the village must stop. There is a heavy penalty for shooting across or along a public highway. This will cover all offenses in town and hunters must take to the woods.

Another Happy Friend

Hurrah for Fairhope! The action taken as set forth in the Courier just received is correct and proper to my way of thinking.

Liberty sometimes degenerates into license.

Stick to your text and let others preach from other texts.

Rutherford N. J. Fred Dunn.

The W. C. T. U.

The annual meeting of the Fairhope W. C. T. U. was held in the hall Thursday afternoon, Oct. 12th, at 3 o'clock.

Devotionals were led by Rev. Oliver.

Song, "Revive us Again". Then Rev. Oliver read statistics in regard to the use of intoxicants in the U. S., showing a decided decrease in each year of the same.

Reports of officers read giving good results from energetic work on the part of our members. Tresurer reported amount from collections, dues, etc., to be $27.78; disbursments $16.90; amount on hand $10.88. Our President, Mrs Comings, address was short but told of some of our work and the good effect of it in Fairhope. Election of officers resulted as follows; pres., Mrs. L. J. N. Comings; vice pres., Mrs. C. E. Littlefield; sec., Mrs. Minnie Brown; treas., Mrs. Clara Gaston. Mrs. H. N. Brown was reelected Superintendent of "Flower Missions." Dr. Atkinson was elected superintendent of the educational department, other departments being left for superintendents later.

We voted unanimously to give five dollars to the fund for the purchase of a new bell for our school; also $2 to the state fund.

The lines of work suggested for the coming year, were that especial effort be given to further the education of all the children in temperance and get all children of school age to attend our schools. Also that more especial attention be given to the enfranchisement of women. As the hour was late further suggestions were invited for the next meeting.

M. H. Brown. Sec.

NOTICE

Will all those who wish to attend the George Academy, except non-residents and those who have already made arrangements, please meet me at the hall on Saturday Oct. 14th. from 2 to 3 P. M.

It has been decided to adopt the new method of substituting a course in stenography for a portion of the classics, in order to better prepare the students for the work of taking notes of lectures which will be given later in the Academy and in college work. Taking notes in longhand is laborious and unsatisfactory, for

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it is impossible to make them complete or even connected. Furthermore, life long friendships are formed between students and stenography furnishes them with a rapid and easy means of communication. In many cases it can also be utilized for the purpose of earning a livelihood.

Attention is further called to the fact that the terms of the Academy differ somewhat from those of the grammar school. Tuition is free only to lessees and their families; not to those who are merely occupying rooms or houses on colony lands.

J. W. Braam, Principal.

Help The Courier

Friends of Fairhope and the Courier are earnestly urged to help increase its circulation. We want to enlarge and improve the paper but cannot do so until the revenue is increased.

The best way to increase the revenue is to increase the subscription list for this at the same time enlarges the influence and usefulness of the paper.

But to do this we must have the help of our suscribers. You know and are in touch with those who ought to take the Courier and would if they were asked to do so. Won't you do that much for us?

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DREAMS

"These are but dreams," the rascals cry,
In lobby room or gild cafe;
And as they speak the accents fly
To heeding ears, and others say,
In hall and university:
"Utopian fools are wont to be."

And plunder draws a fuller breath,
And then endows a chancellorship,
The public silent sits as Death,
Uncertain bound in hand and lip:
Indeed, white-palmed philanthropy
Hath solved the puzzling mystery.

Ah! these are dreams—these idle things
That route the thieves and trixters so,
These vain Utopian whisperings,
That threaten all the earth with woe-
—But give a few such dreams to me,
And you may keep philanthropy.

—Wm. Hoffman.

The New Intensive Farming

Under this title the *Farmers Advocate* (Topeka Kansas) gives some very interesting facts regarding the profitable use, by intensive methods of lands which ten years ago were among the much advertised "abandoned farms" of the eastern states. "All over the eastern states," it says, "where farming twenty years ago was pronounced a failure under western competition, there has sprung up this intensive cultivation. Violets are grown in one place and tuberoses by the acre in another. Celery is making one man's large profit near Williamsburg, as we once described. Special fruits are cultivated. Currants grown by the ton and sold by the pound yield a profit. This is in progress over the entire range of farming.

The Talisman (Chicago) for February, 1904, gave the experience of Samuel Cleeks, of Orland, California, who not only made a comfortable living for himself and wife from one irrigated acre, but was able to save an average of $400 a year beside. In its issue of May 1905, it told of a Mr. A. P, Canny, a Pennsylvania man, who was undertaking to try the California plan in Colorado.

The *Talisman* adds:

"California and Colorado are not the only places in the United States in which a man can earn a livelihood on one acre of ground, by intensive culture and with irrigation. The eastern and middle states can present just as good, if not better opportunities for intensive farming, especially where land is available in small tracts near the larger cities. Create the opportunity for the landless man to get a home acre, which he may cultivate himself and produce his food by his own labor, and the social and industrial problems which now confront the nation will be solved"

With its great advantage of climate, the south is better adapted to intensive culture than any other section of the country. "Less land, heavier fertilization and better cultivation" is the policy which will solve the agricultural problem in this section as it has done elsewhere and, in Fairhope unlike everywhere else, all the people will share in the benefits of this policy, instead of the landlords chiefly or only.

Among the Friends of Fairhope and the Courier

H. M. Wilson, M. D., Rodi, Pa., renews his own subscription and accompanies it with three new ones.

You are right on full rental value, proceeds to be applied for benefit of all."
Anna Ills. J. B. Barber.

Remitting $2 on subscription, A. C. Staples (one of our conference visitors) says: "Three cheers for the stand patters. Forward March!"

R. L. Atkinson, who completed payment on a membership not long since, sends $4 for renewal of two copies to his own address for two years. He has recently removed from St. Louis to Morton Park, Ill.

"You have my sympathy in your fight for the integrity of the Fairhope scheme. As far as I can see you are doing all that can be done under present conditions to illustrate the working of the single tax principle and I wish you all success.
Brooklyn, N. Y. E. Corkhill.

L. G. Bostedo of Chicago, one of Fairhope's old time friends (and members) and one of the brightest men in the single tax movement, renews his own subscription and accompanies it with three new names. Mr. Bostedo is a dealer in stocks, bonds and grain, and has defied "the system," with which he is having a tremendous fight.

Jno. Harrington, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, renewing his own subscription, adds: "On the proposition to collect the entire ground rent there ought not to be any difference of opinion; nor on the proposition to pay out of that fund the county and state taxes assessed against improvements and personal property."

Dr. Mary D. Hussey of East Orange, N. J., wrote us a very interesting letter, which we hooked for publication, but let the flame of a lamp come in contact with it. She thinks it "vital to take the full rental value," and enclosed a money order for $4 for her own and new subscriptions.

From J. H. Wells, New York: "I have your letter and send $3 to extend subscription, as you request. Should I get any subscribers you may then transfer my credit to them. I am very much pleased with the chapter of history in the Courier of September 29. I hope to be able within a year to obtain a membership in the Corporation."

Says T. H. Miller, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
"Enclosed please find my subscription for another year. I have been greatly interested in the discussion in regard to value of rentals at Fairhope. Stand by your guns! Let those who care nothing for George's principles go elsewhere if they like. What we want to see is a demonstration of the Single Tax as nearly as possible under the laws of the state as they at present stand."

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Banner patterns at Call's.

Fairhope souvenirs at Mershon Bros.'

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Eugene Wilson returned home last evening from a northern trip of several weeks.

M. M. Cope caught a fine fat possum in Mrs. Howland's chicken house on Wednesday night.

Frank Stone, the well known attorney of Bay Minette, was in town on business on last Saturday.

Dr. Rowe has placed his first order for pigeons to start his squab business and expects to receive them in a few days.

President Brown has just completed burning another kiln of brick and expeets it to turn out a lot of fine hard brick.

Overseer Call had some good work done on the Silver Hill road from the mill east, Friday and Saturday a week ago.

Mr. Berglin has had the meat market painted, uniform with his residence, much to the improvement of its appearance.

Don't put off buying your heaters until cold weather is upon you. We have just received a large supply. Mershon Bros.

Mrs. Curtis took possession of the Wilson restaurant and bakery, on Saturday last, serving her first meal there at noon that day.

The son of neighbor Mr. W. W. Worcester, living on the Daphne road, was very ill several days but is considered out of danger now.

Prospects for a bank at Fairhope are brightening. It would be of great advantage not only to Fairhope but all the surrounding country.

58-piece tea sets of the celebrated Johnson Bros.' china ware for $7.99. See show window. 63-piece dinner sets of the same kind of goods for $12.48. Or you may make your selection and pay for what you want, as we will sell from one piece up. Mershon Bros.

Under permission of the Council and with the understanding that they are to be subject to whatever conditions may be later adopted for conducting the proposed corporation water system, Mershon Bros. have piped water from the tank into their store.

The Fairhope House, overlooking the bay, has a charming location with beautiful scenery. It stands upon the bluff and gets the delightful, soft breezes from sea and forests of pine. It is serenaded by Nature's winged chorus led by the mocking bird; and has full view of gorgeous sunsets, too sublime to describe, but never to be forgotten.

Lot holders, especially those on the sandy streets, could render themselves and the town a great service by getting Bermuda sod and scattering it in the gullies and on the road sides in front of their places. Its effect in stopping washing is marvelous. For the Corporation to do this all over town would cost more than it has available for the purpose now, but a trifling effort from each individual would accomplish the desired result.

Pretty new Kimonas at Call's.

S. S. Mann is expected back soon.

Fall hats, underwear, etc., arriving daily at Call's.

New line of box stationery, something fine. A. M. Dealy & Co.

The famous Berglin—Stimpson hog case is reported settled. We hope so.

Just in — comforts, blankets, flannels, outings, etc. These are a "warm proposition." Mershon Brothers.

Father Knowles and Will Call are helping Professor Bellangee on the house he is building on his east lot.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. George Cain died on Wednesday from cholera infantum and was buried on Thursday.

Mr. Moorman has built a very neat story and a half house with wide galleries on three sides, on Fels Ave. just east of the Gooding place.

Deputy Sheriff Booth was in town on Thursday, subpœnæing witnesses for the circuit court. The witnesses are called to be "at the county seat."

The a la carte dining service at the Fairhope House, grows in favor because the best the markets afford is served fresh and in good style. at reasonable prices.

The COURIER job-office printed some neat fall announcements for Mrs. Call this week. Mrs. Call is very progressive in her business, and has done her full part to attract trade to Fairhope.

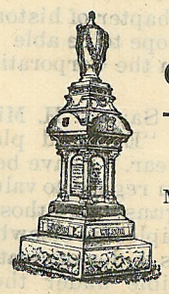
One of friend Rose's first acts on his arrival, was to drop in and subscribe for the COURIER (which he had been getting in exchange for his own paper) and also for a couple of friends.

Albert Stearns got back to Fairhope on Tuesday evening after a stay of some months at Pensacola. He had to remain in a detention camp for ten days before he was permitted to come into Alabama.

The following comprised a party which left overland for a trip to the gulf on Tuesday: Mr. Mrs. Chas. Wilson and family, and Miss Marie Hunnel; Mr. and Mrs. Brainard; George Frederick and Leo; Nathaniel Mershon and A. O. Berglin.

A number of the Fairhope young people attended the lawn social, given by the B. Y. P. U., at the beautiful home of Dr. Scott just east of Battles, (formerly the White home) on last Saturday evening. Among those who went down in a hay wagon were Misses, Ivy and Bessie Littlefield, Edith White, Hazel Pilcher and Frances Gaston; Messrs. Archie Littlefield, Will Dealy, Louis Barkley, Earl White and James Gaston.

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Our popular merchant, A. H. Mershon, suffered a painful injury on Wednesday by having his thumb broken. He was unharnessing his horse after a drive, and the horse made a dash for freedom while Mr. Mershon's thumb was entangled in a part of the harness.

Will Davis, who was with the Eastern Shore Telephone Company, has been continued by its succesor, the Home Telephone Company, in charge of its lines and work in this county. The position is a responsible one at fair pay and is a deserved recognition of faithful and efficient service.

A number of the town friends of the F. L. Browns, went out on Tuesday evening to see the brick kiln under full fire. Peanuts were roasted on the hot top of the kiln and taffy was made on coals pulled out in front of one of the fire doors. Those who went out were Messrs, and Mesdames Bancroft, A. H. and Dr. C. L. Mershon, Pilcher and Gaston, and Miss Carrie Betts.

We neglected to note the departure for Chicago, two weeks ago, of Mr. L. Barkley. He expects to leave Chicago on his return on the 28th and will bring Mrs. Barkley with him. Their son A. H. Barkely for whom the mother has been making a home there, is going west with his employer, a prominent railroad official, to whom he is confidential clerk.

Mrs. E. W. Yarnelle of Chicago, mother of our Mr. S. D. Yarnelle, arrived on Tuesday evening, with her friend Mrs. Burt, to make her home here. Mrs. Yarnelle, visited her son here several month ago, and is greatly pleased with Fairhope. She will probably rent for a few months and build for herself a little later.

The bay furnishes a very important part of the food supply for the people in this vicinity. The children and the old folks, too young or too old for active labor, add many a good mess of fish or crabs to the bill of fare, and those who are otherwise employed during the day, often go down in the evening or early morning with good results. Salt mullet are equal to white fish and are called the "poor man's bacon."

F. W. Rose, wife and two children arrived on Wednesday evening, a couple of days ahead of announced time, to make their home with us. Mr. and Mrs. Rose it will be remembered visited Fairhope in the early summer, and investigated fully for themselves, so know what to expect. He is an ardent old-time single taxer, will become a member of the Corporation in due time, no doubt, and be of great help to us in carrying out our principles.

At the Progressive League last Sunday afternoon, Archibald Crosbie, leader, read a very able paper on "Peace and Progress." The discussion following was participated in by Mrs. Howland, Miss Chapman, Messrs. Bellangee, Comings, Lancaster and Powell. The League voted to give $5 toward a bell for the school house, so that the one now there could be brought back to the hall. Mr. Powell and Mrs. Comings were appointed a committee on securing an instrument for use in the hall, and Mr. Stimpson was appointed to see to securing a clock. R. F. Powell will address the League on next Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. George Lawrence is reported ill.

"Something doing" in Fairhope all the time.

Stuart Yarnelle is on crutches as a result of an injury to his foot.

Trustee Oswalt tells us that the school is moving along in fine shape.

Rev. Mrs. Oliver will preach in the Christian church next Sunday.

A number of new settlers are moving into the country back of Fairhope.

Frost should be two months away yet in this "land of sunshine"—and showers.

F. W. Rose, who arrived yesterday, purchased today the Wm. Stimpson improvements on Magnolia avenue, just east of Mogg's. Mr. Rose and family will move in at once, using the place for a temporary home until he can build to suit him.

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The Courier wants no one to leave Fairhope except those who are not happy here and think they could be happier elsewhere.

The English Trades Union Congress refused by the next to unanimous vote of 50 to 1, to endorse Mr. Chamberlain's protection program.

Improvements on Fairhope land have sold more readily and realized, in selling, a better percent of their cost, than improved lands, privately owned, in the vicinity.

We acknowledge receipt with the compliments of the publishers, the Democrat Publishing Company, of Johnstown, Pa., of a very neat little book of poems entitled Reform and Nature Verse, by Wm. Hoffman. One of the poems is reproduced in this issue.

Tom Johnson, the "best mayor of the best governed city in the United States," according to Lincoln Steffens, has been again nominated for mayor of Cleveland, by the democrats and the republicans it is claimed, are hopeless of defeating him.

The average annual charge per consumer, for water in San Francisco, is over $13, according to the *Star*. In Madison Wisconsin (municipal ownership) the average charge per consumer was $7.64 in 1904 and the operating expense—not counting interest or depreciation —$4.88 per consumer.

The Democrats of Rhode Island have again honored themselves by nominating Dr. L. F. C. Garvin for governor. After serving two terms he was defeated at the last election by a very narrow margin, after a combination of all plutocratic elements against him and the prospects are very bright for his election this fall.

No better protection should be asked—or will be given—against excessive rentals on Fairhope land, than that those who finally fix the rents are themselves rent payers, and that the rent is a common fund. If the rents went to those who fixed them, there would be good reason to fear that they would make them excessive, for they would have every inducement to do so; but there is absolutely none when they get no especial benefits from the rent fund and have to pay rents on the same basis as all other tenants.

The Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation Society, of which our Mr. R F. Powell is superintendent and guiding spirit, and the Public Baths Association of the same city, of which our Wm. L. Ross is superintendent and has been since its inception, both received gold medals and honorable mention for their exhibits at the great Liege International Exposition. Fairhope is proud to number among its members those whose work is thus recognized.

With circuit court due to open Monday everybody is still "guessing" where court will be held or if indeed it will be held at all. Judge Browne is still firm in his decision to hold court at Daphne, and with his well known force and determination every power that he can exercise will be exercised to that end. On the other hand, Sheriff Armstrong is understood to have denied the right of the Judge to order him when off the bench and to have asserted that he will not be at Daphne on the day set. The witnesses and jurors have been subpoenaed to appear at the "County seat of Baldwin County" and some will appear at Daphne while others will appear at Bay Minette. The situation is decidedly interesting and developments will be awaited with keen interest.

Fairhope Controversy

From week to week the *Item* has been furnishing its readers reports of the doings of the Fairhope colonists, the little single tax colony over on the easteru shore of Mobile Bay. Of late there has been some dissension among the followers of the late Henry George and for some reason all is not as well among the colonists as it has been or might be. So long as the correspondence from Fairhope remained bare of personalities all well and good, but of late this has not been so. The controversy carried on in the columns of *The Item* is becoming too keen, and before the breach is widened beyond repair we think it is time to call a halt.

For the reason that we love ALL the people of Fairhope, the *Item* hereafter will print only the news, and we trust our friends will settle their slight differences in an amicable manner and in a way to do the greatest good to the greatest number. —*Mobile Daily Item*, Oct. 17.

The Courier congratulates the *Item* on this decision, only regretting that it was not made earlier.

The Days of "Merrie England"

The fifteenth century was the golden age of English industry. It was then that the old land earned the name of "Merrie England." Professor Thorold Rogers has shown that in 1495 the ordinary English peasant could provision his family for a year by fifteen weeks of ordinary work and that "an artizan could achieve the same result in ten weeks" but with the sixteenth century the robbery of the land by the enclosure of the commons and the gradual transference of taxation from land to labour began in deadly earnest, and for the last three hundred years it has cost the labourer about forty five week's work to obtain the same food supply that he could earn in fifteen weeks in 1495. In those old days the labourer had nothing but "the poor crooked scythe and spade" to work with. Now we have steam and machinery of all sorts, and the productive power of labour has increased an hundred fold but, it is *divorced from the land*, and therefore labour can barely earn a living when working fifty-two weeks in a year, and is face to face with starvation the moment it is "unemployed"! *Liberator*, Auckland, N. Z.

Supply and Demand at Nome

The following story by Raymond Robins of actual experience at Nome, Alaska, which appeared some time

ago in *The Public*, shows most clearly and forcibly, how the solution of the labor problem is to be found in freedom of access to natural opportunities. It was called anew to our attention by its reproduction in the *Mobile Register* on last Monday morning—a significant fact in itself.

"There had been a time in Nome when the lowest wages were eight and nine dollars a day, not at gold mining only, but in all employments. But as mining opportunities came to be monopolized and population grew, wages fell until they were down to the minimum of subsistence, which for that place and time was three dollars a day. The "jobless man" had come. And then were seen in little at Nome all the phenomena of wealth and arrogance in the midst of poverty and dependence with which we are so familiar in the bigger world. The wages system in its direful sense was in full swing. But on one memorable day a disemployed miner, who could get no work either at mining or at anything else, for the labor market was glutted, despondently threw his pick into the tide-swept sand at the seashore, and as he listlessly pulled it out he saw upon it the signs of gold, The seashore was not far from Nome, and below tidewater it was free ground. He worked that day on this rich beach, and of his earnings, which were something like twenty dollars, he got it all. There was no surplus product. His labor was not fleeced. The next day the word had gone around and other claims on this seashore were staked, But, unlike the land back of tidewater, this land could not, under the law, be monopolized, every claimant had to use it himself or let some one else use it. And there was plenty of it. As word of the wonderful discovery spread, the glut of the labor market ended and wages at Nome rose to twelve and fifteen dollars a day, which was about what a man could make washing the sands at the shore. Now mark this: only disemployed miners were obliged to go to the beach in order to get that till then unheard of rate of wages. Miners in other mines stayed where they were and had their wages raised. Clerks in stores and waiters in restaurants stayed where they were and had their wages raised. The free and profitable employment at the nearby seashore absorbed "the surplus labor," as we call it, and employers, owners of machinery, were obliged to pay at least as much as could be washed from the sand or lose their help. The economic condition had been reversed. Instead of ten men and only nine jobs, as before, there were only nine men and ten jobs."

"No Issue but the Old One"

Editor Courier:

If the Fairhope Corporation were an ordinary landlord it would collect full rent—and *keep the amount collected*. As it is the Corporation collects full rent but *expends it for the benefit of tenants*.

Whether the details of expenditure are the wisest possible, is a question always open to peaceable discussion, yet there must be a recognized decision some time. As to the justice of the principle involved no single taxer can doubt for a moment. If you did not collect full rent you would transform tenants into partial landlords, and by just so much as you failed to collect from any individual you would give that individual an unfair advantage over the community. Even were the amounts left in individual hands the same in each instance you would do injustice to the town of Fairhope and to the social experiment by retarding public improvements. There is no issue but the old one upon which single taxers are pledged: privilege or private good, against equality or public good. Stand to your principles.

Philadelphia, Pa. S. Solis Cohen.

Among the Friends of Fairhope and the Courier

(Continued from 1st page)

Our late genial host of the Fairhope House, who was tempted away from Fairhope temporarily by a flattering offer, says: "I enclose you postal order for $5, for which please set ahead my subscription for one year, and use the balance to help the Courier or its editor, which to me is the same thing." It is needless to say that the result of the late election was very pleasing to Mr. Watros.

Such a letter as this from C. F. Nesbit of Washington, D. C., is reward for much effort: "I very gladly enclose $5. Continue to send me two copies of the paper for the next year, but I want the balance to go, not for papers, but to you. You are doing a splendid work for all of us and for your day and generation. I am trying to arrange quite a big industry for Fairhope, and hope it will come out successfully." [More of this later.]

Wm. L. Heller, of Lancaster, N. Y., sending $3 advance subscription to the Courier adds: "Success to your efforts! May those who launched the good ship Fairhope, keep it straight in its course, for its lesson reaches further than those within its borders can conceive. The good words of our Quaker brother were like a benediction upon the whole controversy, all conclusive." Mr. Heller visited Fairhope several years ago en route east from Beaumont, Texas.

Dear Mr. Gaston:—

I enclose a check ($3). You can simply credit my account with this and I will endeavor to send some subscriptions additionally. I read with much interest your letter and sincerely trust that there will be a liberal response. The majority of us are so busy hustling for a living, that we sometimes forget others who are working for something besides money. Personally I think your course has been exactly right and I admire the firm stand you take and believe everything will come out right in the end. With sincerest regards, I am, very truly yours,

Chicago, Ill. W. K. Smith.

Our good friend Robert Tyson, of Toronto, replies thus to our late circular.

My dear Gaston:

"It gives me much pleasure to enclose three dollars. I cannot get you any new subscribers, nor will I accept any reduced rate. Put me on your list for two years ahead, and use the third dollar in any way you choose.

"The Courier is one of the most valuable of reform papers, and I owe you thanks for giving me the opportunity to give it such small help as I am able."

Mr. Tyson expresses his regret, which will be shared by his many friends here, that he will probably not be able to repeat his visit to Fairhope this year.

Editor Courier:

It seems unfortunate that any notable number of people not in sympathy with the cardinal objects of the association should have cast in their lot with your settlement. They ought to swarm by themselves and choose an environment where they can enjoy all the beauties and the fruits of a social order that countenances and encourages land speculation, if they are in love with that sort of thing. Meanwhile it is very gratifying to the heart of a single taxer to see your association standing firmly for your principles as far as they can be made to work amid surroundings unfriendly to the cause of just taxation. I shall continue to watch with great interest the progress of your experiment

and hope to hear of its continued and increasing success and prosperity, Cordially and fraternally,

Takoma Park, D. C. L. H. Lee.

Among others remitting for four years advance subscription to the Courier are J. H. Ralston, a leading attorney of Washington, D. C.; Herman Tiedjens, Kansas City; Jacob Reitz, Chicago; Charles Greaves, Mt. Lebanon, N. Y.; J. H. Quick, Sioux City, Iowa; J. J. Pastoriza, Houston, Tex.

An Old Friend Heard From

One of the most pleasing letters (for various reasons) received in a long time, is from C. B. Power, of Fayette City, Pa. Mr. Power with his wife, was one of the very first party to land on Baldwin County soil, with intent to make here practical application of the "Fairhope plan." He and the writer had passed many letters during the summer preceding and he was on the wharf at Battles when we landed there that gray November evening, (the fifteenth), 1894.

He and Mrs. Power were most pleasant people and, with sickness in our family, we were indebted to them for many kindly attentions during the few weeks following. They did not stay with us, however, but returned to Pennsylvania shortly and we have heard from them but few times in the last ten years.

Our other good Pennsylvania friend, Wm. O. Foley, forwarded a late circular letter of ours to Mr. Power, with result that he writes us a very interesting letter enclosing a check for several years' subscription to the Courier. Mr. Power has been a most active and persistent worker for the single tax during these years, having written hundreds of letters to local and other papers and distributed thousands of tracts. He has platted an addition to the town of Fayette City, which he calls "Fairhope," and while reaping the unearned increment in regular landlord style, at the same time uses it as a "horrible example" of the evil of our present land system; exhibiting himself as the robber who is diverting into his own pocket the value which the demand of increasing population brings to the land, and which should go into the public treasury.

Mr. Power exresses his continued deep interest in Fairhope and says he and his wife will try to visit us.

Not the least interesting fact in connection with this correspondence is that "our mutual friend" Mr. Foley could only cite as the known net result of his twenty years of work for the single tax, two converts; but one of these is Mr. Power and it is probable that he has to a greater or less extent affected the opinions of thousands on the land question.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

October 12 * * * You have noticed, dear Max, that the Courier is publishing testimonals from our citizens who are well pleased after casting their lot with us. I have not been asked for my testimonal, nor has anyone suggested that it would be advisable to give it. I will do so, however, for my own satisfaction. In three words then *I am well pleased.* This is the only place where you can build and own a home without buying the land, which generally takes so much of your hoard that you are forced to build a far less comfortable house than you would, if you could put all your money in house and improvements. No one here can buy, sell or own land—The Corporation owns the land and holds it in trust for the members and lessees. Our leases run for 99 years and may at their expiration be renewed.

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near the center for my purse, when I shall have done my work as the librarian of the Colony. Feeling as I now do, and have for some months, the time is not so far off. Then, should the friend from Kansas come to make a home with me, we will build or rent a cottage within easy distance of the post-office and plant and tend a little garden of fruit and another of flowers. I like Fairhope and its people, and if possible shall spend my remaining years here. There is inspiration in feeling that you are helping to build up a community like Fairhope; that you are of service to the founders who have labored long and earnestly in a righteous cause.

Personal and Local.

Syrup making will soon begin.

Prices talk louder than "for sale" signs.

Mr. Powell is making many improvements about his place.

Mr. F. J. Beasly, spent Sunday with his wife here, returning to his work in Mobile Monday morning.

The finest lawn in Fairhope is that of Dr. Mershon. It is of Bermuda grass and was put out by Will Stimpson.

Captain Joe Lawrence is only beginning to be able to work a little after his fall of a few weeks ago, at the Worcester home.

It is now oat-sowing time in this latitude. Sown now they will furnish considerable pasturage for stock in the latter part of the winter and be ready for cutting about the first of May.

The V. I. C. meets with Mrs Gaston on next Thursday at 3 P. M. All public spirited ladies interested in the advancement of Fairhope should be members of the V. I. C. and are invited to attend this meeting.

Manager Bryant, of the Home Telephone Company, came over on the *Fairhope*, on Wednesday evening and returned on a launch on Thursday morning, after transacting some important business for his company, including the placing of an order for 2300 juniper poles, for the building of lines throughout the county.

C. B. Smith of Norwalk, Iowa, who spent last winter here with his wife writes us renewing his subscription to the COURIER, and says: "my wife's health has been much better this summer than it has been for years past and we cannot give anything the credit for it, but the climate at Fairhope and the good time we had there last winter." They expect to come south again next month; whether to Fairhope or not, he does not say.

The committee of the V. I. C. on painting the school house would like to have all bids for the job before Thursday of next week. Mrs. F. L. Brown is chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Bancroft and Mrs. Gaston are also members, any of whom may be consulted regarding the requirements of the work.

The Fairhope Improvement Company has purchased the improvements of Mr. Charles H. Wilson, and Mrs. Lenora Curtis succeeded Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson in the Fairhope Restaurant and Bakery on last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, in the few years they have been here, have built up a nice trade and we are sure Mrs. Curtis will continue it with equal, if not greater success. She was brought up, as a girl, in a hotel and has conducted a like business successfully on her own account. It is quite important that one coming so in touch with the visiting and traveling public should be a friend of Fairhope and its plan, and we are glad to say that Mrs. Curtis is enthusiastically so. Mr.

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Wilson's certificate of membership in the Corporation passed to Mrs. Curtis in the deal. We are not advised as to the future movements of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, but understand they do not at present contemplate removal from Fairhope. They have moved into the Black cottage near the blacksmith shop.

Mrs. Dr. V. A. Fricks and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kipp, all of Rising Fawn Ga., arrived last evening for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moorman. Mrs Fricks is Mrs. Moorman's mother and Mrs. Kipp is her sister.

Mr. C. E. Littlefield is fitting up for the manufacture of cement blocks, the new building material, in which full scope will be found for his constructive and artistic talent, which is of a very high order. We shall have more to say of his purposes in a later issue.

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Doubting Castle

And a faith which was dead revived.
—Progress and Poverty.

We were prisoners in it once,
But its walls are lying low;
Turret gray and dungeoned keep,
Nevermore our souls shall know.
Where it's frowning shadow fell,
Hope's bright blossoms spring today;
Fresh the winds of heaven blow,
And the dancing sunbeams play.

We were prisoners in it once,
Straining eyes thro' prison bars,
If we haply might discern,
Faint and far, the midnight stars.
Not for us the dawn's delight,
Nor the splendor of the noon—
We had dreamed of them, alas!
But the vision faded soon.

We were prisoners in it once,
And our fettered hearts were numb
And the prayer we used to plead
In our silenced lips was dumb.
What was hope? A mocking taunt
To the spirit's thirsty need.
What was faith? Delusion's trust
In a dying, empty creed.

We were prisoners in it once,
False to even Love's behest,
Fain to stifle her response
In the wounded, bleeding breast.
Wherefore heed a brother's woe,
When the hand was weak to save?
For his anguish—for our own—
Rest was found but in the grave.

We were prisoners in it once,
Yet the shadows as they fell,
In the wavering grey and dark
Of the sunlight seemed to tell.
And between the dungeon bars
Did the winds celestial steal—
Like a secret message sent,
We divined not, but could feel.

We were prisoners in it once!
Oh, the day when Greatheart came!
And the rusty hinges turned,
And the skies were all aflame!
At his voice the fetters fell;
Body maimed and stricken soul
Felt again the breath divine
That could make their weakness whole

We were prisoners in it once!
So we cried, exultant all,
As the tottering fortress shook,
Rushing to its mighty fall.
Spite of sorrow, spite of wrong,
Once again the earth we trod,
Heirs of Nature's purpose vast—
Workers in the plan of God!
—Frances Margaret Milne.

The Test of Practical Experience

An excellent gentlemen, a resident and lessee, was in the COURIER office one day this week and the Colony policy came up for discussion (quite naturally, of course.) The gentleman said that while he did not fully approve the Colony plans he "was no kicker," that he thought people who did not like the Colony policy, should get out, rather than become obstructionists, thereby hindering the Colony and injuring their own interests. He said that no one was responsible for his coming to Fairhope; he came of his own accord, and so far had done well and was pleased. Had been so constantly employed that he had hardly had time to go fishing. He is a good mechanic and has been in constant demand to work for others, but has also nearly completed a very nice cottage for himself putting in odd days and mornings and evenings on it. We understand it is "for sale"—but if he sells it, he will repeat the operation. Pursuing the conversation we found that this gentlemen had known or heard nothing of the single tax prior to coming to Fairhope, save the little he had heard of it. He came and investigated, at the suggestion of a friend, found the location pleasant, the people progressive and agreeable and work good and has remained. After a time, tiring of paying rent and finding lots so easy to secure, he took two, on which he is building the cottage referred to.

Asked for his objections to the Fairhope plan, he readily gave as his two objections—the two most commonly heard; that "every one who held land should have a vote," and that "the taxes on improvements and personal property of individuals should not be paid by the Corporation, as it made the poor man pay the rich man's taxes "

We used the gentleman's own case to illustrate our argument for the Colony policy on these points. His is a typical case of a large part of those who come to Fairhope. As he admits, he had known nothing of the single tax prior to coming here. We are not advised that he has read anything on the subject since he came. He is not even a subscriber to the COURIER. Without any reflection whatever upon the good intentions of this gentleman, or the scores of others of whom he is a type, it seems to us a foregone conclusion that to immediately confer the full voting privilege upon such on their becoming lessees, would mean the speedy overthrow of the Colony policy. When they qualify themselves for membership by careful study and acceptance of the Colony's principles, they will be gladly welcomed as members on the very same terms upon which membership was secured by "the founders."

Taking up the other proposition, and being advised that the gentleman paid $3 rent on the lot on which his cottage is located, we said: "I suppose a very reasonable selling valuation on that lot under ordinary conditions would be $50." "Oh, yes, I suppose it is worth all of that," was the reply. "And a reasonable taxable valuation on your cottage when completed, with the lot upon which it stands, would be $500, would it not?" "Yes," was the ready answer again. "Now, 6 per cent. interest on the value of your lot would be $3." "Yes." "And the tax on $500 valuation at 14 mills on the dollar, would be $7, a total of $10." "Yes." "Well, how much of Mr. Mogg's, or Mr. Coming's taxes do you pay then?" "well, I dont pay rent enough," was the gentleman's ready admission.

And yet with such rents (and the rent of the gentle-

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs Stersic is quite ill.

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Will Call is attending court at Daphne, this week, both as petit juror and witness.

Several families are announced to arrive during November, and others will come unannounced.

Mrs. Otto is building a small cottage on the south end of her lot which she will occupy as soon as completed.

Now in—new and fresh California dried fruits and crystalized citron, crystalized lemon peel, new figs, etc. Mershon Bros.

Work in the COURIER office has been badly hindered this week by the temporary illness of Miss Frances Gaston, chief assistant.

The Rose family has moved into Prof. Bellangee's cottage while waiting the arrival of household goods from Piedmont, W. Va.

Councilman Yarnelle has been having a serious time from blood poisoning in his foot following a trifling injury, but is improving.

Five families living outside the Colony, within two to four miles, are to our knowledge seriously considering moving to Fairhope.

We are having a little "cold spell." It has not been near frost, but cool enough to make us get up our heaters and look after our flues.

Fairhope is as certain to grow as water to run down hill—because people can get a foothold at Fairhope easier than anywhere else on earth.

Mr. W. B. Thomas, postmaster at Magnolia Springs, was in town one day this week, and received a cordial greeting from his many friends.

Ralph, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Sweet, is ill with typhoid fever, and Mrs. Sweet has been compelled to dismiss her school to wait upon him.

Miss Marie Hunnel left for her home at Des Moines on Thursday, after a visit of several weeks with her relatives, Mrs. Mary Hunnel and the Wilson's.

Emil Manteuffel left a day or two ago for Louisville, after a three weeks' visit with his mother, brother and sister here. He expects to return to remain next spring.

Mrs. Yarnelle and her friend Mrs. Burke, (not Burt, as the COURIER had it last week), have rented Mrs. Otto's cottage for the winter and will move in in a few days.

James Gaston drove out to the hospitable home of J. J. Cooper, Sr., at Rosinton on Sunday afternoon, and spent Monday hunting there, returning home on Tuesday.

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The a la carte dining service at the Fairhope House grows in favor, because the best the markets afford is served fresh and in good style. at reasonable prices.

Dr. Brown and his family will go to Mobile tomorrow for the winter. We had hoped they would remain the year around. They will be back, however, early next season.

Col. R. M. Daniels, of Washington, whose coming is looked forward to with such pleasant anticipations, is expected along soon. He will occupy the south Comings' cottage.

Mrs. De Cernea succeeded in making a settlement of her mother's, the late Mrs. Stokes,' interests here, by buying out the interest of Mr. Anthony Hackert in the Stokes-Hackert place.

The Mulkey family has gone. Its destination has been variously reported as Robertsdale, this county, and north Alabama, where Mrs. Mulkey's foster-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher, now are.

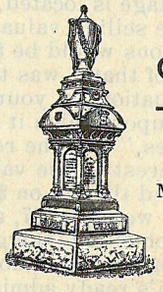
The genial and popular C. C. Cook, executor of the George Baldwin estate came in on Friday evening of last week, to look after some unclosed matters, in connection with the estate of which he has charge.

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The Fairhope House, overlooking the bay, has a charming location with beautiful scenery. It stands upon the bluff and gets the delightful soft breezes from sea and forests of pine. It is serenaded by Nature's winged chorus led by the mocking bird; and has full view of gorgeous sunsets, too sublime to describe, but never to be forgotten.

The Lades of the V. I. C. met with Mrs. Gaston yesterday and decided to give an oyster supper at the hall, on Friday evening, Nov. 10th., the proceeds for the benefit of the school. A committee was appointed to confer with other societies, and try to arrange so that entertainments, etc., to be given during the winter would not conflict, with each other.

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Mrs. David Unger, one of our most pleasant visitors of last winter, has rented the Comings-Bingham cottage and is expected next Wednesday with her children to occupy it.

First of the season—new, fresh and good. Stobies' self-rising buckwheat flour, Purina pan cake flour, Egg-O-See, home grown pecans. New goods arriving daily. Mershon Bros.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Christian Church will meet with Dr. Atkinson on next Thursday at 3. p. m. An especially interesting session is expected and a large attendance hoped for.

Everybody plan to attend the oyster supper by the V. I. C. on the evening of Nov. 10th. Let's make it a good old fashioned sociable time and help swell the proceeds for the excellent purpose to which they will be devoted—the school.

A committee has been appointed to draft a form of application for land. The intention is, we believe, to have assurance when making leases of land, that the lessee fully understands and approves the conditions under which the land is granted, and will abide by the same in good faith.

The Pleasure Bay resumed service on Wednesday, running against the James A. Carney all along the shore. As the boats are so nearly matched in speed, it is a close race all the time and as there is not enough business on the whole shore, aside from Fairhope, to pay one boat at this season, one or the other is likely to weary of the fight soon. No cutting of rates has yet been indulged in.

Quite a crowd from Fairhope went over to Mobile on Monday to see the president, the Fairhope having 45 passengers over in the morning and 35 back in the evening. The boat was held until six o'clock on account of the occasion, the president's train not arriving until 4:30. There was a tremendous jam in the city, far exceeding Mardi Gras, it is said, and the colored brother was, of course, particularly in evidence.

Thanks to the committee, (of which we believe Mr. Comings, Dr. Borst and Mr. Stimpson are active members), the school grounds are greatly improved over what they were last year. The grading up toward the building and the ditching of the road in front, have provided drainage for the surplus water. The Bermuda grass has got a good start in the play grounds and the clayed and graveled walk is a great improvement.

A new chimney is being built in the COURIER office. Libbius Jefferson is doing the work and is an excellent mason. He is quite in demand now for flue building having just completed a large chimney, from the ground up, in the restaurant building.

Our chimney is of brick, but will be topped with cement chimney blocks, manufactured by Eber Jefferson.

The COURIER'S esteemed subscriber. Amos H. Wagner, of Point Clear, was in aud renewed his subscription on Thursday. Mr. Wagner is one of the most succesful farmers along the shore, but was hard hit on his potato crop this year. Most of his seed rotted in the ground. From one half barrel however, planted just at the right time, and on a well drained piece of ground, he got the extraordinary yield of twenty barrels, or "40 to 1", in the vernacular of the country. Had all his potatoes turned out as well, he would have done well, even at the prices prevailing last spring.

The latest interesting news of the L. P. U. is that its members who are conspicuously placarding their places "for sale", have mutually agreed not to sell, unless all sell. Of course this means, if adhered to, that none will sell, for nobody wants to purchase improvements wholesale.

The Fairhope Band will give a social, concert and oyster supper, in the hall, on next Friday evening. The band is one of the institutions of our town and the boys should be liberally patronized.

W. G. Creswell, who was here a few years ago, has returned to remain. He drove through from Evergreen, Alabama, where he has been for some time.

Don't put off buying your heaters until cold weather is upon you. We have just received a large supply. Mershon Bros.

Wm. Partridge, our former townsman, arrived one day this week, from Highland, N. C., for the winter.

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One of the most agreeable features of tact is the avoidance of disagreeable contact.

Only when the average man sees "something doing' does he think anything can be done. That is the strength of the Fairhope example.

A very interesting little publication which comes regularly to our table is *The Boys' Banner*, published at that excellent institution, the Alabama Boys' Industrial School, at East Lake.

It is not enough that people should receive benefits from a policy to make it safe to entrust them with its application. They must know how and why those benefits are received.

I have read with much interest your account of the late "doings" in Fairhope and am glad to know that it is still a single tax community. I hope and believe it will remain such.—D. C. CONKLING.

We have had two requests for the COURIER from Denmark within a few days; one from S. B. Nysgaard, Copenhagen, and one from S. Berthelsen, president of the Danish Henry George Club, at Hong, Denmark.

"The single tax will raise wages, increase the earnings of legitimate capital, abolish involuntary poverty, lessen crime, elevate morals and purify government."—Motto on envelope of Jno. W. Ettel & Son, White Springs, Fla.

We congratulate our esteemed brother, C. W. Thomas, of the *Citronelle Call*, on the installation of a new cylinder press, and the great improvement in press work immediately apparent. It is a Whitlock, large enough to print four pages of a six-column paper at an impression, and capable of 1500 to 2000 impressions an hour with power.

W. L. Ross has taken up with the Rev. Josiah Strong the matter of a statement about Fairhope in his year book, soon to issue. Dr. Strong replied thanking him for the suggestion and sending him a copy of *Social Service*, to show that they were acquainted with the Fairhope experiment. "I am glad to learn from your letter that it is making progress," he said.

Among the Friends of Fairhope and the Courier

So many friends of the COURIER have been heard from with remittances for clubs, advance subscriptions, and cheering words, that we can hardly take space to personally mention all—and some do not want such mention.

One New York friend, who expressly stipulates that his name shall not be mentioned, says: "Enclosed is my check for $10 to do with as you please (buy peanuts with it if you want to.)"

The same gentleman sends a new subscription to the COURIER, but encloses stamps for that.

W. K. Smith, Chicago, whose subscription we had extended several years for a remittance he had made, objects. "I don't propose to send you this small amount, and tie up your resources from my subscription for years. Make it one year, and send another paper a year where it will do the most good, and in another year I may be able to do something more."

Our good friend E. C. Wolcott, who spent last winter with us and became a member of the Corporation before returning north, writes that he got word we had sent him an appeal, though the letter had not reached him personally, but sent a check anyway. We hope he will be with us again this winter.

Thos. P. Craig of Colorado sends draft for a club of several new subscribers (including the Public Library and Y. M. C. A., which he no doubt pays for himself), also for a number of copies of the booklet to his own address. He says:

"I see some have got ahead of me in time, but my list is not complete yet. You will probably hear from me again soon. I have closely watched the course of events at Fairhope for the past year and am greatly gratified at the result. I like what you are doing in the school line, and what you are preparing to do. Of course it is not possible for you at present to get near the funds you need to carry on the work. Your entire local revenue last year was just about the same per capita as we expend for schools alone here; but now that your rentals are increasing so fast, we expect you to make a showing to be proud of. I congratulate you on the result of the contest and hope now we can consider it a closed chapter, and in the future your enlarged paper will be filled with accounts of your prosperity.

"The late numbers of your paper have been so hopeful and interesting that I have felt like working to increase the circulation, and gladly do so. So many are interested in Fairhope, how would it do to devote one number especially to telling the advantages and attractions of the place as a locality in which to spend this winter?

"Best wishes to you and the cause."

Am rejoiced to learn that you have tightened your grip on the "Fairhope plan." Only the 100 per cent. single taxer is simon pure. The other fellows are keener on the scent of pecuniary interest than of justice to all. I have no use for a publication advocating less than the full site value.—H. L. WALTER, Jonesboro, Ill.

"I have become very much interested in Fairhope, through the COURIER, so much so that I am almost decided to try to make a home with you all, and I tender my most sincere congratulations to you and the faithful of the Corporation, with the hope that the Colony may go on to a perfect success.—WILMER P. HOOPES.

The Test of Practical Experience

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man in question is approximately at least proportionate to other rents,) the Corporation pays the taxes on the land, on the wharf and other public property, on the improvements and personal property of lessees, and has never failed to have at least a sum equal to the total taxes, sometimes twice as great, to expend locally; whereas no other town along the shore has, as we have frequently shown, one dollar of revenue (none being incorporated or having any taxing power). We made the assertion to the gentleman, as we have frequently made it publicly before and do now again: that there cannot be one instance cited of a Fairhope tenant, rich man, or poor man, in the town or on a farm, who is putting the land he holds, to anything like such use as it is best fitted for, who cannot be mathematically demonstrated to be paying less in rent than it would cost him to hold the same land as owner, under ordinary conditions.

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Speaking of the comparative advantages of paying rent under the Colony plan, or owning land outside: Our attention has been called to an instance where a Fairhoper had been doing a little figuring with a near by land owner.

The gentleman referred to lives on twenty acres which he owns, about two and a quarter miles from the windmill. The land is all in cultivation. Estimating the value of his land, unimproved, at $5 an acre, (which he no doubt would protest was too low, and which is only a fifth of what many poor people are paying for land miles farther out); six per cent interest on the investment in the land, would be $6. He pays about $6 more in taxes. Interest and taxes thus equal $12, cost *to own*. The Colony rent on a similarly located twenty acres is $7, a difference of $5 or nearly half, in favor of leasing colony land. But that is not all. If living on Colony land the gentleman would be entitled to free foot wharfage, free bathing privileges, free tuition for his children during the time the school is maintained at the colony expense (this item alone, for his two children, being worth to him at least $7.50, or more than the total colony rent). He would also feel that he was enjoying of right, a good many advantages of the colony policy, such as the money spent out of its treasury on roads, the use of the free public hall, etc., which he may now enjoy it is true, but in which he has no part.

Now there is no disputing these figures as to comparative advantage of leasing colony land at the *present time*. They might reasonably be made a great deal stronger for the colony. But many will say: "That's all right for the present time, but, nobody knows what the Colony rent may get to be." True, nobody knows what it may some day be in dollars and cents (for that matter nobody *knows* what his taxes may some day be). But, under the lease contracts, the rent cannot exceed the *real rental value* of the land. And, obviously, to make a fair comparison between the advantages of holding under the Colony and owning, *present values* must always be taken. If ten years from now the land referred to should have acquired a selling value of $25, the calculation for the owner must not be made from its value ten years before, but from its *then value*. And the comparative advantage would still be as great in favor of holding Colony land.

One Single Taxer's View

The writer of the following letter is a prominent business man of Houston, Texas. He has recently platted an addition to his city, advertising his lots and talking single tax at the same time, in quarter-page ads in the local dailies—and it was good advertising and good propaganda. On one of the lots he has built an old-fashioned log cabin, whose "latch-string" is "always out" to single taxers. He has visited Fairhope.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I enjoyed reading your letter of Oct. 11th, in which you explain how you arrived at the rental rate on the land at Fairhope. The plan explained by you shows that Fairhope does not get the full rental value of its land. It seems to me that in order to carry out the principles of the single tax completely you should first place a money value on every piece of land in Fairhope, using as a basis the value of land in towns of similar size to Fairhope. On a lot that is worth $500 to sell, that is, on a lot which in other towns of the size of Fairhope would sell for $500, you should assess a rent of not less than six per cent., which is the average interest paid by people who borrow money with which to buy land. Many people pay as much as ten per cent. Some get it for eight per cent., but a responsible man who can furnish proper security can get a reasonable amount of money at six per cent. Therefore I take this rate at which Fairhope should tax its land at the lowest rate of interest which is current in the south. This would make the tax on a lot valued at $500, thirty dollars per year. It seems that you only get about $15 per year for such lots, therefore I think that you do not tax the land in Fairhope high enough to produce the results which we single taxers claim would accrue from the establishment of the single tax. I cannot understand how any unselfish man can complain at the rent rate in Fairhope. [None does. Ed.]

Of course it is not possible to get exact justice, but the Colony of Fairhope is not receiving justice from its tenants, by a long shot. Raise the rent rate by all means and use this money to pave the main road from the bay to the extreme limit of the Colony land. If you have any money left use it to build a water works. These improvements will attract new comers to Fairhope and will build up your city at an astonishing rate, notwithstanding the wailing and gnashing of teeth of those residents who want to appropriate to their own use the unearned increment of the land.

Yours Very Truly,

Houston, Texas. J. J. Pastoriza.

Circuit Court Fiasco

Judge Browne, of the Circuit Court, opened his court at Daphne on Monday, as announced, but the clerk was not there with the records, nor the sheriff to enforce the orders of the court; and the jurors, grand and petit, were divided between Daphne and Bay Minette.

Judge Browne appointed E, Q. Norton as acting clerk, in the apsence of Clerk Voltz, fined the absent sheriff, clerk and jurors $50 to $100 each, and in addition, sentenced the sheriff and clerk to five days each, in the Mobile county jail. He has adjourned court over from day to day, repeating the fines daily. An officer was especially deputized to serve the warrants upon the sheriff and clerk, which was done, but his authority was defied and so far the judge has been unable to make his decrees effective.

At Bay Minette the sheriff declared court open on Monday and likewise adjourned from day to day, until Wednesday afternoon, when he declared the court adjourned, under a law which provides that if the judge does not appear by the third day of the term the court shall be adjourned by the sheriff. What the end will be is not yet known.

This ridiculous farce, disgracing the county, putting it to unnecessary expense and interfering with the orderly processes of law, is the direct result of land speculation. It was nothing but land speculation that led to the effort to remove the county-seat to Bay Minette,

with lts riotous and unlawful seizure of the county records and dismantling of the county buildings at Daphne—but which will yet come to naught because of the bungling of the conspirators—and land speculation is behind the refusal now to acquiesce in the repeated decisions of the courts that the bill was never effective, or to obey the manifestly just and lawful orders of Judge Browne.

And one thing which dampens the Courier's enthusiasm for the return of the seat of county government to Daphne, in fact as well as law, is that another set of land owners will be profited beyond their deserts there.

Fairhope Improvement Company

Mr. Powell, president and manager of the Fairhope Improvement Company, informs us that every one of the improvements made or purchased by his company is under lease, even at this "between seasons" date—save one, and two parties are negotiating for it. And most of its leases are for periods of one or two years. The rentals received are such as will yield a good return upon the capital invested. This good report is particularly encouraging because some of the company's properties are much above the average of local renting properties in cost. It shows that Fairhope is attracting a class of people who are able to pay for good improvements.

The company is making extensive improvements to the restaurant and bakery property lately purchased of Mr. Wilson. The main building is being extended to the south eighteen feet, which will give a dining room 16x44ft., less the stairway which will go up out of it, and the bakery sales department which will occupy one corner. There will also be five nice bedrooms upstairs for the accommodation of wayfarers, which have been greatly needed in connection with the restaurant. An eight by twelve reception room will also be added on the east side. The present sales room for which a part of the veranda was taken, will be removed and the veranda extended in front of the new reception room. This change will add much to the appearance, as well as to the comfort of the place. Mrs. Curtis and her son and assistant Rolland, are working very hard, and now under difficulties, to please their patrons and are quite encouraged at the prospect.

Mr. Powell is rendering Fairhope very great service in securing outside capital for investment here in improvements which give employment to labor, and add so much in every way, to the place. It is a very strong endorsement of the Fairhope plan that men of means are thus ready to put money into permanent improvements on its land. Let it be remembered, too, that not one dollar of the company's capital has to be applied to payment for sites upon which to make improvements, but that all is available for the employment of labor, or purchase of material (the chief item in the cost of which is labor).

The company has bought out the interest of Mrs. Gill in the cottage on Section street. And the same has been rented by George Cain, who has moved his family into it.

One of The "Croasdalers."

Our friend J. N. Macomb of Lawrence, Kans., who visited Fairhope last winter writing to renew his subscription to the Courier for another year tells of the convention of the American Pomological Society at Kansas City, and the trip he made with a party of over sixty of the delegates through the Ozarks, the "land of the big red apple." He says:

"I talked a little upon the single tax—but the crowd wanted to own land and make fortunes out of the unearned increment while sitting quietly at home under their vine or fig tree. Some scoffed. Some said that

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probably I was right theoretically, but they saw no way of trying it. I gave them some copies of the FAIRHOPE COURIER and asked them to read them.

"In the party was one C. L. Watrous of Des Moines, Ia., who said he knew you and spoke pleasantly of you."

Thus does the single taxer "sow beside all waters." Immediate results are seldom realized and indeed, in few cases are ever known, but in just such ways have many thousands been started upon a train of thought and investigation, which has eventually brought them to "see the cat" in all its fullness.

The Unmasking of Modern Sin

By PROF. EDWARD A. ROSS, of University of Nebraska

The man who picks pockets with a railway rebate, murders with an adulterant instead of a bludgeon, burglarizes with a rake-off instead of a jimmy, cheats with a company prospectus instead of a deck of cards or scuttles his town instead of his ship, does not feel on his brow the brand of the malefactor. The latter day treacheries fly no skull and cross bones at the mast head.

Modern sin takes its character from the mutualism of our time. The rise of the state makes possible counterfeiting, smuggling, peculation and treason. Commerce tempts the pirate, the forger and the embezzler. Every new fiduciary relation is a fresh opportunity for breach of trust. The daring sins of our times are incidental to the ruthless pursuit of private ends, and the victims, like the wayfarers run down by the automobile, are offered up to the god of speed.

How decent are the pale slayings of the quack, the adulterator and the purveyor of polluted water, compared with the red slaying of the bandit or assassin. What an abyss between the knife play of the brawler and the law-defying neglect to fence dangerous machinery in a mill or to furnish cars with safety couplers. The providing of unsuspecting passengers with "cork" life-preservers secretly loaded with bars of iron, to make up for their deficiency in weight of cork, is only spiritually akin to the treachery of Joab. The current methods of annexing the property of others are characterized by an indirectness and refinement very grateful to the natural feelings.

The furtive, apprehensive manner of the till-tapper or the porch climber would jar disagreeably upon the tax dodger swearing on his property, or the city official concealing a rake-off in his specifications for a public building. The work of the card sharp and the thimble rigger shocks a type of man that will not stick at the massive, artistic swindling of the contemporary promoter.

School board grafters who blackmail applicants for a new teacher's position are stabbing the free public school. The corrupt bosses and combines are murdering representative government. The perpetrators of election frauds unwittingly assail the institution of the ballot.

But the people do not see that boodling is treason, that blackmail is piracy, that embezzlement is theft, that speculation is gambling, that tax dodging is larceny, that railroad discrimination is treachery, that the factory labor of children is slavery, and that deleterious adulteration is murder

Personal and Local.

Captain Silas Lawrence, father of Joseph and George A. R., is nearing his eighty-fifth year but is still in remarkable enjoyment of his faculties. He was a correspondent of the writer from Florida, before the first party of colonists left Iowa and we remember as 'twere yesterday our first meeting with him in the flesh, early

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in 1896, when he hailed us on Fairhope avenue, in front of Nathaniel Mershon's inquiring for "Mr. Gaston."

Mr. Stersic brought his family—wife and five children—over from Mobile on Saturday evening and installed them in a small building he had put up on the rear end of his lot next to Mr. Dougherty's. They are quite snug there for the present and expect to have a better home bye and bye. The children are much pleased with the change from the city to Fairhope. Mr. Stersic and his friend and neighbor Mr. Beasley, both returned to their work at Mobile. They look forward to the time when they can find plenty of employment at home, which we believe is not far distant.

A visit to "Bayside Cafe" under its new management, shows it gradually being put in first-class shape for doing business. A nice kitchen has been added on the northwest corner of the building, and is being fitted up with every convenience. The former kitchen has been turned into a dining room, and a well-set table, backed by a handsome mantel, with mirror, on the farther wall, all visible from the large front windows and waiting rooms, presents a very inviting appearance. A good meal or lunch can be secured on short order at any time. A nice stock of bananas, oranges and other fruits, nuts, candies, cigars, delicious pies, etc., is kept on hand, and displayed in attractive style. Mr. and Mrs. Massey are going to make a success of the cafe, and it is going to be a great convenience to the public, especially the traveling public, and our summer and winter visitors who frequent the bay front.

"No Place Like the Sunny South"

Editor Courier:

I have come to the conclusion that there is no place like the Sunny South. Last night we had our first snow storm. It snowed all night and has three or four inches of snow on the ground and the wind is whirling around the corner of the house. I am at Manistique, Mich., at present with my brother Frank and am having a glorious time. Will leave for Green Bay, Wis., the 27th, to visit Mr. Berglin's people, where I will remain two weeks, then I will return to Chicago. The children are well and enjoying snowballing and sleighing.

Best wishes to my Fairhope friends.

Yours Truly,

Mrs. A. O. Berglin.

Sales, Rental and Exchange Department

The publisher of the Courier has decided to open in connection with his other business a department for the sale, rental and exchange of improvements on Fairhope land.

Only bargains will be listed. If you want to sell or rent your improvements on Fairhope land FOR WHAT THEY ARE WORTH, we can help you. If you want to buy an improved place, or rent a cottage for the winter, get in touch with us.

A partly completed small cottage, beautifully located near the bay, has been listed with us for sale at a bargain; or some carpenter could rent it reasonably and pay his rent in finishing it.

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Jerry Simpson Dead

Single taxers everywhere heard with profound sorrow of the death of Jerry Simpson, which occurred at Wichita, Kansas, on October 23rd. Mr. Simpson was one of the ablest of the reformers brought prominently before the public by the Farmers' Alliance and People's Party movement, and the great abilities manifested and position achieved by him in congress, are suggestive of the vast number of men in the ranks of the common people, now unknown and unrecognized, capable of filling with honor to themselves and advantage to the public any positions to which they may be called. The *Public*, promising later to more fully describe his remarkably useful public career, said of him in its issue of Oct. 28:

"He was an honest man—not honest enough merely to keep out of jail, but honest enough to go to jail, if need be, for honesty's sake. It is one of the most encouraging signs of the times that our Republic is beginning to honor its Jerry Simpsons who try to serve it, instead of its business statesmen who try to bleed it. When it trusts men who are true to republican ideals instead of men who have no ideals that are not personally profitable to themselves, it will be in the way of realizing its high destiny. Jerry Simpson was such a man. He was a Democrat whose democracy tolerated no legal limitations of race, class or sex, and a patriot to whom love of country meant love of man. These are more than friendly epithets, and they are not lightly bestowed. They are accurately descriptive of the kind of man Jerry Simpson was.

The Dead Weight of Taxes on Improvements

Have you ever seriously considered the paradoxical—not to say suicidal—character of our Local Taxation?

When a man gets druuk and assaults a constable or beats his wife we tax or fine him a lump sum in order to deter him from doing the like again.

When a man in his sober senses builds a house, a shop, a warehouse, or a factory, or erects machinery we proceed to tax or fine him so much every year so long as the house, shop, warehouse, factory, or machinery remains in existence.

This tax, or fine, on houses, shops, warehouses, factories, machinery, etc,, amounts to some $50,000,000 a year.

Why do we tax houses, shops, factories, warehouses, and machinery in this way?

Do we tax buildings because we want to discourage the employment of architects, bricklayers, hod-carriers, stonemasons, carpenters, plumbes, gasfitters, painters, paperhangers, glaziers, locksmiths, etc, etc., and the numerous trades which supply all these workers with raw material?

Assuredly not.

Do we tax machinery because we want to discourage engineers of every grade, and the coal and iron and other trades which supply them with their raw material?

Assuredly not.

Do we tax buildings and machinery because we want to strike a heavy blow at the industrial and commercial supremacy of Great Britain?

Assuredly not.

Yet, whether we desire it or not, that is most certainly the effect of our levying year in and year out upon houses, shops, factories, warehouses, and machinery, the large fine of £50,000,000 of local rates.

It acts as an enormous dead-weight upon trade and industry, forcing down wages and profit in the building trades, in the engineering trades, and in the coal and iron trades; and through them it tends to depress and discourage all other trades. Trade reacts on trade. If wages are forced down in the building trade or the iron trade, for example, the men have so much less to spend on food, clothes, boots and shoes, etc., and this means that the employment of labor in these directions will be discouraged. Farmers, tailors, and bootmakers will find their incomes diminished. They in turn, can spend less on buildings, machinery, and whatnot, and so the circle of depression goes on widening and deepening, till—if the process be continued long enough—all are finally sucked down in the vortex of a universal bankruptcy. —From leaflet issued by English Land Restoration League.

A Visit to Arden

One Sunday I spent at Arden, a Single Tax colony born of the efforts of Frank Stevens and Will Price. It is inside of an hour's ride from Philadelphia and half a mile from Harvey station, on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. There are 162 acres covered by the deed of the Arden Association, seventy of them owned absolutely by the association and the balance covered by a $6,000 mortgage in the hands of one of the Fels, of Naptha soap fame, who has a warm spot in his heart, I am told, for radicals of nearly every kind. The land is well located, a romantic stream, wild and turbulent in spots, running through it. There is a lot of timber and stone for building purposes, a quaint old mill where corn is ground and shingles are made is near by, and Grubbs postoffice is a pleasant walk from the heart of the colony.

About fifty people live at Arden during some parts of the year—among them being farmers, sculptors, painters, musicians, actors and interesting people of every description. A dozen houses or so tuck themselves over the place here and there in romantic nooks, and some of them peep out of the thick woods on to the clearings as though wondering if it were not better to withdraw further from the encroachments of the "civilizing" (?) barbarians.

Arden, possibly on account of its restricted area, may not be able to demonstrate the truth or falsity of the single tax as a fundamental principle of social science, but, at any rate, it is a charming place to which to retreat from the frivolities, the shams, and the damnation of accepted conditions, and the fellowship seems here hearty and true.—JOSEPH A. LABADIE, in *Demonstrator*.

American Agriculturist tells of a "successful dairyman" in New Jersey who, from 17 cows in milk, got about 150 quarts of milk a day at the middle of August which netted him 3½ cents a quart. This is an average of a little less than 8 quarts a day per cow, or a trifle less than a gallon a milking, and would seem a low average for a professional dairyman's herd. And the price 3½ cents a quart seems very low in this country where milk retails at 8 to 10 cents a quart. If that is "successful dairying" in New Jersey, there is certainly a fine field for dairying in Baldwin county.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Fairhope souvenirs at Mershon Bros.'

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Mrs. Stersic, who was reported quite ill in last issue, is very much improved.

The famous Nabob pancake syrup—try a bottle, 15 and 30c. Mershon Bros.

Mr. Stites, Sr., and Mr Matthews are building the new cottage for Mrs. Otto.

The improvements on the restaurant and bakery building are being pushed rapidly.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Getty, came over on Sunday and remained until Monday morning with the Swifts, Mrs. Getty's parents.

Now in—new and fresh California dried fruits and crystalized citron, crystalized lemon peel, new figs, etc. Mershon Bros.

A. L. Thrall has got up a small but comfortable, two room house on his twenty acres of Corporation land, adjoining Mr. Yarnelle's.

The Mesdames, Freeman, mother and wife of Mr. T. N. Freeman, arrived on Thursday and Mr. Freeman will be here soon.

The fifteenth of this month will be the 11th anniversary of the arrival of the first party of Fairhope colonists on Baldwin county soil.

Mr. and Mrs. Storer, of Cleveland, who were here several weeks last winter, write to have their COURIER sent to Rising Fawn, Georgia.

Doctor Atkinson has been thoroughly overhauling her residence and putting it in order for winter visitors. Her pleasant rooms are always in demand.

Neighbor Swift has been spending considerable of his time of late at his farm near Saraland, in Mobile county, where his daughter, Mrs. Getty, now lives.

Some one could do a good thing for himself and the public, by supplying the demand for plants; tomatoes, beets, cabbage, lettuce, sweet potatoes, etc., in their season.

The Congregational Aid Society met with Mrs. C. K. Brown, on Wednesday afternoon. The date was also the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Brown and they were the recipients of many congratulations.

Alfred Dickinson, who was here last winter and has been working with Mr. Read at Fruitdale all summer, came in Wednesday to remain until Saturday. He plans to go to Tampa, Florida, to visit his brother.

One of the finest views in Fairhope is had from the summit of the hill on Fels Avenue, where are located the cottages of Miss Gooding, Dr. Rowe and Mr. Moorman. This is destined to become one of the most popular residence streets in the village.

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Messrs. Beasly and Stersic were over from Mobile to spend Sunday with their families.

F. L. Brown got a lot of good brick in his last burn and they are moving off rapidly.

Mr. L Barkley, Sr. returned from Chicago, accompanied by his wife, on Monday evening.

The people set their clocks by the Fairhope now, she goes and comes with such regularity.

There is a noticeable improvement in business over the steamer and wharf in the last ten days.

On the way—the best line of fall and winter skirts ever shown in Baldwin county. Anne B. Call.

The Fruitdale Herald reports frost there, but none have touched us yet on the eastern shore of the bay.

Neighbor Smith the syrup man, is overhauling his machinery and expects to be making syrup soon.

Ralph Sweet is radidly recovering from his illness and Mrs. Sweet resumed her school work on Monday.

Few things are of more value in a winter garden than a bed of multiplying onions. There is yet time to get them out.

Mrs. Graham and her son, Harold, of Montrose, were Fairhope visitors on Sunday, taking dinner at the Fairhope House.

Quarantine regulations have been materially modified in many localities and this serious embargo on business will soon be entirely removed.

Halloween was celebrated at Fairhope in usual style; with a lot of fun for the boys and girls and a lot of trouble next morning for their elders.

The Fairhope House, overlooking the bay, has a charming location with beautiful scenery. It stands upon the bluff and gets the delightful soft breezes from sea and forests of pine. It is serenaded by Nature's winged chorus led by the mocking bird; and has full view of gorgeous sunsets, too sublime to describe, but never to be forgotten.

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Will Creswell says he is glad to be back at Fairhope. Sam, he says, has a good job at Evergreen, driving a forty mile mail route daily.

Will Stimpson is hustling lumber for Fairhope building operations. He brought over 10,000 feet on the Fairhope on last Friday evening.

Mrs. David Unger, one of our most pleasant visitors of last winter, has rented the Comings-Bingham cottage and is expected every day with her children, to occupy it.

First of the season—new, fresh and good. Stobies' self-rising buckwheat flour, Purina pan cake flour, Egg-O-See, home grown pecans. New goods arriving daily. Mershon Bros.

Professor Bellangee and Father Knowles have got far enough along with the Miss. Richard's cottage on Magnolia, Ave; for it to begin to show its architectural features, which are very pleasing.

Mr. and Mrs. Howarth of Bolton, Lancashire, England, arrived on Monday evening to make their home at Fairhope. They are friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dyson. Mr. Howarth is a carpenter and joiner.

Mrs. Norris Shupe and children and her sister, Miss Homan arrived on Wednesday evening and went at once into the Improvement Company's east cottage, on Fels Ave., in waiting for them. Their many friends are glad to see them back.

County Commissioners Cooney and Holman, on their recent visit here complimented as a model piece of road, Fairhope Avenue from the Comings' corner to the top of the hill to the wharf. It is in fine condition, but it cost a lot of work to make it so—and it all came out of the Colony treasury.

The new bridge across Fish River on the Silver Hill road, was completed last Saturday. George W. Lawrence, of Fairhope, had the contract, and was assisted by Geo. Cain, K. Koopman and the Van Bavel brothers, all of Fairhope. It is a number one job, far better than the one washed away.

Dr. Rowe received his first shipment of pigeons, 96 pairs, on last Saturday. They came through from Boston by express leaving there Wednesday evening and arriving at Mobile on Saturday morning in good condition. They are of the Belgian Homer breed, the most approved for squab raising.

The Pleasure Bay, and Carney, are not detained long by freights up the shore, but the P. B. which skips some of the unimportant landings which the Carney is obliged to make with the mail, has not been able to reach Fairhope in the evening earlier than a half hour, behind the Fairhope's time and the Fairhope still gets all the Fairhope business except a passenger or two now and then.

The "grape cure" is a new health fad. It is said the vineyard country along the Rhine is crowded in autumn by people from all parts of Europe, who come to take the grape cure, which simply consists of eating grapes freely, swallowing seeds as well as pulp, while otherwise living a simple life. We don't doubt its being greatly benefiicial and it occurs to us what a fine place this section would be for the "cure". Grapes do finely here, and we have them almost without interruption-could have them continuously—from the latter part of June, to the latter part of September. Beginning with Niagara, Moore's Early, Delaware, Ives, etc. and ending with Scuppernongs and Muscadines.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Miller returned from Pensacola ou Saturday evening. Mr. Miller had the yellow fever but Mrs. Miller, though nursing him through his attack fortunately escaped. Mr. Miller says that of fifteen people comprising the capenters and painters on the job on which he and Albert Stearns were employed and their families, all had the fever save Mrs. Miller and Mr. Stearns and four died. Mr. and Mrs. Miller liked Pensacola, in spite of their unpleasant experience with the fever, and may return there.

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Always remember that the Fairhope plan is designed to benefit the *user* of land—not the land speculator.

A committee from the Central Labor Union of Mobile and the local ministers have been counselling together for mutual benefit.

Jos. R. Woods, of Philadelphia, accompanies his renewal of subscription, with the name of a new subscriber—an excellent example.

Wm. H. Faulhaber, New York, sends a dollar for renewal of his subscriptiou and another for sample copies where they will "do the most good."

Every lessee of Fairhope S. T. Corporation had a vote on the Fairhope plan—and voted in the affirmative—when he put his signature to his lease.

Revolution is on in Russia. The Czar has yielded what a year ago would probably have brought peace, but while many have accepted it with enthusiastic approval, the radicals will be satisfied with nothing less than a democracy.

Any man who believes in the single tax will know that a town which escapes the blight of even local landlordism has a tremendous advantage over other towns similarly situated where the benefit of every improvement is absorbed by land-owners.

At the international convention of factory inspectors held in Detroit, it was shown that the number of boys between the ages of 10 and 15 employed in factories had increased 100 per cent from 1880 to 1900—and that of girls 150 per cent, in the same time.

The COURIER contemplates a special issue about Nov, twenty-fourth, devoted particularly to the advantages of Fairhope as a winter resort. We would be glad to have short letters from friends who have visited Fairhope in the winter, regarding its charms as seen and felt by them.

Geo. W. Wills of Philadelphia, who with his wife attended the conference here last winter, remaining for some time after its close, writes: "I do not know how I could invest the money with more profit to myself and fellow men, than to again enroll as subscriber to the COURIER. The truth the COURIER is disseminating and good that will result is incalculable."

The Paige Brothers have sold the *South Alabamian* of Jackson, to Mr. Eugene Louis Colley, formerly of the *Baldwin Times*. Mr. Colley is a fine newspaper man and thorough gentleman, whom we wish the greatest success in his new field, but it will be a matter of regret to the newspaper fraternity of the state to lose the Messrs. Paige, which it is reported is likely to result.

The Co-operative Brotherhood of Burley, Washington, which started out several years ago to apply the full socialistic program, now has a by law reading as follows: "The C. B. shall not conduct any industry except in case of necessity, but shall lease lands, buildings, machinery, etc., giving the preference to its members and co operative societies."

P. H. Fitzgerald, who founded the great "old soldier colony," at Fitzgerald, Ga., is advertising the establishment of another colony, at a location to be later selected. His application for membership blank contains the statement: "I have carefully read over the forms and plans and I am satisfied to leave the management under the care of Mr. P. H. Fitzgerald, with free power to act in my behalf, as my attorney in fact."

Toronto single taxers are planning for the most extensive and vigorous campaign ever waged by them. Arrangements have been made for the publication of three issues of the *Canadian Single Taxer*, of 40,000 copies each, the immediate object being to influence the electors at the next January elections. The Toronto single taxers are pushing the measure for the exemption from taxation of $700 on the value of improvements and are rallying a strong support for it.

The *Canadian Single Taxer* is a very handsome little publication the size of the COURIER, issued monthly, and is always filled with good matter.

A mass meeting at Bay Minette, last week, declared in favor of an election upon the location of the county seat. This is the best of evidence that the Bay Minettians feel that their case is lost in the Courts; but they would get a good deal more support on their proposition for an election if they would yield gracefully to the court's decisions, aud let the records and county officers come back to Daphne until they get the vote they are now calling for. Judging by their present course, the militia would have to be called out, to get the county property away from them, even should an election be held and the decision be against them. What they want is evidently the county seat.

A press despatch reports the collapse of General Booth's scheme to colonize 15,000 English families in Great Britian's colonies, for which he tried to secure a fund of £1,500,000. We understand that Mr. Joseph Fels and others of the English single taxers helped to kill the scheme by offering for the same sum to settle the same number of families upon unused land right in England itself. The statement of a circular recently issued by the Liberal Publication Department, London, that "one-fifth of the land in its limits is vacant land" is very instructive in this connection. The same circular states that in the city of Bradford, England, of 10,776 acres of land in the city, 4,572 acres which were so located as to be available for building, were still vacant.

The latest word on the county seat matter as we go to press is that McPhaul, the Bay Minette man appointed coroner by the governor, resigned and the governor appointed Mr. McKenzie, of Daphne, to the place. Mr. McKenzie went to Bay Minette on Wednesday and qualified before Probate Judge Smith, and returning to Daphne received warrants from Judge Browne for

the arrest of the sheriff and clerk, which he attempted to execute on Thursday. His authority was denied, and Judge Browne is understood to have called upon the governor for the militia. Whether the governor will accede to the request of Judge Browne is not known. If he does not, anarchy will, we presume, reign in Baldwin.

An incident connected with the removal of the Chicago post-office to the new $6,000,000 federal building, strikingly illustrated the enormous growth in population and the extraordinary industrial development in that locality, with its accompanying appreciation of land values. The only formal invitation issued in connection with the occupying of the new quarters was to Fernando Jones, a wealthy citizen of Chicago, who, according to the press report, "not only has the distinction of being one of ths few citizens of Chicago who remembers when the Chicago postoffice force consisted of one man, but who owned the first private box in that office, having himself constructed the box out of a bootleg and numbered it 36, that he might impress his eastern friends with the idea that the hamlet was progressive."

The Single Tax Review

The Autumn number of the *Single Tax Review* came to hand this week. It contains much interesting matter for the single taxer, including several excellent photographs of prominent workers in the cause. The "Fairhope controversy" is enriched with letters from, Messrs. Wm. Call, J. Bellangee, and J. W. Braam, of Fairhope, and Edward D. Burleigh of Philadelphia, and brief comment by the editor. In the latter Mr. Miller announces that with the reply of Mr. Norton to Mr. Call, in the next issue, "the discussion will close." Why the opponents of the Colony should be given both the opening and closing articles, particularly why the "last word" should be given Mr. Norton, who has already spoken twice, is not clear to us, but is not a matter of enough importance for further controversy.

Strange Statement for a Single Taxer

In the statement of Mr. Jos. Dana Miller of the *Single Tax Review*, regarding the Fairhope discussion in his autumn issue, appears the following:

"It will be clear, owing to its plan of refunding all State and county taxes on land, improvements thereon, and personal property, moneys and credits excepted (as set forth in the Lease), that, as Fairhope increases in population an wealth its real difficulties will begin.

This seems to us a most remarkable statement for the editor of a single tax journal to make. We can imagine no ground for it save the belief that with increase of population, the state and conty taxes will increase more rapidly than the ground values. This is a common enough fear on the part of non-single taxers, but it is quite astonishing to us to find it entertained by the editor of the *Single Tax Review*. Fairhopers are no such weak faithed single taxers. We not only believe land values, to be the only just source of public revenue, but that they will furnish a more adequate revenue than is derived from the present system. If we are right, there will be no increasing difficulty to meet the state and county taxes from our land rentals, as our population and wealth increase, but the contrary. If we are wrong, the single tax is not a practical proposition.

It is the mission of Fairhope to put just such problems to the test of practice.

Ila M. Coutant, of Burlington, Wyo., writes that she hopes to be in Fairhope within a month.

A Wise Suggestion

E. G. Le Stourgeon, of San Antonio, Texas, in a letter to the *Single Tax Review*, deprecates the controversy over Fairhope. Closing he says: "It were better to let those who believe the Fairhope idea the best way of working out the idea alone in their effort, and spread the truth in our way. Let us not forget that everyone is really trying to go in the same direction."

We approve Mr. Le Sturgeons' suggestion, and at the same time we want to state that this has consistently been the attitude of Fairhope toward all other methods of working for the single tax. Fairhopers have been enthusiastic over their plans and have in such ways as were open to them, sought to extend the knowledge of what they were doing and hoped to do, and to enlist the cooperation of fellow single taxers. They have, however, we are sure, been singularly free, both from criticism of those who did not see the Colony plan as they did and from efforts to secure the endorsement of single tax organizations and journals, realizing that the same was certain to provoke controversy.

The controversy in the *Review* has not been of our seeking nor making and has only been participated in by us in self defense.

How Land Values Grow

Several excellent examples of increase in land values were given in the leading Seattle Daily. This was not published as of interest to single taxers; rather it was an advertisement of the best method of getting rich without working, or getting something for nothing, and at the same time of maintaining the utmost respectability.

Coleman block—ground value 1856, $400; 1877, $8,500; 1880; $25,000; 1886, $100,000: 1898, $240,000; 1905, $510,000. In addition to rentals' each dollar of original investment has in 49 years increased to $1,274.

Bon Marche block—Ground value in 1870, $300; 1905, $390,000. From 1880 to 1890 this land increased 2,566 per cent in value.

Bailey block—Ground value 1859, $200; 1905, $324,000. For one dollar in 1859 it is now worth $1,619.

Burke block—Ground value, 1856, $100. 1905, $306,000. After 49 years one dollar becomes $3,029.

Pioneer Square property—ground value per front foot, 1856, one dollar; 1905, $3,500.

Instances are given of high priced property doubling in value in the last five years Why do we complain of insurance, lottery, or gambling schemes? Is not the basis of our whole industrial life administered as a "get-rich-quick" fraud? There is not the shadow of a doubt that our laws gave to Rockefeller, Rogers, and, others their first impulse toward wrong doing.

—From notes of John Z. White's tour in *S. T Review*.

Man's Dependence Upon the Land

Extract from Tolstoy's Great Article, "The Great Iniquity

"What is man?" says Henry George in one of his speeches.

"In the first place, he is an animal, a land animal who cannot live without land. All that man produces comes from the land; all productive labor, in the final analysis, consists in working up land, or materials drawn from land into such forms as fit them for the satisfaction of human wants and desires. Why, man's very body is drawn from the land. Children of the soil, we come from the land, and to the land we must return. Take away from man all that belongs to the land, and what have you but a disembodied spirit? Therefore he who holds the land on which and from which another man must live, is that man's master; and the man is his slave.

"The man who holds the land on which I must live can command me to life or to death, just as absolutely as though I were his chattel.

"Talk about abolishing slavery, we have not abolished slavery; we have only abolished one rude form of it, chattel slavery. There is a deeper and more insidious form, a more cursed form yet before us to abolish, in this industrial slavery that makes a man a virtual slave while taunting him and mocking him in the name of freedom.

"Did you ever think," says Henry George, in another part of the same speech, "of the utter absurdity and strangeness of the fact, that all over the civilized world the working classes are the poor classes?

"Think for a moment how it would strike a rational being who had never been on earth before, if such an intelligence could come down, and you were to explain to him how we live on earth, how houses and food and clothing and all the many things we need were all produced by work, would he not think that the working people would be the people who lived in the finest houses and had most of everything that work produces?

"Yet, whether you took, him to London, or Paris, or New York, or even to Burlington, he would find that those called the working people were the people who lived in the poorest houses.

"All this is strange—just think of it. We naturally despise poverty, and it is reasonable that we should .....Nature gives to labor, and to labor alone: there must be human work before any article of wealth can be produced; and in the natural state of things the man who toiled honestly and well would be the rich man and he who did not work would be the poor.

"We have so reversed the order of nature that we are accustomed to think of the working man as a poor man.....The primary cause of this is that we compel those who work to pay others for permission to do so.

You may buy a coat, a horse, a house; there you are paying the seller for labor exerted, for something that he had produced, or that he has got from the man who did produce it: but when you pay a man for land, what are you paying him for? You are paying for something that no man has produced; you pay him for something that was here before man was, or for a value that was created, not by him individually, but by the community of which you are a part.

"We talk about over-production. How can there be over-production while people want?

"All these things that are said to be over-produced are desired by many people. Why do they not get them? They do not get them because they have not the means to buy them; not that they do not want them. Why have not they the means to buy them? They earn too little.

"When the great mass of men have to work for an average of $1.40 a day, it is no wonder that great quantities of goods cannot be sold."

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Oct. 26. * * * Did you read in our issue of Sept. 29 the program of our Woman's Henry George Club? This club is the delight of our public-spirited women, and the original papers read there are a credit to our Colony. It is a large society, comparatively, and well sustained.

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orderly in every part, as any home of theirs must always be. The whole lower verandas are to be wire-screened, the upper ones roofed with canvas for ice cream parties, a dumb waiter being in service. When I first called there I thought of poor "Dot" (Mrs. Mulkey), and my heart ached for the sad experience she had had there—a large family; many children; and Mr. Mulkey sick much of the time. The family moved into the Ettel house, and were there for a short time when a part of the long-waited-for checque in payment for the farm they sold in order to come here, came from Mexico. I understand it was not sufficient for their needs and to pay their many debts. I know their reputation in Topolobampo for honesty, and feel confident that their creditors will not lose by them if they are ever able to so recover their fortunes that they can pay. They all left hurriedly at last without bidding even me goodbye. The whole history of the coming and going of the family is inexpressibly sad. They made such heroic effort to get here from far-off Mexico; had such high hopes for the education of their children! It is such experiences as these that make us grow old before our time. Mrs. Mulkey at least won many friends here, and all are sincerely sorry for them, so far as I know. * * "Dot," wherever you are, know that my heart goes out in tender sympathy for you and "Pansy" and the old days in that ill-fated colony, where you and others stood by me in times that tried our souls! If you are with Pansy tell her I have a letter to her partly written.

A Subscriber's View

Mr. J. F. Schindler of Cleveland, Ohio, accompanies the renewal of his subscription for another year, with the following kind letter:

"DEAR EDITOR:—

I can assure you that it is with real pleasure that I renew my subscription to your paper. It is refreshing to be visited regularly by a Courier from the field of a most worthy experiment. Do not permit any influence to divert you from the purpose for which Fairhope was founded. Show the schemers, the land sharks, and the fault-finders the way out of town. Mobile lies just across the bay, and there is no law to compel one to stay at Fairhope if the order of things there established does not suit him.

"With best wishes for the abundant success of the Fairhope enterprise."

Miss Alice Herring writes the editor from Green Mountain Falls, Colo., where, she says:

"I am just now leading the very strenuous life of camping in a tent, at an altitude of 8000 feet in the mountains, and I am otherwise very busy caring for a friend who is ill. I am eager, as usual, to come to come to Fairhope, but hardly expect to get there before New Years."

Why Should We Be Proud?

It is nothing to be proud of to find Count Witte, the Russian peace envoy who was recently in this country, advising the striking workers of his country to withdraw their demands for the right to vote, because, he declared, in the United States universal suffrage has proven a failure and capital has obtained complete control of public affairs. The Russian railway workers are also requested to abandon their demand for the eight-hour day, for the reason that in America the railway employes work 12 to 20 hours without a murmur. Talk about the irony of fate! It is pretty tough to be held up as a reactionary people by the Russian rulers. And we are so intelligent, too!—*Cleveland Citizen.*

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L. S. Massey is in Mobile this week looking after the seating of the new Christian church.

On Sunday, the 12th., the steamer *Fairhope* will make an excursion to Spanish Fort, or some other point of interest up the river. See small bills for particulars.

The Reverend E. Springer Oliver will preach at the Christian church on Sunday morning and we are requested to announce an especial invitation to all to attend.

Don't forget the oyster supper by the ladies of the V. I. C., on next Friday evening, for the benefit of the school fund. There will be other good things also, for those who don't care for oysters.

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The publisher of the COURIER has decided to open in connection with his other business a department for the sale, rental and exchange of improvements on Fairhope land.

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Poultry in the South

From the Citronelle Call

The second of a series of articles published at the expense of the Citronelle Business Men's Association for the benefit of prospective settlers in that section. The subject is poultry, and the raiser, J. M. Sturtevant of Kushla, Ala., south of Citronelle. We have chosen Mr. Sturtevant because no one at Citronelle makes a specialty of poultry as he does, devoting his entire time and ability to that one line of work.

He came from Jacksonville, Ill., in December of 1898, and has been at Kushla ever since. He brought with him fifty or sixty brown Leghorns and has never invested any capital beyond what was made by the sale of eggs and chickens. He now has a flock of from 1000 to 1100. He began when a child with an old white hen, and has been working with chickens ever since.

So far as diseases are concerned, he does not think it pays to bother with a sick hen. Vermin cause him much more trouble than sickness, and he combats it best with careful housing. "Sore head," caused by chiggers, he always treats with some greasy preparation, but tries to avoid it, and does quite largely by keeping grass well down in chicken runs. He has found that they do best and are most free from sickness when not more than fifty are allowed to flock together, or have access to the same run.

The question of feed he studies carefully, and then governs the amount and variety by the needs of the flock. A mash is used in the morning, largely of bran and oats, but with some beef scraps, charcoal, cotton-seed meal, etc. In the afternoon he feeds grain, screenings, or corn. Where chickens have plenty of exercise it is safe to feed heavily.

Mr. Sturtevant works for both poultry and eggs. Eggs come first, but he could not make the business pay without the sale of poultry as well. He has contracts in Mobile for all his eggs at 23 cents per dozen, the year around. Broilers bring him from $1.75 to $4.50 per dozen, owing to size and time of year.

Up to the present Mr. Sturtevant has paid but little attention to fancy poultry, but is now devoting some time to it. At the poultry show held in Mobile last winter he took four first prizes and two third prizes. He is secretary and treasurer of the Mobile County Poultry Association.

Mr. Sturtevant gave the *Call* no data as to the amount he is clearing. Like many a business man he considers that his personal affair, which is correct. But he did say that he was satisfied with the results he is obtaining, and this is evidenced by the fact that he is enlarging his business every year.

Land Values Increase More Rapidly than Improvement Values.

Attention was called last week to the statement of Jos. Dana Miller, in the last *Single Tax Review* that: "It will be clear, owing to its plan of refunding all state and county taxes on land, improvements thereon and personal property moneys and credits excepted (as set forth in the lease,) that, as Fairhope increases in population and wealth its real difficulties will begin."

The difficulty Mr. Miller had in mind is, as we understand, the difficulty of meeting the state and county taxes on the improvements and personal property out of the land values, as wealth increases.

In this connection the following observations by A. C. Pleydell, on conditions in New York City, in an article in the *Evening Telegram*, are of especial interest:

"Nowhere in the world are there so many magnificent buildings, within the same area as on Manhattan Island. Their very profusion prevents full recognition of their excellence. Structures that in smaller cities would be monumental are here lost among the giants that crowd each other into comparative smallness. The facade of an insurance company's building attracts little attention, though less imposing ones have made European towns famous. Domes and spires of old world cathedrals would be lost if transplanted among the towering office buildings that overshadow the spire of Trinity Church and hide this one time landmark. Millions of dollars are expended on structures used only for desk room; hundreds of thousands are lavished on vestibules that outshine many a famed stairway in ducal palaces, but are unnoticed by the throngs who hurry past them intent only on their daily bread.

"And yet in Manhattan the value of all buildings is less than one-half the value of sites. To be exact, improvements are only thirty-one per cent. of the total value of taxable real estate. Only one or two of the finer office buildings cost as much as the land on which they are built. None of the great department stores is worth as much as its site. Furthermore, almost every one of the palatial residences along Fifth avenue is valued less than the price of the lot on which it stands and many of these residences are worth less than a third of the total value of the property."

In the same article Mr. Pleydell gives a table of the values of land and buildings separately in the various boroughs, comprising the city of New York, which show that the value of land as compared with buildings increases as population and wealth increase.

Judging by our past experience, the problem of *getting* the land values as the increased demand of increasing population causes them to rise may be "increasingly difficult"—but certainly *not* the problem of paying the state and county taxes—if the Corporation can collect anything like the real value of the land. To assert that it will is to deny the single tax as a practical workable proposition.

An excellent example of unscientific legislation, is that of the New York State legislature, in passing a law for the taxation of mortgages. The most stringent provisions were made to prevent the mortgagor being required to pay the tax, the law specifying that: "any contract in respect to any mortgage obligation or deed of trust by which the mortgagor (the borrower) shall agree to pay the tax . . . shall be usurious and void, and no judgment shall be obtained . . . upon any mortgage subject to the tax imposed by this article, when it shall be made to appear that there has been at any time any agreement that the mortgagor should pay such tax . . . or that the mortgagor has made any payment in pursuance of any such agreement." As, however, any one with intelligence enough to be a member of the New York legislature should have known, the burden has fallen upon the mortgagors, for, as shown by the *New York Realty Journal*, and proven by figures given, there has been a noticeable stiffening up of the rate of interest on loans; the number of high rate loans having increased and the low rate loans having decreased, since the law went into effect.

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A number of our old soldier contingent will go on the Fairhope's excursion to Spanish Fort or Blakely on Sunday. Some of them saw service there.

Alfred J. Wolf, of Seattle, Wash, who has been looking Fairhopeward for some time has sold his interests there, and is likely to be with us before long.

M. M. Cope will leave for Mobile the first of next week, to accept a position on a dairy farm owned by Mr. Reed, the popular photographer of Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Summers, of Marshaltown, Iowa, who have spent the last two winters at Fairhope, expect to be with us again this winter. They have engaged rooms of Mrs. Bessie Call.

The installation of the acetylene gas in the Fairhope House was completed on Tuesday and the gas was used for the first time that evening. Every room is piped and it adds very greatly to the convenience and attractiveness of the house.

Mr. Zurhorst, one of this week's arrivals brought with him a nice little club of subscribers for the COURIER, much to the editor's pleasure. No reform paper can hope to succeed without such help from its friends.

Father Knowles dropped into the office and said he thought it was his "duty" to send the COURIER to the library at Delphos, Kansas, his old home—which he proceeded to do. Dont you think it is your duty to do something of the kind?

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Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sumner returned for the winter, on Saturday evening, and were gladly received by their host of friends. They brought with them, or were instrumental, at least, in the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Corbett, whom they met on the train en route for the south, but not having any particular place in mind, and who on their good report about Fairhope, came here and have taken rooms in Mrs. Hunnel's cottage.

The steamer Fairhope will on Sunday, run an excursion to Spanish Fort or Blakely, a historic spot, the site of a once thriving town and one of the last if not the last battles of the civil war. The course will be via Mobile, thence returning as far as the lighthouse, pass to the east thereof and thence through Spanish river, northeasterly to the Tensaw river, the eastermost of the channels through which the great Mobile river finds its way to the bay. It will be a novel and interesting trip. The steamer will leave Fairhope wharf at 8 a. m., Mobile at 9 30 a. m.; returning, leave Blakely at 3 p. m. and Mobile at 5:30 p. m. Fare, round trip 50 cents, children under twelve 25 cents. Take your family—or best girl—and your lunch baskets and enjoy a day's pleasant outing.

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Mrs. Eber Jefferson arrived home Thursday, reporting trains crowded with tourists en route south.

Greeno Masonic Lodge met last Saturday and a number of the M. M. from the surrounding country were in attendance.

Mr. Stites came in this morning to introduce the Messrs. Smith, a father and son who expect to locate here. They are old Michigan friends of the Stites family.

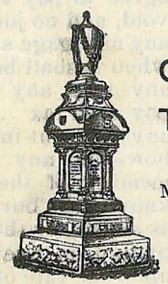
Mr. and Mrs. Beckner and daughter arrived from Charles City, Ioa, on Monday evening with the intention of making their home with us. For this the COURIER and Father Knowles are probably jointly responsible, for they have read the COURIER a great deal, aud when Father Knowles was in their city on a visit to relatives, he had the pleasure of meeting them and talking to them of Fairhope. Mr. Beckner is not a full-fledged single taxer, but believes thoroughly in our fundamental principle that laud should not be monopolized, and will, we are sure, make a valuable citizen. He is a veteran of the civil war and finds many others here.

Peculiar Tactics

Mr. Powell, of the Improvement Company, was handed by a member of the L. P. U., appointed, as he stated, for the purpose, a list of improvements on Fairhope land for sale by the members of the Union. Mr. Powell asked if he was at liberty to select any from the list which he thought bargains and deal with the owners, but was told no, that it was agreed that none should sell unless all sold. The holdings ranged on the list from $400, we believe, as the lowest, to as high as $7,500.

The editor has seen the list and considers some of the places overvalued at least 100 per cent. Some however, are worth the amount asked, on the list and would sell readily, if they could be bought separately; but, of course, no one wants to buy property at wholesale. In the meantime the properties are placarded "for sale" and every effort made, apparently, to make it appear that a large part of the people want to sell out and leave. We are advised that one party on the list, had been "given permission to sell independently." The Single Tax Corporation has never thought of limiting its lessees in the disposal of their properties, save that it has reserved the right to approve the transfer of leases, and it looks to us as though those who really want to sell will soon be wanting "protection" from their "Leaseholders Protective Union."

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Neighbor E. Smith, had a new cane mill come over on the Fairhope on Monday, and is probably ready for syrup making by this time.

Later: Some part of Mr. Smith's machinery was lacking and he may be detained several days before he can get to grinding.

Mrs. Curtis is surprising her friends by her success in the way of commercial baking. She is making some splendid bread now and her pies and cakes are delicious.

A "for sale" sign only "establishes a presumption," as the lawyers would say, that a property is for sale. The "best evidence" can be obtained by getting the owner to name his price.

Mr. Zurhorst's friend, Mr Geske, another of the COURIER'S St. Louis subscribers, expected to come along with his family but was detained by the illness of his wife. They will, however, be along a little later.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. F. L. Brown on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. On account of illness in the family, Mrs. Sweet will be unable to give her expected paper, but a pleasant social time is expected after the business is attended to.

With the improvements now under way completed, Mrs. Curtis is going to have an elegant dining room. The interior has been ceiled with the best quality of material and will be painted an ivory white. With the nice lodging rooms she will have up stairs in connection, her business will, no doubt, increase very rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Zurhorst and their daughter, and friend Mr. Fisher, arrived from St. Louis on Wednesday evening to make their home with us. Mr. Zurhorst is an old time single taxer, has been a reader of the COURIER for years and visited Fairhope last January to investigate conditions for himself so we have the best of assurance that they will be permanent and desirable acquisition to us.

The Henry George Club will meet with Mrs. Gaston, as usual, on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 16th. Mrs. E. S. Ross will present an interesting paper on, "Under the Sweating System: In Packing Houses, etc." On the Friday evening following will be the first of the evening meetings which the club has arranged for It will be at Mrs. Frank Brown's suburban home and Mr. Gaston will lead the discussion upon the subject "Monopoly, not Capital, the Oppressor."

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The elections were a great victory for the independent voter and the cause of public ownership of public utilities. They foreshadow an early revolution in national politics.

The event of the week in the county-seat controversy was the raising of a big posse of men by Coroner McKinzie to make a dash on Bay Minette for the records and the recalcitrant sheriff and clerk; his taking them over to Mobile on the *Carney* and bringing them back again weary and disgusted, without accomplishing anything. After taking the men to Mobile, numbering 127, all told, when they got off the boat, at Mobile—a squad was sent up to Bay Minette to make a reconnaissance. They found,—or reported—that the sheriff and clerk had skipped out with the records and came back and disbanded the posse. Court has now adjourned for the term.

Writing some time since of the yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans, the *Register*, Mobile, said:

> No one seems to have had any idea until the developments of the past two weeks of the deplorable conditions that have existed in the Italian quarter. Hundreds of people have been found crowded into ramshackle tenements, some of them built perhaps a century ago, and surrounded with none of the essentials of the most primitive sanitation and hygiene. The district has been a rich field for the planting of epidemic disease, and there is a strong demand that laws shall be passed and enforced to revolutionise the conditions, not only in the present infected area, but in other parts of the city.

Thus was the common brotherhood of all mankind brought home to the people of New Orleans.

A committee composed of L. F. C. Garvin, Wm. Loyd Garrison, Robert Baker, Ernest H. Crosby, Henry George, Jr., Edward Osgood Brown and Daniel Kiefer, arranged for the reprint in neat pamphlet form of Tolstoy's great article, "The Great Iniquity," with its unqualified endorsement of the single tax as the only just and practicable solution of the labor question everywhere. It is planned to distribute 1,000,000 copies. This will require a fund of probably $5,000 and subscriptions toward the expense are solicited by the committee. Send all sums to Judge Edward Osgood Brown, 400 N. State St., Chicago, treasurer of the committee.

The Taxation Muddle

Mr. Marshal Field pays in Chicago without protest his personal tax upon an assessment of $10,000,000 This is twice Andrew Carnegie's assessment in New York, four times John D. Rockefeller's, five times Russell Sage's, ten times W. K. Vanderbilt's, twenty-five times J. Pierpont Morgan's, fifty times August Belmont's, and Jacob H. Schiff's. Islip, L. I., is having its troubles with rich refugees from the city who swear off taxes. Like Tarrytown, Greenwich and other "fashionable" villages, the people find that a few wealthy residents with large estates are less desirable taxpayers than many modest families on smaller plots. Newport, whither wealthy persons go to "reside," three months in summer to avoid paying taxes in New York, now tries to tax them a small fraction of an equitable sum, and they threaten to leave Newport in turn All of which causes the *New York World* to remark that anything more preposterous than the American system of taxation, which bears most heavily upon the poor, premiates fraud and penalizes a delicate sense of honor, cannot be conceived.—*San Francisco Star.*

Fairhope, Ala.

From the Blade, Coleridge, Neb.

The Blade editor, like a good many other "doubting Thomases," has never questioned the basic ideas of justice of the Henry George Single Tax advocates, but has been somewhat dubious of the scheme as a whole working out practically. Of course we all know that God made this earth for human habitation because we are here inhabitating it, but that he intended part of us to hang on for three score years and ten by the "skin of our teeth" while the Baers, Rockefellers, Carnegies, lumber barons, big landlords, silver and gold mine owners, etc., etc., sit back and rake in the proceeds from industry so fast that they know not how to invest it, because they have a monopoly on the earth's store houses which they in no manner helped to create, doesn't look any more just than that we should have a czar or king "by divine right." Hence the *Blade* editor endorses that Henry George basic idea that the earth and the fullness thereof was made for mankind as a whole and not for a few of the smartest ones who can "humbug" the rest of us.

The Colony of "Fairhope" in Alabama was founded ten years ago and its founders are working out the single tax plan practically. The public owns all the land of the Colony and the individual leases the land as a user, i. e. as long as he wishes to use a place and pay taxes on it he is protected in his occupancy. All improving he does belongs to him as his private property but he gets no benefit from the raise in the value of land caused by the community's growth. All revenues of the Colony are derived from a land tax or rent which goes into the public till instead of into private pockets.

Those who have the choice locations pay the highest rents and from these rents are graduated down to the outlying districts.

And this is the single tax being worked out practically. While objections readily arise to one's mind and doubts as to the advisability of taking special privileges from the smarter ones among us who engineer public affairs, still it must be conceded, from a public standpoint, that "Fairhope" has most towns ten years of age considerably out-classed.

Council Proceedings

Considerable important business was transacted by the Council on last Monday evening. Mr. Oswalt, district school trustee, was present and addressed the Council regarding the deficiency in the public school fund, which had been reported at the previous meeting. It seems that the county superintendent had only contracted with the teachers to pay them $45 each per

month for four and two-thirds months, whereas our agreement with them was for $50 a month; in addition to which provision had also to be made for janitor service, fuel, etc. Mr. Oswalt suggested that a charge of 25 cents a pupil, per month, would cover the deficiency in salary and incidental expense for five months and that if the Council would undertake the payment of same for the pupils residing on Corporation land, he would be responsible for its collection from the pupils residing outside the Colony. After considerable discussion a motion prevailed that the Corporation pay at the rate of 25 cents a month for pupils residing on Corporation land for the five months of public school, and for the remaining three months of the eight months school year, assume the expense of the school, charging pupils, non resident upon Colony land, a tuition equal to the pro rated cost of the school. This was accepted as satisfactory by Trustee Oswalt.

The reply of the trustees to the questions submitted at a previous meeting by Mr. Coleman and others, was presented by Trustee Mr. Bellangee and was a very thorough and comprehensive setting forth of the affairs of the Corporation. Arrangements will probably be make for its publication in the COURIER, which we think ought to be done.

A motion to file the report with the treasurer as a part of the records of the Corporation was passed, but a motion to furnish an authenticated copy to those asking the information, failed of passage, which, in the opinion of the COURIER, was regrettable. President Brown, however, stated that this was not to be construed as a refusal to give the information, for the report being on file, any persons desiring a copy could make it for themselves.

The committee appointed to consider F. W. Rose's application for membership, reported favorably and Mr. Rose was duly admitted to membership in the Corporation. A form of application for land was adopted, and ordered printed.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

On the Steamer Fairhope, October 30th. * * * How many months since I have taken so much of an "outing" as this: a shopping trip to Mobile! You know, dear A. how much "under the weather" as sailors say, I have been, and some of my friends thought that I ought not to undertake so strenuous an effort as this. What a new sensation it is for me to be treated as an invalid! That last scare—albumen, blood, "tube casts"—indicating, I am told, Bright's disease, does disturb a little when I wake in the dim lone watches of the night: but with my optimistic temperament "joy cometh with the morning"—at least, when I wake without that headache over the right eye; and then, as today in this glorious sunshine and in the balmy air of this noble Mobile bay, rocked gently in this our precious little steamer, I no longer believe in "tube casts" or any ugly thing that menaces my lifelong buoyant health.

There are many passengers on the boat, and they all seem to know me, and I pretend to know them quite often, for my memory of faces, is anything but good. And then so many people are coming to Fairhope. New faces meet me everywhere, and I feel confident that next spring will see more summer "resorters" than any previous year, and for this fall there is I think no diminution of settlers.

Later: homeward bound. After making my way up through the walls of cotton bales and between the grimy lines of freight cars up to the city; shopping all day from nine till three, taking only two short rests, I feel only a little tired. I'll tell you, sister, it must be that I do not work enough at the Pines! x x x How much I enjoy our freshly painted, much improved steamer. The engine room is clean and orderly, and as for our engineer DeKalb, all in white, I dare not tell him how much I admire him. He is a vegetarian (so he told me long ago) and as no one ever new a vegetarian who was intemperate in drinking, we need never fear that a bottle of whiskey will find its way into the engine room for his use. After all this is a great thing, for every time we board a train or steamer we put our lives into the hands of the engineer. Were he not master of himself, he might wreck train or steamer before his condition were discovered. x x x We are right between the *Carney* and the *Baldwin* but are distancing the latter—It is 3.30 p. m. We are neck-and-neck with the *Carney* and the excitement is great. I am a little nervous over the strain I fear is on the *Fairhope's* machinery and I go and express this to Mr. DeKalb. He assures me that he is just making the ordinary time. I repeat this to Mrs. Baldwin and she—smiles! Far be it from me to doubt the engineer's word, but—well, we have passed the *Carney* just before she had to cross our course and make for Daphne, she being on our right. There is some little exultation on the part of the crew, and some of the passengers evidently sympathise. x x x Mr. and Mrs. Barkley from Chicago are on board. They come to join their son who is one of our lessees about two miles from the centre. They are pleasant cultivated people.

What Is the Unearned Increment of Land?

Condensation of address by Miss Chapman before Prog. League.

It is a fundamental axiom of the Single Tax philosophy that "all wealth belongs to the producer."

It is also an axiom of the same philosophy that "all wealth is the product of labor applied to land."

It is further claimed by this philosophy that a tax on the value of land, which is a social product, is not a tax on labor; and yet it is clear that all taxes must be paid with some form of wealth which is the product of labor. Now, since labor pays for everything, including land values, how can we say that the single tax is not a tax on labor?

This apparent solecism, which confronted me at the very outset of my career of single tax propaganda, led me to study more carefully than I might otherwise have done into the essential nature and origin of the unearned increment of land, in which, I felt sure, lay the solution of the hitherto unanswerable problem.

Man is not the only animal that prefers to live and labor with others of his kind, but he is the only one of whom it can be truly predicated that the amount and quality of his joint product far exceeds the sum of the wealth that the same individuals could produce working separately, and this is true only of civilized man. A dozen savages working side by side—like a dozen beavers—will produce only twelve times as much wealth as one savage, or one beaver, working alone; but if only two civilized men combine their forces the increase in their joint over their individual earning capacity becomes at once apparent.

A solitary beaver, for instance, builds a small dam and erects a hut upon it. Another beaver joins him, adds his quota to the dam and builds another hut upon it. Another and another beaver follow, until there is quite a village established upon the proportionately enlarged dam; but if their numbers increase to fifty or a hundred, the number of huts will be no greater than the number of beavers, and the last hut built will be the same size and pattern as the first. Or, a solitary savage erects his kraal or his tepee on the banks of a lake or stream. Another savage comes that way and we see another kraal or tepee. If the settlement becomes a large village, we may see a somewhat larger kraal or tepee devoted to public uses, as a council

chamber or a chief's dwelling—the first dim groping after civilization—but otherwise nothing is changed—so many savages—so many beavers—so many huts.

But see how much larger and more commodious a dwelling only two civilized men working together will erect than either could construct single handed. Then walk through the streets of a large city, note the marvels of architecture in the vast public buildings, to say nothing of palatial residences, beyond the dreams of any one man, however gifted, without the cooperation of his fellows—note the vast increase of wealth of every description, the splendid libraries and art galleries—food for the mind as well as sustenance and comfort for the body—and we shall begin to realize how good and how profitable it is for brethren to dwell together in unity of purpose and of effort. The God of nature and of economics has indeed poured a rich and very tangible blessing upon intelligent, fraternal cooperation.

This vast increase of wealth due to cooperative effort, is what the socialist calls "the unearned increment of society," which, he claims, is as justly public property as is the unearned increment of land. And he is right. That is just what the single taxer is after in his effort to socialize the unearned increment of land. For the unearned increment of society always takes final refuge in the unearned increment of land, where alone it can be fairly measured and apprehended.

Let us suppose that A and B, for instance, are each capable of producing $1.00 worth of wealth per day, working separately. Let them combine their efforts intelligently and they will find it quite as easy to produce $3.00 worth of wealth per day as they did to produce $2.00 worth working singly. Now, to whom does this extra dollar's worth belong? Clearly neither to A nor to B, but to both equally, since both helped to produce it. In other words, each man finds his earning power increased from $1.00 to $1.50 per day, or 50 per cent., as the result of cooperating with his fellow.

Or, take men of different earning capacity. B, for instance, can produce $1.00 worth of wealth per day; but C, by reason of greater skill, experience or intelligence, can produce $2.00 worth of wealth per day. Let them cooperate and they will find their joint product will be, not $3.00, but $5.00 per day. Now, to whom does this extra $2.00 rightfully belong? C cannot claim it by reason of his superior skill, for $2.00 is the limit of his earning capacity, single handed. B cannot claim it because, being the less capable, he is the more needy of the two. It belongs equally to both, since neither could have produced it without the help of the other. Each thus becomes $1.00 richer by working with his fellow; but while the more capable man finds his earnings increased 50 per cent., his more needy fellow finds his increased 100 per cent.; and yet neither is wronged, for both have shared alike in the increment. Thus do the varying capabilities of men tend to equalize themselves, under just conditions; and this is the nearest approach that can justly be made towards realizing the socialist ideal, "from each according to his ability; to each according to his need." For whether the number of cooperators be two, two hundred, two thousand or two million, the principle is the same. The unearned increment will arise in geometrical ratio with the number of workers, but it belongs equally to those who have helped to produce it.

But amid a multitude of workers of varying abilities, and with the complex diversity of industry that characterizes advanced civilization, how can the amount of this unearned increment be ascertained—much less located and each one's rightful share be estimated? Let us see.

To return to our two cooperators A and B. At the end of the day's work, they are about to share the $2.00 increase over their individual earnings, when a third party—D—makes his appearance on the scene and

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claims the entire surplus as his. "But why?" demand A and B in astonishment. "You have done nothing to help produce it: you were not even here when it was produced." "That may be," replies D, "but I own the land you are working on, so you will pay me that amount as rent or get off my land." But under existing circumstances, if A and B get off D's land, it is merely to go on some other man's land, where they will be subject to the same conditions; for without land to work on they can produce no wealth at all: and the landlord knows how to locate the unearned increment, and can be depended upon to exact the last available penny.

But why should the unearned increment of civilization always be reflected in the value of land, so that the one becomes the exact measure of the other? For one reason and for one only. Because space is an insuperable barrier to effective cooperation. If it were today no greater an obstacle to combined labor than it is to the interchange of thought, or the dissemination of news, it would be simply impossible thus to corner and corral the unearned increment. But it is clear that if two or more men are to work together either at Daphne or Fairhope, for instance, at housebuilding or any other form of production that requires their bodily presence on the scene of action, it is absolutely indispensible that all concerned should gather at the same place—either Daphne or Fairhope—before they can even begin work, since the distance between the two places would effectually prevent their cooperation. This it is which compels the social increment to embody itself in the economic value of land.

For the economic value of land is simply the value of the opportunity for effective cooperation with others: the greater the number of those others, the greater the value, which is thus determined and regulated by population and population only. Hence we see that a tax on the economic value of land is not properly a tax on labor or industry, since it falls wholly on the surplus returned to the same labor or industry as the result of the degree of cooperation made possible by the location. The means to meet the tax is always present in the form of tangible wealth already created, or latent in the opportunity, and as readily available at the summons of industry as so much money in the bank.

Under present social conditions, the nominal owner of the land not only takes all the unearned increment of land proper, but by means of land monopoly, which shuts men off from all localities where they might make a fair living single handed, and forces them into wasteful competition instead of profitable cooperation, can take more, can encroach upon the individual earnings of the $1.00 and $2.00 a day wealth producer. And with the progress of civilization and the rapid growth of business centers—largely the result of the artificial scarcity of land—a new element enters into the problem, the element of speculation, which is simply anticipated value. But the speculative value of land, consisting merely of expectation, imagination and anticipation, none of which may ever be realized, affords nothing tangible to levy upon; and consequently, any tax upon the speculative value of land is a direct, a cruel, and in the end a ruinous tax upon industry and necessity.

Briefly summarized, the unearned increment of society, being a social product, belongs by right to all who have contributed to its production. As it invariably takes refuge in the economic value of land, it is necessary, in order to secure its just distribution, that the people take possession by taxation of this land value, else the landlord will get it all, as he does now. But while economic land value belongs rightly in the public treasury and not in private pockets, it must not be forgotten that individnal earnings belong only to the individual producing them; and that every penny of speculative rent exacted from the land use is unjustifiable robbery of the individual toiler.

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We have practically decided to get out that illustrated extra edition of the Courier, devoted especially to presenting the advantages of Fairhope as a winter resort. Local advertisers seem, for the most part, quite willing to do their part—as indeed they always are—and many other residents will purchase a quantity of extra copies for distribution among their friends. The issue will be of double the usual number of pages; the extra section being printed on fine coated paper, with a number of new illustrations. It will be a good propoganda number, as well as a good advertisement of Fairhope's particular advantages of climate, healthfulness, and numerous attractions, natural and otherwise. The issue will be of not less than 3,000 copies. We would greatly appreciate advance orders from local and distant friends for copies for distribution, at five cents each.

Personal and Local.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller have gone to Mobile, where Mr. Miller has employment.

The many friends in Fairhope of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman E. Page will hear with great regret that they were burned out in Mobile, sustaining the loss of most of their household effects.

Mrs. P. L. Beck, of Elkhart, Ind., arrived last evening on the Str. Fairhope, for a visit with her pareuts, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burgess of Fairhope, and her sister, Mrs. C. W. Ley, of Marlow.

The following young people made up a jolly picnic party to "The Village", above Daphne, on last Saturday. Misses Edith White, Frances Gaston, Hazel Pilcher, Vera Mershon, and Bessie Littlefield; Messrs James Gaston, Willie Dealy, Archie Littlefield and Earl White. Mrs. C. O. White chaperoned the party.

Sensible Farming

The Moorman Brothers have eleven hundred bushels of corn and six bales of cotton stored, and every stable and shed is filled with all kinds of forage for their stock, and all this from a farm which cost them a trifling sum in comparison to the farms they left behind them in Indiana. It is easy to secure a home here, and if one manages it right it can be made a wealth producer, in a climate unsurpassed.—*Fruitdale Herald.*

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An Anniversary Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 15:— This is an anniversary day, the eleventh, of the landing of the first party of Fairhope colonists on Baldwin county soil, but we were too busy to celebrate it.

That first party of enthusiasts included the following: Mr. and Mrs. John Hunnel, J. P. Hunnel, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gaston and four children, of Des Moines; August Dellgren and wife and Olaf Tuveson, wife and three children, of Minneapolis; George Pollay and wife of Vancouver, B. C.; E. Smith, wife and two children, of Findlay, O.; C. B. Power and wife, of Dunbar, Pa.

Of these the following only completed their obligations as members and became actual residents of Fairhope—then only "to be": Hunnel (J. P.), Pollay and Gaston. The Gastons and Mrs. Mary Hunnel, mother of J. P , and now a member of the Corporation, are the only ones now on the ground. The Tuvesons and Smiths live near by—and we yet have hopes of their becoming residents, they are our good friends and Mr. Tuveson is at work in Fairhope today. Mr. Hunnel, Sr., lies in Fairhope cemetery, J. P. is on the Pacific coast, Aug. Dellgren is in Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Power are on their "Fairhope" addition to Fayette City, Pa. The whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. Pollay are to deponent unknown.

From this small beginning Fairhope has grown steadily until it is now conceded to be the brightest and most prosperous town of its size in the south.

Times Shouts For an Election.

The *Baldwin Times*, in last week's issue, under a big, black, scare head four columns wide: "Baldwin County Will Be Bankrupt, If the County-seat Is Moved Back to Daphne", made a most strenuous appeal for an election on the county-seat matter.

The present management of the *Times* has our sympathy to some extent, for it was not responsible for the outrageous course pursued in trying to get the county-seat removed to Bay Minette, including the seizure and removal of the county records from Daphne, by an unlawful armed mob and it is in a somewhat difficult position in the present situation; but what has the question of whether or not the county will be made bankrupt by damage suits if the county-seat is held to have legally been at Daphne for the past four years, got to do with the matter of an election? The question as to where the county-seat is and has been, is a matter of fact for the supreme court to settle.

If Baldwin county is bankrupted because the courts have been illegally held at Bay Minette, the responsibility will be on those who engineered the unlawful removal. To parade such a danger as a ground for the people to vote the county-seat to Bay Minette, smacks of demagogery.

The *Times* replied at some length to our article of two weeks ago and resented warmly our intimation that if the governor refused to call out the militia to enforce the orders of Circuit Judge Browne "anarchy will, we presume, reign in Baldwin." The *Times* declared: "This is an insult to Bay Minette and a slander upon 'old' Baldwin. Never has there been a moment when the militia have been needed for any cause in Bay Minette." The only reason however, as the *Times* knows, why there has not been violence and disorder at Bay Minette, is that those who refused to obey Judge Browne's orders, were able to bluff out the coroner and his posse. Had the coroner acted within his lawful authority, and striven to make the arrests of the sheriff and clerk by force, the "anarchy" would have been in evidence immediately and the *Times* knows it.

Important New Industry.

It is with pleasure the Courier is able to announce that Andrew Carlson is to put in a complete woodworking plant just as soon as a building can be erected and the machinery assembled and installed. The first object will be to supply the demand for dressed lumber; ceiling, flooring, casings, stops, mouldings, etc., etc., but it is very likely that some line of furniture manufacturing will be taken up in connection.

Land has been secured in the northeast corner of the Powell—former Delamare tract, opposite the town hall, on which will be erected a building 24x48 feet, two stories in height, for "a starter." The contract for the lumber has been let, being secured by Wm. Stimpson and a part of the machinery has been orde red.

We know of no one better qualified to make a success in this line than Mr. Carlson. He is himself one of the best mechanics in this county, an excellent judge of lumber knowing just what will be needed and with the energy and business qualifications to keep everything moving. This means too, that Mr. Carlson will soon again take up his residence in Fairhope. He came here several years ago from New York attracted by the Colony and after residing on Colony land for some time, sold his improvements and moved out to "section 28" where he purchased land. Experience and observation have however, convinced him of the solidity of the Colony and benefits of its policy, for everybody save the land speculator, and he is coming back to us.

Mr. F. H. Monroe, president of the Henry George Lecture Association, writes us relative to the work of his association, for our special edition, and says: "I have your favor of the 5th relative to a special edition of the Courier. I wish to congratulate you on the development of your enterprise which warrants advertising of this character. I read every issue of the Courier quite carefully and must say that it seems to give more news for the space it occupies than any other periodical that has come to my attention."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Cyril Burgess has secured a position with the L. & N. freight office in Mobile.

A nice assortment of nuts will be on sale at Creswell's during Thanksgiving week.

Mince meat—the best there is—can be found at Creswell's for those Thanksgiving pies.

Imported oriental novelties, large line, reasonable prices. will be at Call's for the hoilday trade.

Mrs. P. L. Beck, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, took a short trip over to New Orleans.

58-piece tea sets of the celebrated Johnson Bros.' china ware for $7.99. See show window. 63-piece dinner sets of the same kind of goods for $12.48. Or you may make your selection and pay for what you want, as we will sell from one piece up. Mershon Bros.

Mr. Massey reports business much exceeding his expectations at Bayside Cafe. Twenty-eight meals were furnished there on last Sunday beside miscellaneous business. This shows that the opportunity was there, it only remained to get the "right man in the right place," which appears now to have been done.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page came over from Mobile on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Page is still here, but Mr. Page returned Thursday morning. Wednesday was the third anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Page, and they, with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Brown and children, dined with Dr. E. L. Page and family in the evening, in honor of the occasion.

Why not see E. S. Ross about your Thanksgiving dinner? Why kill the mother on the day she ought to be able to give thanks? The Fairhope House is going to have a fine dinner on Thanksgiving, and will guarantee the average family a better meal for less money—and no tired mothers. The Fairhope House just wants a chance to show what it can do. See Mr. Ross as soon as you can.

Mr. T. N. Freeman returned from his summer's stay in North Alabama on last Friday evening, just in time to meet many of his friends at the V. I. C. supper at the hall. On Tuesday evening the School of Philosophy resumed its sessions at the hall under his leadership. Mr. Freeman expressed himself as greatly pleased to get back to Fairhope, and was heartily welcomed back by the many friends who greatly appreciated his work of last winter in providing instruction and entertainment for residents and visitors.

Glorious weather.

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We hear many praises for the excellent coffee served at the Fairhope House.

The V. I. C. meets with Mrs. Gaston next Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

The Baldwin County Telephone Company has put a telephone in the Bayside Cafe.

Mr. Zurhorst and family rented C. K. Brown's Bay View cottage until they can build.

Captain George A. R. Lawrence has been confined to his bed considerable of the time lately.

Good meals—and good coffee—is proving a winning combination at the Fairhope House.

C. K. Brown will address the Progressive League on Sunday afternoon. His subject will be "Fairhope Matters."

Early risers noticed a little frost, "in spots," on Sunday morning, but it did no damage, even to tender vegetation.

The carpenters and painters will soon be through with the work on the Curtis restaurant. Gas has also been installed in it.

The a la carte dining service at the Fairhope House, grows in favor because the best the markets afford is served fresh and in good style, at reasonable prices.

Mr. Zurhorst has an application in for eight lots, in the Morphy tract four fronting on Fels Ave., and four fronting on the next street south, and will build thereon.

Mr. Francis living now east of Point Clear where he has a homestead, expects to come to Fairhope in the near future and go in with Mr Creamer in the blacksmith ing and wagon-repairing business.

Mr. Dyson's friend Mr. Howarth, the new arrival from England, gave up the two lots west of Mr. Dyson's, which had been granted him, to Mr. Zurhorst and will take two just south of Archibald Crosbie's.

Miss Ivy Powell arrived from Philadelphia on Tuesday evening, to spend the winter with her parents here. She is not fully recovered from her illness of the summer, but it is expected will soon be so, in our health-giving climate.

Young Ralph Sweet received a set-back in his, it was thought assured recovery, from his attack of fever, and his mother was obliged to adjourn her school again for a time. He is again on the up-grade, and it is hoped will soon be out of danger.

Mr. C. B. Munn of Chicago, was a Fairhope visitor this week, and is quite likely to become a resident some day. He was a reader of the COURIER for some time and resubscribed while here. He was very much pleased with our location and the appearance of our town.

Last Monday evening Mrs. Comings gave the last of her lectures on Italian cities. Next Monday evening, the 20th, she gives the first of two lectures on German cities—Vienna, Munich and Nuremburg. Admission to the two lectures, 25c. In the near future Mr. Comings will give a lecture on St. Petersburg for the benefit of the socicty.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rose, who moved into Prof. Bellangee's cottage until their goods should arrive, have decided to remain there until they build. They have secured a fine lot in the Powell tract, east of the church.

Dr. Rowe's contribution to the bill of fare at the V. I. C. supper on last Friday evening was a lot of genuine "down east" doughnuts or crullers. They were delicious and the doctor was the recipient of many compliments from the ladies.

Mr. J. M. Beckner and family have rented the former Dr. Page cottage for three months, within which time they hope to get up a cottage on a lot secured by transfer from Mr. Powell, south of his residence. E. D. Brann has the contract for the building.

The supper by the V. I. C. ladies at the hall, on last Friday evening, was one of the most pleasant and successful affairs of the kind ever given in the place. The gross receipts were $38.81 and the net $24.20. The "regular supper" was abundant and excellent, the oysters in every style, cooked and served to perfection; but, better than all else, was the good, social time enjoyed.

The excursion by the steamer "Fairhope" on last Sunday attracted quite a fair crowd, but the steamer had hardly got past the lighthouse entering the Spanish river channel, when she went aground. With the aid of two tugs she was pulled off about noon, but it was too late to attempt to make the trip to Spanish Fort, and she went back to Mobile and ran up Mobile river a few miles, returning and landing her party at the city, where they spent a few hours pleasantly in various ways. The band went along and added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

Mr. A. V. Callahan, the nurseryman living below Point Clear, was a caller at the COURIER office on Wednesday. He exhibited some pecans—very fine large ones, too—which he said were from a two-year graft on a four-year stock. That is, the blossoms from which the nuts came appeared in two years from the time of grafting. The ripening of the nuts was, of course, well into the third year. This is quite a remarkable record in pecan culture. The first crop consisted of ten nuts. Mr. Callahan is still full of enthusiasm over his pear blight remedy. He says his trees bear heavy crops of perfect fruit every year. Kiefers, LeContes and even Bartletts bearing and free from blight. Experience, however, he says has demonstrated that it should be applied early in the winter. He will be in Fairhope some time in December, to treat such trees as it is desired he should, and he would be glad if those having trees to be treated would drop him a card at Point Clear, stating how many trees they desire treated, so that he can come prepared. The price is fifteen cents a tree.

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Tuesday evening, the fourteenth, was the fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Braam, and a party of their friends celebrated it with them at their delightful suburban home. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Powell and Miss Ivy, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page (the latter just arrived from Mobile for a short visit); Messrs. and Mesdames Pilcher, Bancroft, Gaston, Call, Yarnelle and Davis,(W. H.) The ladies took refreshments with them and a delicious and substantial dinner was served. This is a way this "crowd" has at many of its gatherings and is a very sensible and pleasant feature. It relieves anyone from the labor and expense of providing refreshments for all.

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New people are arriving almost daily.

Our, good friend, Mr. Joseph Fels, now in London, hopes to visit Fairhope in the early winter.

O. R. Williamson, a newspaper writer from Chicago, spent the week here at the Fairhope House. He leaves soon for the Pacific coast.

Several of the "for sale" signs have come down. We suspect that the owners got tired of answering questions from possible purchasers.

Louis Prang the well known art publisher (now retired) forwards his subscription; "with best wishes to the COURIER and the cause it stands for".

John F. Scott of New York renewing his subscription for two years, says: "accept my very kind wishes for the welfare of both 'kickers' and 'kickees.'"

Otto K. Dorn, of Cleveland, vice president of the Ohio Single Tax League, sends a check for four years advance subscription to the COURIER with his best wishes for Fairhope's success.

Mrs. Howland's host of friends will be pleased to hear that she is feeling greatly improved in health. That little "Bright's disease" scare served the good purpose of making her feel the necessity of leading a less strenuous life, particularly taking the normal amount of sleep which she has been denying herself for many years.

C. N. Jenkins of Cedar Rapids one of the most active single taxers of Iowa, and who has been a reader of the COURIER for many years, sends us three new subscriptions which he secured in his town, adding on his own account the Cedar Rapids Y. M. C. A. to the list, making four in all, under our special offer of four new subscriptions for three dollars. If a hundred or two of our subscribers would do likewise, it would give our list and our treasury a nice boost.

Mr. George W. Christian who, with his wife, spent a part of last winter here, with his renewal of subscription to the COURIER, inquires about a property advertised in the paper and says: "I might as well buy property in your little city, first as last. My wife and I both have Fairhope sand in our shoes and the attraction there is too great to withstand." He says the COURIER is read most eagerly.

One gentleman whose property had been listed with others, for sale by the L. P. U., when approached to know if his place was for sale, said; "Well, no; I dont care to sell. I listed it with the 'kicker's' (term his) properties, and thought if my friends were forced out, I would go with them; but it is not for sale individually." We were glad to hear it, for he is a useful citizen with a nice family, and we are sure his coming to Fairhope has been of advantage to him. Another gentleman, whose property was likewise listed, when approached regarding it, assured us that he was "not a kicker" and did not want to leave Fairhope, but thought if he could sell to advantage he would build in another locality. His property, he said, was "not for sale at all, unless he could secure other lots of the Colony."

An Ideal City and How to Get It

The following quotation from *Land Values*, England, is a condensation of an address delivered by Mr. H. G. Chancellor, in the Junction Road Congregational church, London:

The law of nature, the true law of property, is that each man shall enjoy the fruit of his own labor. This means that natural resources, God's gifts to His children, from which alone labor produces wealth, cannot in the nature of things become the exclusive property of individuals, though the exclusive holding of it be sanctioned by centuries of law and custom. It is that which enables one class to live in idleness on the labor of the industrious and to determine the condition of their lives. Such possession by one individual is a wrong to every other, and so long as it continues to be sanctioned so long shall we violate the law of God, and so long shall we reap the fruit of that violation in crowded slums, depopulated villages, vast wealth, and grinding poverty. Could we but secure to each the reward of his own labor, and that only, there would be no room for the millionaire and no excuse for the pauper. The impossibility of securing this is due to the power of individuals to deny access to the bounties of nature, with the result that every scientific discovery, every improvement in machinery, every step in civilization, instead of lightening labor and making the life of the laborers more wholesome and less laborious, inevitably benefits the possessor of land and sooner or later takes the form of rent enjoyed by individuals who have not produced it. Do you complain that this is bringing politics into the pulpit? This question is at bottom a moral and religious question. God's provision for His family is ample. The bounties of nature, acted on by the labor of man, are sufficient for the wants of all His creatures. There is no niggardliness with the good Father. But the negation of God's laws by the laws of society, which deprive the community of that which properly belongs to all and confers it upon individuals, makes inevitable the punishment which must follow the transgression of the law, which is sin whether committed by individuals or by society.

The Third Dog

From "Taxation," Perth, West Australia

Passing along a quiet street I saw a dog. He trotted along with joy in his eye and a meaty bone in his mouth. Then another dog met him, and they stopped. Evidently they differed on religion, politics, or some point of canine etiquette, and dog No. 1 put down his bone, and they went at it. I was in clover—a street to myself, almost, and a dog fight! They growled, bit,

scratched, rolled over and over, and yelled with savage wrath. But meantime, up a lane sneaked a small, battered specimen of the genus *Monagreli*, with his weather eye peeled. He heard the din of battle, and had his suspicions as to the cause. Keeping clear of the flying teeth and claws, he quietly snapped up the bone and away—delays were dangerous. The gallant combatants were too intent on their "honor" to notice such an insignificant intruder; but when they were satisfied, and unpleasantly sore and disfigured, they stopped, and each looked around for the bone. It had gone. The dogs retired limply, and I walked on considering. These dogs might fitly represent "Capital" and "Labor." We are told there is a deadly antagonism between the two—they must ceaselessly fight; meanwhile the quiet, cute, and wide-awake "Monopolist" looks on with gleeful satisfaction, and gets his bone—the rising ground rents—all the time. Consider the dogs. "Labor we know. He is all the powers of a man; his muscles, and the intelligence to use them. "Capital"—what is he? A delicate question, the neglect to answer which rightly causes endless misunderstanding and waste of energy. Capital is *not* every employer, every man with money, every landowner and every protected monopolist all rolled into one mass of enslaving tyranny; nothing of the kind. Capital as an economic term is simply that portion of wealth in the shape of tools, machinery, buildings, etc., etc., *used in the production of more wealth*. In the production of the things necessary to life we have first *Land*, the inexhaustible storehouse; *Labor*, the powers of man; and lastly Capital, the handmaid and servant of labor. Now, between these two latter in their legitimate functions what enmity can exist? How can Capital enslave Labor? Yet on all sides we hear of the deadly fight between the two. But the third dog—what of him? He says little, does nothing, but quietly scores all the time. He holds the key to the storehouse; he "owns" the land, and all must pay or keep off. The more wealth Labor and Capital can produce the bigger his share; better that they should not waste time in fighting, though—he rejoices hugely over the Arbitration Court. They wont stop producing and if wages go up a shade rents can follow. So the farce goes on, and workmen are unemployed and underpaid, competition is bitter, and they trample on each other. Capitalists—mind men who own *capital*—look for business, find the same cut-throat competition amongst themselves, and stagger into the Bankruptcy Court. The rent never stops. When shall we grasp the facts? Capital is one thing; monopoly, and the numerous offspring of monopoly, with their huge capitalized values mainly built up on the prospects of future tribute—provided we are fools all the time—are other things. Destroy the mother monopoly, that of the store house, and down comes the whole fabrication. Labour is free, and Capital takes its proper place. Let us give over the dog fight. Let us distinguish between true Capital and monopoly and spurious so-called capital. Then let us unite our forces and sweep away the latter, boldly claiming and taking our God-given rights. The storehouse is provided and is full; we are here with our strength and intelligence, our skilled labor and capital. With these we could produce boundless wealth to be shared in ratio to the effort put forth in the making of capital, and application of Labor and Capital to Land. But the man is at the storehouse door; he demands his price—for what? His share of the produce is daily increasing—why? Let us investigate and eradicate the third dog.

Arts and Crafts Society Active.

The Arts and Crafts Society is preparing for an exhibit and sale to be held early in December. Meetings for work are held regularly on Monday afternoons with Mrs. Van der Beck, and Wednesday evenings with Mrs. Powell. Articles from the Massachusetts societies will also be on exhibit and sale. Light refreshments will be served during the evenings. This will be an unusual opportunity to secure Christmas gifts as there will be many unique, medium-priced articles

The society is thoroughly organized for the winter's work and hopes to make it an even greater success than that of last year.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

It is certainly justifiable to "rave" over our climate, when it is the middle of November and one's garden is a perfect blaze of color. This beautiful Klondike Cosmos wins much admiration, and I give them to everybody who asks for them and yet I do not miss them in the least. On one Klondike plant, broken over and lying its whole five feet or more on the ground I set out to count its blossoms; I reached six hundred and then gave it up. I certainly could not have counted three-fourths of them. I had only one or two plants last year but this year, self sowed, they came up everywhere in the borders. How I tried to give them away! Very few would carry them home. They looked just like little rag-weed plants. That was what I wrote John Lewis Childs, who sold me the seed. Some tired clerk responded: "Yes, it does look very much like rag-weed when it first comes up." That was all. My first thought was that he was laughing at my being cheated. But it was only for a moment, for I knew if there had been anything wrong about it he would have been less brief.

Nov. 14. x x x I enjoy our new, large hall more and more. The Janitor keeps it in nice order, but when it was our school house as well, this was nearly impossible. Mr. Rose was the leader last Sunday. His paper, entitled "A Longer School Term," was listened to with great interest. Among the criticisms following was this: that he talked more of single tax than of education. In my opinion he was quite logical. Of course he knew—as do all single taxers—that it is folly to advocate longer school terms for the poor. As a rule, those most needing training of every kind are the people who have to work hard for a modicum of the earth's treasures, and they mostly have a hard struggle to avail themselves of the public schools as they are. Of course Mr. Rose showed that with land monopolized the poor are terribly handicapped: that with the land free to all, everywhere, for the mere rendering to the community of its unearned increment, plain justice would be done and higher education would be available to all, with every blessing that labor can produce.

You would think that this lesson would have been learned before this time. One of the audience—a man passing for one learned in the schools—crowded more folly and inconsequence into his five minutes than you would have thought possible. Of all the "Tommy rot" in this world, he said, that about the "unearned increment" was the greatest. He commenced by saying that what we most needed was the study of logic. There was no lack of land. The government was ready to give away thousands upon thousands of acres—nothing on earth was so cheap as land. He entirely ignored the great masses in cities to whom water, clean clothing and proper food are impossible luxuries, and that it is no more reasonable to talk of their availing themselves of government preemption rights than of their journeying to the moon. But these are the people we want to assist from degradation to the independence of self help.

Such "logical" speakers as this "Tommy rot" one cannot seem to see that stupendous injustice must result to all the people except those who control the earth and force all the rest to pay them tribute. x x I have to thank you, Dr. Hawley, for the excerpt you

send from a Chicago paper (presumably). A lease has just been granted to the Commercial Safe Deposit Company of two lots, one 87x90 feet and one 45½x190 feet. "The lease is for 198 years and expires May 1, 2103. The rent is $60,000 per annum, or $5,000 a month." That little area will net to the owner at the expiration of the lease $11,880,000!

When we reflect upon the number of great cities and manufacturing centers where ground rents are proportionately high, and that there is no way under heaven to make wealth except by human labor, is it any wonder that there are millions on the earth who suffer hunger and cold and every evil of poverty?

x x x What shall we do with our books? There is not an inch left for shelf room and they are coming in slowly all the time. You know, Margaret, how great was your surprise at the big case on the gallery, protected by oilcloth, and of the solid case extending on all four sides of the little entrance hall, above the doors. You did not see the stacks of magazines in another room and more in the loft, all wrapped and labelled, and practically useless. It is certain that the time is near when we *must* have a new library building. In February look for report of the librarian to the Council.

Nov. 16. —One of the largest and best of our meetings of the Henry George Club today. Mrs. Ross read an able, much appreciated paper on the Sweating System in Packing-houses, etc. Tomorrow night the club is to have a meeting at Mrs. Frank Brown's. Mr. Gaston will speak on "Monopoly not Capital the Oppressor."

* * * The giant crinum from Mexico, the *Corona Imperialis*, is in full flower at the Pines. The leaves are over four feet long; the spathe about three feet long, I think, and bears a crown of splendid, fragrant lilies, and many buds—18 in all. It is worth a little call at the Pines, surely.

APPLICATION FOR LAND.

The following is the form adopted by the Council, for applications for land of the Corporation.

Fairhope, Alabama,.....190....

To The Executive Council
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation:

I, the undersigned, hereby make application for lease of: (Description follows).
upon the terms and conditions set forth in the leases given by you.

I make this application with the full knowledge that I will be required to pay your corporation the full rental value of the land exclusive of my improvements thereon. I understand that the rental values will increase as demand for the land increases, whatever the cause; that said values will be determined by the corporation in the manner set forth in its constitution and lease contracts; that out of the land rentals the corporation will pay the state and county taxes on the land, improvements and personal property of its lessees held thereon, moneys and credits excepted; and that the balance will be spent for the public good in local improvements and services.

I have read your constitution and pledge myself that while I hold lease of Fairhope land I will not oppose the full application of the principles set forth therein and contracted in your leases.

Respectfully yours,

The Baldwin County Good Roads Association will hold a rally at Robertsdale tomorrow at 11 O'clock A. M. The prospect is for quite a good attendance from Fairhope. Dr. Greeno of Fairhope, is president of the association.

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The Cement Business

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C. E. Littlefield of this place is fitting up for building operations by either plan. He is prepared to put up fireproof buildings; sides, floors, roofs and stairs entirely of cement. He has block machines for making any style of block and is making an extensive line of ornamental blocks for belt courses, cornices, porch columns, water tables, window caps and sills, and friezes. He is prepared to make the blocks and lay the walls, to plaster and furnish complete.

Buildings can be erected after special designs at a cost but very little, if any, more than wood.

The hollow walls being non-conductors of heat, makes them much cooler in summer and warmer in winter. Mr. Littlefield is prepared to furnish plans and specifications and give figures, or will furnish blocks for anyone wishing to do his own work. He has also a machine for making fence posts, which can be had for about the same price as wood and are practically everlasting.

Local and Personal.

New faces are plenty on the street now.

Plenty of beautiful roses in Fairhope door-yards

Mr. Van Bendegom is now employed regularly by Mershon Bros.

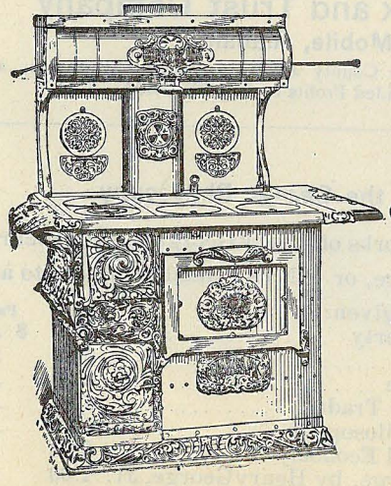
Mr. Norris J. Shupe joined his family here on Wednesday evening, for a few week's stay.

Reimer Poortstra, the hustling Hollander of "Section 22", has a new horse harness and wagon and is getting ready to build him a good barn.

The George Academy opened on Monday, with Mr. Braam as principal, assisted by G. W. Wood and F. W. Chapman. Eleven pupils are enrolled and the following studies are being taught: Algebra, geometry, German, Spanish, and stenography.

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With an annual deficit in the Postoffice department and the screws of economy being put on everywhere else, why are the railroads paid more for transporting the mail than their cars cost—an aggregate of forty millions a year? This problem is quite as important as other "rate regulation." We are paying double what we formerly did for the newspapers we send away, and a straw's overweight on a letter calls for double postage. Great Britain, France and Germany make profit, annually, in their postal management, and everybody knows what's the matter here. Why, then, why?—*Star* San Francisco.

We have practically decided to get out that illustrated extra edition of the Courier, devoted especially to presenting the advantages of Fairhope as a winter resort. Local advertisers seem, for the most part, quite willing to do their part—as indeed they always are—and many other residents will purchase a quantity of extra copies for distribution among their friends. The issue will be of double the usual number of pages; the extra section being printed on fine coated paper, with a number of new illustrations. It will be a good propoganda number, as well as a good advertisement of Fairhope's particular advantages of climate, healthfulness, and numerous attractions, natural and otherwise. The issue will be of not less than 3,000 copies. We would greatly appreciate advance orders from local and distant friends for copies for distribution, at five cents each.

BARGAIN IN FAIRHOPE PROPERTY!

The fine Robinson residence, on the bay front, lately known as "Rest Cottage, has been placed in my hands for sale or rent. This is one of the finest places on the Eastern Shore. House is well built, on brick foundation, ceiled throughout, with 11 large rooms, beside bath room and pantry, closet for every room, and two-story verandahs front and rear.

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Only bargains will be listed. If you want to sell or rent your improvements on Fairhope land FOR WHAT THEY ARE WORTH, we can help you. If you want to buy an improved place, or rent a cottage for the winter, get in touch with us.

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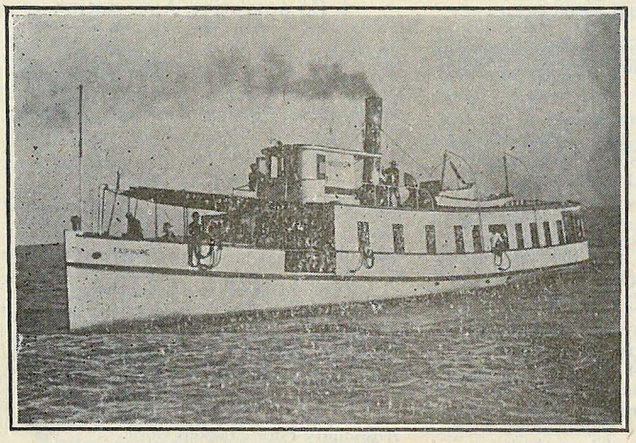
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STEAMER FAIRHOPE BURNED.

Great Loss to Colony and Adjacent Country.--No Insurance.

Friends of Fairhope everywhere, will hear with profound regret that the little steamer, which had so greatly served the people of Fairhope and the adjacent country, was burned on Tuesday morning, the 21st. and was a total loss, save for what may be effected by the salvage of the machinery.

The origin of the fire is a mystery, which will probably never be solved. The fires were drawn from the boiler immediately on her arrival from Mobile in the evening and the coals thoroughly drenched with the hose under the personal direction of engineer DeKalb. It was at least four hours later when deckhand Monroe Smith took a look over the boat before going to bed and found everything all right. It would seem that if possibly any live coals had been left about the engine room they would have given evidence of their presence by that time.

The next Monroe knew was when he was awakened nearly strangled by the smoke, and which was about four a. m. He reports that the boat was then afire in the engine room. Failing to extinguish it, or to bring any help by calls, being alone out at the end of the long wharf, he ran to the shore and awakened Wharfinger Patterson, who called other help, but it was too late to do more than cut the boat adrift to save burning up the wharf warehouses. The burning boat drifted until she went aground on Battles bar, where she burned to the water's edge and filled.

Readers of the COURIER are familiar with the plan upon which the boat was built and operated. She was registered in the name of Mr. Gaston, as trustee for the parties furnishing the capital for her building, which was paid in in amounts from $1 up; over two-thirds of the total being paid by Mr. Joseph Fels. She was operated for about two years by the Fairhope Industrial Association, through a Boat Committee, but in March last, by vote of a majority of the resident members, approved by Mr. Fels, was turned back into the hands of the trustee, under whose direction she had since been operated.

She was rebuilt in the summer at an expense of over $4,000, and about $2,000 was expended in overhauling the boiler and machinery in the spring, most of which was still owing. The best legal advice obtainable is to the effect that neither the boat certificate-holders nor the Colony Corporation is liable beyond the value of the boat. Not only, therefore, will the loss be total to boat certificate-holders, but there will be a heavy loss to Mobile creditors, though a considerable sum may be realized from the machinery upon which they have a lien. No one can regret the loss to all parties more than the writer, who admits chief responsibility for the boat undertaking. He would like to say in this connection that his interest in the boat was not one of personal profit, but a desire to serve the people of Fairhope and contribute to the success of the Colony. From the time the boat was considered completed until she was turned back into his hands last March, he received no compensation for his services as trustee, save his personal transportation. Failure to carry insurance was simply due to the fact that all of the earnings was needed to keep the boat running and there was no means available to pay the additional expense of marine insurance, which is very high.

Thanks largely to the service given by the *Fairhope*, a business has been built up here, the importance of which is fully recognized and the competition of vessel owners for which can now be relied upon, we hope, to secure our town superior facilities.

The prospect is excellent for another direct boat to be put in service soon. In the meantime the owners of both the *James A. Carney* and the *Pleasure Bay* will, we know, do their best to accomodate the Fairhope trade.

ANOTHER FIRE!

Brown Block and Creswell Mercantile Stock damaged by Fire.

Delay in the issuance of the COURIER because of other disasters, permits us to report yet another, in the most fateful week in Fairhope's history.

The handsome two-story Brown block, occupied by Frank Creswell with a large stock of general merchandise, was discovered to be on fire at about ten o'clock last night, Friday.

Flames were bursting from the rear of the building when the discovery was made and those who were first on the ground had little hope that any effort could save the building; but the alarm by cries of "fire!" and the ringing of the church bell, brought a large force of men in a hurry and their heroic efforts with an abundance of water from the town tank right at hand, accomplished the seemingly impossible. The damage to both building and stock will be considerable, especially to the latter for what was not burned was damaged by water or by smoke.

Both Mr. Brown, who had just got away on a deserved vacation trip, and Mr. Creswell, who had shown great enterprise in fitting up and stocking up his store have the hearty sympathy of the community.

There was no insurance on either building or stock.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

We sell harness. F. A. Creswell.

Peanut butter 10c per jar at Mershons.'

Cranberries for Thanksgiving—Creswell.

Christmas magazines now coming in. A. M. Dealy & Co.,

Creswell will have celery for your dinner on Thanksgiving day.

Baby Irish Lace Collars and Pompadour collars just arrived at Calls.

Something new in burnt wood souvenir postals at A. M. Dealy & Co.'s.

Shadow check skirts in the popular blues and greens now on sale at Call's.

Pleasant suites of furnished rooms at various prices, of Dr. C. E. Atkinson.

A nice assortment of nuts will be on sale at Creswell's during Thanksgiving week.

A good stock of lumber at Will Stimpson's —call and see him if you think of building.

Mince meat—the best there is—can be found at Creswell's for those Thanksgiving pies.

Premier brand washed figs in glass jars—something new—something nice—at Mershon Bros.'

Imported oriental novelties, large line, reasonable prices. will be at Call's for the hoilday trade.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Summers arrived from Marshaltown, Ioa, and are occupying pleasant rooms in Mrs. Bessie Call's cottage.

We have the nicest line of strictly up-to-date fancy groceries ever brought to Baldwin Co. Come in and be convinced. Mershon Bros.

Mr. M. G. Brink, a single taxer and very agreeable gentleman from Washington, D. C. is visiting Fairhope and may possibly locate with us

Miss Alice Patterson left on Wednesday morning for Barnet, Miss., to rejoin Mrs. M. L. Johnson, with whom she will make her home for some time.

The Fairhope House, overlooking the bay, has a charming location with beautiful scenery. It stands upon the bluff and gets the delightful soft breezes from sea and forests of pine. It is serenaded by Nature's winged chorus led by the mocking bird; and has full view of gorgeous sunsets, too sublime to describe, but never to be forgotten.

A sort of "Harvest Home" and Thanksgiving service will be held at Twin Beech A. M. E. Church, on Thanksgiving. There will be on exhibit all day specimens of the best crops, prepared fruits, handiwork by men and women, etc. etc. On the evening previous a kind of industrial experience meeting will be held at which those who have made a success in any industrial line will give their experience for the benefit of any others.

White friends interested will be welcome at both of their meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Littlefield went over to Mobile on the Saturday evening steamer and returned on Sunday evening, attending the dedicatory service of the new First Christian Church. Rev. Claude E. Hill, who spent the summer at Fairhope with his family, is the popular and energetic pastor of this church, and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Walker, who have a summer cottage adjoining the Colony on the south, are members of his congregation.

School books and stationery. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Mrs. Graham has moved into her new cottage on Fels avenue.

We hear many praises for the excellent coffee served at the Fairhope House.

The V. I. C. meets with Mrs. Gaston next Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Good meals—and good coffee—is proving a winning combination at the Fairhope House.

The a la carte dining service at the Fairhope House, grows in favor because the best the markets afford is served fresh and in good style, at reasonable prices.

The Messrs. Smith, our late arrivals from Michigan, are at work on a cottage on five acres of Colony land just this side of Mr. Coleman's home, "Ingleside". Mr. Stites is assisting them.

Before you prepare your Thanksgiving dinner come in and see how we can help you to make up one of the best dinners you could ever think of having. We have the goods and they are for sale. Mershon Bros.

Mrs. Bessie Call has been enjoying a visit from her sister in law, Mrs. George Coburn and nephew, Mr. John Coburn of Terrace, Minn. Mr. Coburn is very much afflicted with asthma and we regret to say, has not so far received the benefit hoped for from our climate.

Mr. C. K. Brown left on Tuesday morning with his daughter, Mrs. Nellie Leech and her children, for Chickasha, Indian Territory, where Mr. Leech now is. Mrs. Leech and her interesting family have been here for more than a year past. Mr. Brown will, we understand, visit other portions of the southwest, perhaps going as far as the Pacific coast before his return.

At a recent meeting of the school garden committee it was decided to begin planting and preparing the ground at once, with T. N. Freeman in charge. Anyone having trees, shrubs, bulbs, etc., to donate for the purpose may feel sure they will receive careful attention. Let us make our school grounds the most attractive in the state.

Mr. Ned Dougherty and family are enjoying a visit from Mr. Dougherty's father, Captain E. C. Dougherty of Washington, D. C., who arrived on Sunday evening. Mr. Dougherty Sr. is a very agreeable and fine looking old gentleman. He has been reading the COURIER since his son's arrival here. and is quite interested in our little town and its economic theories; but, truth to tell, its most important feature in his estimation probably is a certain young grandson to whom he is much devoted. Captain Dougherty will remain probably until after Thanksgiving.

The V. I. C. have recently appointed an Entertainment Committee and asked all the societies which are thinking of giving entertainments this winter to appoint a representative to act with them. The object of the committee is to arrange the dates of entertainments that the different societies will not conflict and also that they may be more evenly distributed, not having several of the same nature in quick succession and then a long time without any thing. All of the societies in active work at present have responded to this invitation to co-operate and we hope any others coming into the field will appoint a member to represent them on this committee. Mrs. S. H. Comings is the chairman.

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This has been a sad week at Fairhope with the death of two of our bright and promising children, and the burning of our steamer.

Gard of Thanks.

To the kind friends in Fairhope: We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our newly found friends, for the beautiful floral gifts sent to our darling one while sick, for the kind attention shown him during his illness and for the loving help and sympathy expressed in so tenderly laying him to rest, among the flowers which he loved so well.

Very sincerely,
MR. AND MRS. W. E. SWEET.

Thanksgiving Entertainment.

It has been decided to have an entertainment at the auditorium, on Thanksgiving afternoon, in behalf of a fund for the purchase of a piano for the public. The program will be a lecture on Russia, by Mr. S. H. Comings, who has been in St. Petersburg twice spending over a month at a time there, and has had some years of correspondence with business men there, and several personal letters from Count Tolstoi. Also a musical program, consisting of piano solos, songs etc. The piano to be used being the one that is under consideration of purchase, if terms are accepted. Time will be 3:30 P. M. sharp. Admission 10 and 15 cts.

Interesting Meeting of Progressive League

A most interesting meeting was that of the Progressive League on last Sunday, when, Mr. C. K. Brown led the discussion upon the topic "Fairhope Matters".

Mr. Brown read first his article published in the COURIER some time since and then commented upon it arguing against the payment of personal property and improvement taxes and in favor of admitting all tenants to a vote in fixing rents and on all other colony matters.

The discussion following was participated in by Messrs. Bellangee, Coleman, F L Brown Comings, Call, Mathison, Gaston, Powell, and Miss Chapman.

Some very instructive figures given by Mr. Powell as to rents, wharf receipts, taxes, etc. for past years, we shall give a summary of in next issue.

Mr. Coleman took the position that while he felt, as he always had, that the payment of these taxes for individuals was wrong, he had made up his mind that it was a policy to which the corporation was irrevocably bound by its constitution and lease contracts and its obligation to those who had assisted it in securing land to be administered under that plan. He was ready to accept it as a fixed policy and would hereafter think and talk of something else. And this was the nearest to support that Mr. Brown had for his argument. It is hardly necessary to say that the meeting was a most gratifying one to those who hold firmly to the Fairhope plan.

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Mr. Herschel Breneman of Battles, answered the COURIER's advertisement for a boy to learn the printer's trade, and went to work last week.

Thanksgiving Services

There will be Thanksgiving services at the church at 11 a. m. on Thanksgiving Day, conducted by Rev. Mrs. Oliver. There will be special music, and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

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GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

A Practical Proposition that Would Greatly Benefit Fairhope and All of Central Baldwin Co.

At a meeting of the Baldwin County Good Roads Association, held at Robertsdale last Saturday, a movement was set on foot that will, if carried out, greatly benefit not only Fairhope, but a large portion of Baldwin county.

Messrs. Geo. M. Bancroft, R. F. Powell, E. S. Ross, and F. W. Rose, all of Fairhope, attended the convention, and Mr. Powell, as spokesman, succeeded in having a resolution passed to hold a good roads convention in Fairhope on Saturday, December ninth next, for the especial purpose of considering a proposition to build a first-class wagon road between Fairhope and Robertsdale, by Silver Hill.

From the support given the proposition by Dr. Greeno, president of the association, Mr. Sanford of the Robertsdale Improvement Co., Oscar Johnson of Silver Hill, and other enterprising and influential citizens, we believe that a hearty co-operation of the people in the localities interested can be secured for such an undertaking.

Mr. Powell expressed himself as quite certain that if a good road were built between these points he could secure parties who would put on a high-powered automobile to run daily, connecting the bay and railroad.

We understand that a branch railroad is to be built between the road running into Robertsdale and the one running to Pensacola, thus it will be seen that such a move would not only open up a large section of the country back of us, but people from Mobile going to Pensacola and other places, would come this way in preference to going around the long route by rail, saving considerable time and expense.

Our people should therefore not only attend the convention to be held here Saturday, Dec. 9, but in every way possible help to bring this project to a successful issue.

Interesting Council Meeting.

The Council had an interesting session on Monday evening and transacted considerable important business. The following applications for and transfers of land were granted:

Anson C. Smith, for approximately five acres on south side of Fairhope avenue, just west of Mr. Coleman's: (described as lots in the lease, with privilege of enclosing streets contained in boundaries thereof, to be opened when the Council shall so order, on 60 days' notice); Ben Fischer, lots 1, 2, 11 and 12, block 27, division 2; Jno. Zurhorst, for lots 7 and 8, block 31, division 2; A. G. Carlson, by transfer from R. F. Powell, lots on Section street, between alley and Dr. Greeno's lot, and 132ft. in depth; J. M. Beckner, by transfer from R. F. Powell, lot 66x132ft., opposite the church; G. W. Wood, by transfer from C. L. Coleman, 104ft. on Section street, by 150ft. deep, beginning 180ft. north of the corner of Fairhope avenue.

The application for membership of Lewis H. Dexter of Manila, P. I., highly recommended by F. H. Maguire of Chicago, was accepted.

The application for membership of Mrs. Lenora Curtis was referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Bellangee, Stimpson and Powell.

The secretary was directed to send to each leaseholder a copy of the 1905 rent list, with a request that he put opposite the 1905 valuations of his property—and any other that he saw fit—his estimate of the rental value for 1906, and return the same to the secretary by next Monday evening, as a guide to the Council in its 1906 appraisement.

The reply of the trustees to the questions asked by certain members and lessees, was ordered published in the COURIER and Messrs. Bellangee, Call and Powell were appointed a committee to confer with the publisher of the COURIER regarding the publication of important Corporation matters therein.

We Mourn for Our Dead.

Last Monday we buried the mortal body of one of our precious children—a lovely boy of ten—Ralph Sweet. The loss was peculiarly sad, for he was the beloved, only child of his parents, a pupil in our grammar school, popular with his comrades and loved by all.

Rarely, if ever, has Fairhope witnessed a more touching spectacle than the procession to and from the church, and to the cemetery. The hearse—even to its wheels—and the white casket, were almost covered with flowers. All the children of Fairhope, I think, were in that sad procession, and all bore a profusion of flowers to deck the grave of their lost comrade. I did not go to the grave, but am told that the floral display there was unique. The walls of the grave were thickly draped with white flowers, mostly roses and chrysanthemums.

The Rev. Mrs. Oliver was the officiating minister. She spoke eloquently of the child, and consoled the stricken father and mother in fitting words. If anything could console those dear friends it must have been the consciousness that every heart ached for them. Solemn and beautiful was the music of the choir, and the organ itself vibrated to the sorrow that filled all hearts.

M. H.

Ralph was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sweet, who came only a few months ago from Gateswood, this county, to which they came in July last year from Kewanee Illinois. Mrs. Sweet is our greatly appreciated teacher of the lower grades in the Fairhope school.

The pall bearers were as follows: Paul Molyneux, Laurence Tilson, James Gaston, Archie Littlefield, Will Dealy and Earl White.

The following boys, schoolmates of and about the same age of Ralph, followed the hearse to the church and then to the cemetery. Harris Oswalt, Cornie

Gaston, Ralph Mershon, Carl Stearns, Warren Stearns, Don Littlefield, Jacob Van Bendegom, Ford Patterson, Milton Ewald, Leo Fredericks and George Wilson.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Nov. 22. * * * A sad day for Fairhope. This morning, the first thing we heard on going out was: "I suppose you know the *Fairhope* is burned up!" It was a terrible blow. You will read of it elsewhere, and I will say only that I fully believe the result will be a better and larger steamer; one not handicapped in so many ways as was our small *Fairhope*. But how dear was that little craft to loyal colonists. Some, to be sure, could see nothing but her faults, but she did much for our Colony, and I doubt if we shall ever feel the same affection for any steamer we may have.

A most cheering letter from Comrade Cope. He is most pleasantly situated. His large 18 foot room, with four big windows, walls 10 feet high, and furnished with every convenience, must be an enjoyable contrast to his life at the Pines, where so many "traps" were stored that he could scarcely move about. It does me good to hear of his agreeable and prosperous condition. For his sterling qualities, especially his thorough reliability and his strong sense of duty, will make him appreciated wherever he goes. M. M. Cope does not know the meaning of the word "shirk." When he left I asked him if he expected to return. He said if he accumulated any money of course he would come back to Fairhope and spend it.

Nov. 23. * * * Every time I pass on the east side of friend Mershon's house I stop and crane my neck over the fence to admire his strawberries. They are in suberb condition, you would think it spring instead of near December. I had to give up cultivating mine all but four short rows. The rest are covered with a thick mat of crab-grass. It would be the "irony of Fate" should those neglected ones yield more than my four weedless rows.

Three days ago my neighbor, Miss Effie Mershon, surprised me by bringing in three of the most magnificent roses I ever beheld. They had long stiff stems and the leaves were wonderfully glossy and perfect. I kept them in the Library on Tuesday and then moved them to the dining room table. But it seemed selfish to keep them just to delight my lonely self so today I sent them over to Mrs. Curtis's restaurant. Later I called to hear her "rave" over them. Well certainly one may well exclaim over such flowers as we have in Fairhope.

x x x She already has my gigantic screw pine, (*pandanus utilis*), and it looks better there as a screen to the dining-room table than it would at the end of my west veranda where it was cramped for room in which to spread its immense circle of leaves. Mr. Powell has my big Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria Excelsa*). I kept it out of doors here but there it will not have to be relegated to a cold pit but will grace his lovely drawing room. You see I thought at the time I parted with those two precious plants, that I would not be able to care for them.

Taxation of Speculative Values.

Editor Courier: Miss Chapman, in her address before the Progressive League as reported in the Courier of Nov. 10, shows very clearly how the advantages of division of labor and co-operation in the production of wealth tend to increase rent, the fund which, of right, belongs to the community at large. Thus, with the advance of civilization, and the closer industrial co-operation which this implies, the proportion of the total product belonging in common to all must increase, lessening the inequalities in wealth resulting from individual differences of character and physical condition.

Miss Chapman points out how, under present social conditions, the landowner takes not only the unearned increment belonging in common to all, but, owing to the speculative rise in land value, he takes from the individual laborer more of his product than would otherwise go to the rent fund. But, as it appears to me, she errs in her conclusion that "Any tax upon the speculative value of land is a direct, a cruel, and in the end, a ruinous tax upon industry and necessity."

Is it not better that the excessive rent resulting from the artificial scarcity caused by monopoly be diverted into the public treasury, rather than that it continue to flow into the pockets of private landowners? Evidently the laborer paying rent loses nothing by this change, while he gains as a sharer in the public uses of a common rent fund. But the speculative value cannot long continue to flow into the public treasury, for such a diversion must soon dry up its source, when it will cease to exist.

S.J. Chubb.

Captain Dougherty, father of Mr. Ned Dougherty of the Courier force, who has been receiving the paper during the past year, says that it is eagerly sought after, and he thinks is usually read by every one of his fellow employes in his office in the treasury department at Washington. This is significant of the force of a concrete example; the interest aroused by the story of something actually *being done*. It is doubtful if any of these readers of the Courier would have given a second thought to a purely abstract statement of a principle, however strong; but they found the Courier's story of what the people of Fairhope were doing in the application of their principle quite interesting. We commend this incident to single taxers who have tried in vain to interest their friends in the single tax theory. Tell them about how Fairhope is making the theory "work," hand them a copy of the Courier or a copy of the Fairhope booklet, and see if you don't "get results."

For Greater Publiaity of Corporation Affairs.

The committee appointed at last Council meeting to consider the matter of greater publicity of important Corporation matters, request us to announce that they will, on next Monday evening, report recommending that a half page be taken in the Courier at a cost of $100 a year, in which to publish important council proceedings, bills allowed, treasurer's reports, etc. etc.

INSTRUCTIVE LESSON FROM JAPAN.

Our neighbor Comings shows us a paper from Maxwell, his co-worker in the National League for Universal Industrial Education, that is quite startling in its suggestions.

It shows how Japan, which has arisen from an insignificant position as a nation in a short time, to a world power in war and commerce, stands in contrast to England as a decadent power, with the United States following her example.

Japan's power comes from "her people being rooted to the soil". She has thirty millions of farm—or gardening people on a little piece of land, a little less in size than one third of our one state of Illinois, and fifteen million more whose sustenance all comes from these land cultivators, and aside from this exports $125,000,000 more per year.

The Japs are a self supporting, self respecting people advancing along the true line of progress, "from tillage to all the other arts" that naturally spring from this fundamental foundation, while England by her false industrial system has driven her "proud yeomanry, the country's pride," to the factories cities and slums, and the people have become so decadent that it is difficult to obtain men of physical stamina enough for her army, and we, in our land and industrial wrongs, are

following the pernicious example that can have but the same end.

THE INTEREST QUESTION AGAIN.

The influence of the single tax upon the rate of "commercial interest" seems to be a much mooted question among writers for the Fairhope COURIER. Will it be higher or lower, or will it entirely disappear?

I have no faith in the dubious art of foretelling the future, except as a necessary sequence of the past, and in accordance with the well understood operation of clearly defined principles. Even then, after due allowance for unforseen complications, we are liable to be mistaken

The far reaching influence of the single tax, with its manifold complexities may result in many deflections which cannot be previously calculated.

Nevertheless, I believe that economic principles are sufficiently definite, and sufficiently positive in their operation to enable us to decide this question with a reasonable degree of assurance.

It is a well established principle with single taxers, that the single tax will stimulate business by opening unlimited opportunities for the employment of both labor and capital. To give up this point is to give up all that we are hoping for and striving for.

The notion that increased opportunities for the employment of capital will decrease the rate of interest is scarcely more consistent than would be the idea that greater opportunities for the employment of labor would lower wages.

No single taxer doubts that capital employed in production would be more remunerative under the single tax. "Commercial interest" depends upon the relative advantage of capital in production. If it be more remunerative in production, it must also be more remunerative to those who have it to lend, if not by an increased rate of interest, at least by its more constant employment, made possible by brisker business. It would naturally seem as though the amount of interest for which a person is willing to lend his money must always be determined by the possible profit in using it himself.

This principle is not vitiated by the greater ease with which capital can be accumulated. Greater production means greater consumption. The demand for consumption will always prevent the accumulation of capital beyond the point at which it yields interest in proportion to its advantage in production. Those who fail to see this are confused by the use of money as the representative of wealth and capital. Even as the old school economists before Adam Smith were confused by estimating the wealth of a nation in gold.

This is not a purely academic question. It is a very practical question, a proper understanding of which is of great importance to the single tax propaganda. The ultimate success of our cause depends upon our ability to secure the cooperation of the business element. Those whose success in life has won for them that public confidence, which, in every community, exalts them to the position of leaders and directors of public affairs, and moulders of public opinion. It is only by their cooperation, through a community of interests that our ultimate success is attainable.

This harmonious cooperation can only come through a proper understanding of sound principles, which will serve as that firm ground of unity where that which conserves the interests of some is conducive to the best interest of all. The shortest road to success is that which involves the least antagonism, and which most nearly conforms to the ideas of those who are recognized leaders. One of the most promising features of the single tax movement is that so large a portion of its

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THE COURIER now has a subscriber in Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands—Mr. L. H. Dexter, formerly of Chicago, who has also made application for membership in the Single Tax Corporation.

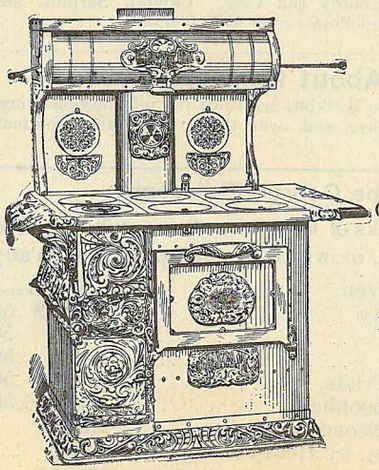
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Mr. and Mrs. K. Koopman, one of our esteemed Hollander famlies, have the sincere sympathy of the community, in the loss of their youngest child, Annie, a beautiful little girl about three years of age, who died yesterday—Thursday—about noon, of croup. She will be laid away in Fairhope cemetery this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

We have decided to get out next week that illustrated extra edition of the COURIER, devoted especially to presenting the advantages of Fairhope as a winter resort. Local advertisers seem, for the most part, quite willing to do their part—as indeed they always are—and many other residents will purchase a quantity of extra copies for distribution among their friends. The issue will be of double the usual number of pages; the extra section being printed on fine coated paper, with a number of new illustrations. It will be a good propoganda number, as well as a good advertisement of Fairhope's particular advantages of climate, healthfulness, and numerous attractions, natural and otherwise. The issue will be of not less than 3,000 copies. We would greatly appreciate advance orders from local and distant friends for copies for distribution, at five cents each.

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ADVANTAGES OF FAIRHOPE FOR INVALIDS.

By Henry Borst, M. D.

The advantages of Fairhope for the health-seeker are so many and varied that one could easily write a book about them, and then, perhaps, overlook some. The writer, however, will attempt to condense the salient points in the space allotted.

Nearness to the Ocean. We are only 25 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, and enjoy all the advantages of the seashore in the way of refreshing, salt-laden breezes, cool, invigorating nights in summer, absolute purity of air, etc., without the disadvantages of a filthy seaport town with its drunken sailors, etc.

Proximity to Mobile Bay. This fine, placid body of salt water, (about 35 miles long and 10 to 15 miles wide) affords fishing and sailing, rowing and excellent bathing. The bathing season lasts from May till October ordinarily, but some hardy swimmers go in any time of the year. The bay protects us very much against severe temperature changes. It delays fall frosts usually a month later than places only a few miles in the interior.

Elevation Above Sea Level. Fairhope is built on a bluff that rises abruptly from the beach about 40 feet, and then gradually rises till a height of about 120 feet is reached, only half a mile from shore. This secures excellent drainage everywhere. Pools are very scarce, and there are no swamps in or near Fairhope.

Soil a Natural Filter. The soil is sandy and sandy clay. This assures pure drinking water that cannot be contaminated on account of having to pass through a natural sand filter anywhere from 30 to 70 feet deep, before striking clay dense enough to hold it.

Rainfall Enough to Prevent Dust. In many sandy places people with weak lungs suffer dreadfully on this account.

Germ-Free Air. With the bay on one side, the ocean on another and piney woods all around for a hundred miles, giving off the rich balsamic odors that are so soothing to inflamed lungs, insures air practically free from microbes. This is evidenced by the fact that all contagious diseases die out when brought here.

We have breezes enough to keep the air moving, but very few high winds, which latter are so detrimental to people with weak hearts or diminished breathing capacity.

The Winters are Mild. The average time of first fall frost is about December 1. Strawberries begin to blossom in February and March, and ripen anywhere from March till end of June, sometimes even in Februray. Our November is about the same as September in northern Illinois. Our December monthly average temperature is 52, precisely the same as October average in Chicago and Boston. This is based on official government records extending over 30 years in Mobile.

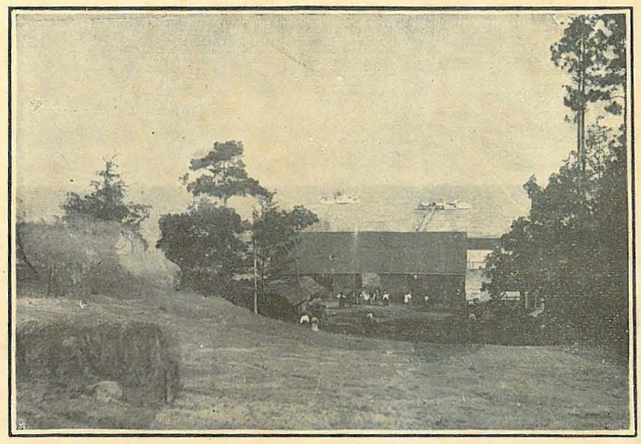


Photo by Dealy. BAYWARD FROM WHARF HILL.

Our Nearness to the Ocean and bay makes cool days milder than in Mobile.

Small Daily Temperature Range. The actual daily temperature range is small. This is of vast importance in all cases of lung trouble, throat diseases and nasal catarrh.

This is an important advantage we have over all mountain resorts, where the nights are very chilly, even when the days are quite warm. The congestions produced by such great changes are just enough to prevent recovery in many hopeful cases.

To illustrate how small the daily temperature range is, I may select the first week in November, 1905, at the same time while the snowstorms raged in the Lake region, as reported by the Mobile weather bureau:

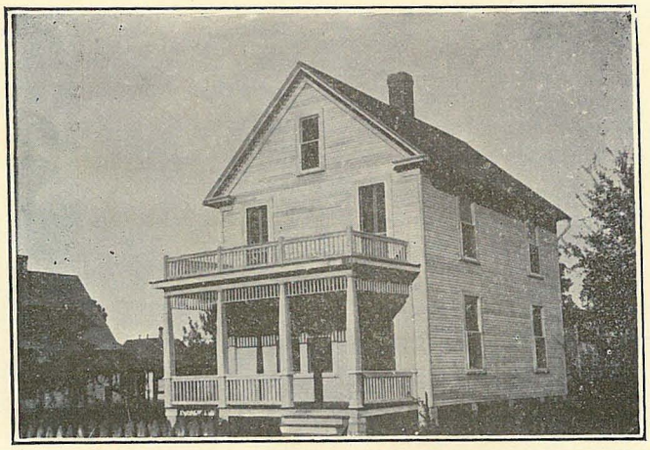
Monday, Nov. 6.....	Minimum,	68;	Maximum,	76
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Wednesday, Nov. 8 ..	"	51;	"	71
Friday, Nov. 10	"	50;	"	63
Saturday, Nov. 11	"	46;	"	57

This makes the average daily range for the whole week only 30 degrees. There are very few days in the North in winter when the range for 24 hours is less than 30 degrees; often it is 40, 50 and 60. Many years of private and hospital practice in Chicago and Iowa, as well as ordinary observation, have brought these conditions to my attention, and showed their pernicious effects.

More Hours of Sunshine in Winter. It is a curious fact but little known, that there is actually one hour and ten minutes more daylight on January 1 in Mobile than in Chicago. There are 15 hours and 10 minutes between sunrise and sunset in the former, as against 14 hours at the latter. This helps very materially to reduce the cold in winter and diminish the heat in summer, as the summer days are correspondingly shorter in the South.

Scenery, Sunsets, Flora, Roads, Etc.. In the matter of scenery we have glorious sunsets and sunrises, so magnificent as to defy description by the ordinary mortal. We have long drives over fair roads, mid evergreen trees and shrubs of all kinds. Red Cedar, Live Oak, Water Oak and the stately Magnolias are green all the year round. Roses blossom till Christmas and New Year. The views on Mobile bay are ever varying, and always charming. We have hills and gullies in profusion, showing beautiful colorings of sand and clay. The clear moonlight nights are matchless. All these strictly immaterial things are often passed by unnoticed by men and women flushed in the pride of health and strength, but to the invalid they are vast sources of hope and strength, and all physicians of experience have learned to value their power for good.

Clean Moral Atmosphere. Fairhope contains more cultured, refined, sincere people to the square inch than any place the writer has even visited. Saloons are not and will not be tolerated. Clean entertainments are held frequently. We are not slaves to fashion. Plain living and high thinking is the rule.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. COULTER, 1905.
Photo by Dealy. E. D. Brann, builder

Ailments Specially Benefited. Among the ailments that are especially benefited here may be mentioned consumption, pleurisy, bronchitis, kidney ailments, chronic rheumatism, nervous debility, insomnia, stomach ailments, heart diseases and anemia, and the way that delicate children build up is surprising. Convalescents, after operations or severe acute diseases, pick up wonderfully here.

The low altitude gives us a dense atmosphere, and consequently more oxygen is inhaled with every breath. I do not advise people with heart weakness to stay here during the summer, but in winter they do well. Pure air, much oxygen and light winds work wonders in connection with sunshine.

The one great difference between the South and the North is that here in winter delicate people and children can be out in the **open air almost every day.** That is what counts most in the battle to regain health and strength.

FAIRHOPE PLAN AND HISTORY.

As this issue of the **Courier** will reach many who are not familiar with the plan or history of Fairhope, the following brief statement is made:

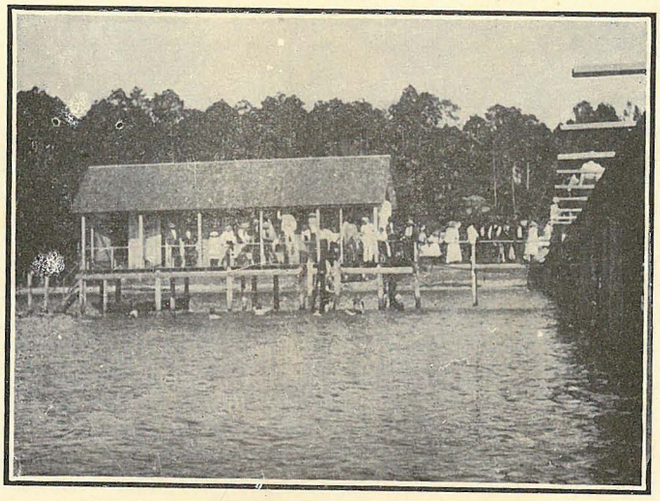
Fairhope was founded early in 1895, by the Fairhope Industrial Association, organized and incorporated at Des Moines, Iowa, nearly a year earlier, with the object of conducting a "model community," applying the single tax principle advocated by Henry George, and other reforms, as nearly as might be possible under existing laws.

The first settlers included only three or four families, and the first purchase of land was only about 130 acres, costing less than $800.

The Fairhope Industrial Association was succeeded in 1904 by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, incorporated under a law passed by the Alabama legislature for the benefit of this and similar organizations which might be formed.

The corporation now owns, free of incumbrance, nearly 1600 acres of land, to which it is constantly adding. This land it holds practically as a trustee, to secure the equal enjoyment thereof of all who may desire to locate upon it. Individuals hold possession and put land to such use as they desire, under ninety-nine year leases, which provide that the lessees shall pay the annual rental value from year to year, out of which the corporation pays the state and county taxes, not only on the land, but on the improvements and personal property of lessees, thus making the rent a "single tax" to them, so far as direct taxes are concerned.

The Fairhope plan also provides for the operation of public utilities, for the public benefit, instead of private profit. The corporation thus operates the wharf over which the travel and traffic with the outside world passes, securing from it annually a neat net revenue, which is expended for the local public benefit. It owns a public hall, school house, telephone system, a modest public water system, consisting of well, windmill and tank, bath-houses, etc. The public school fund is supplemented by



A HOLIDAY ON THE BAY FRONT.

liberal appropriations from the corporation treasury, and several hundred dollars are expended annually on the highways.

The corporation affairs are nominally conducted by the usual officers of a corporation, but the supreme authority in all matters is vested in the members, to be exercised at will, under the initiative and referendum on petition of ten per cent., a majority governing, except on amendments to the constitution, which require three-fourths. Any or all officers may be removed at any time by a majority vote.

Those understanding and approving the corporation policy are gladly welcomed to membership, on the same conditions complied with by existing members, to-wit: payment of a $100 membership fee and acceptance by the executive council.

The enjoyment of the benefits of the corporation policy is not limited to members, but land may be leased by anyone, and non-members are granted every right and privilege of members, save that of voting; this right being reserved to members to guarantee the policy of the corporation.

The advantages of the Fairhope plan are so manifold that they cannot begin to be enumerated here. Some of the most immediate and direct may be stated as follows: Elimination of land speculation. Land kept open for users, no purchase price for land to be first paid by home-makers. Capital all available for improvements. Land values accruing to the public, instead of private landlords, makes possible greater public improvements and conveniences than can be had elsewhere. No corrupting influences to demoralize public servants. Equality of rights fosters a genuine democracy.

Those to whom the Fairhope plan appeals are welcome as citizens at Fairhope, and the co-operation of those who cannot join as residents is invited in extending the area of land held under its beneficient conditions and making them known.

For information regarding Fairhope not found herein, address G. W. Wood, Secretary Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The questions of accessibility and facility of communication are very important, especially to those leaving their homes and business temporarily.

While not on a railroad, Fairhope is very satisfactorily situated in these respects. It lies across Mobile bay only about fifteen miles distant from the important seaport city of Mobile, with connection every day in the week by two lines of commodious and comfortable steamers, to which it is expected will be added within a few days another, giving the direct service which the town had enjoyed for four years past, until the unfortunate destruction by fire of the steamer Fairhope last week.

The trip across the bay is a delightful one, far pleasanter than traveling by rail, and the fare is only twenty-five cents. The steamer landing in Mobile is very convenient to the railway station and the business portion of the city.

Mobile is the nearest seaport on the Gulf of Mexico to the great central region of the United States, with which it is connected by unsurpassed railroad facilities.

Fairhope has a daily mail and has local and long distance telephone connection by three systems.

Express matter sent care steamer, at Mobile, will be delivered at Fairhope, with charges following.

OUR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

Larger Stocks, Better Service, and Closer Prices Made by Our Merchants Than in Any Other Town of Like Size in the South.

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO TOURIST'S WANTS

Everything Necessary For Light Housekeeping in Stock. Orders Taken and Goods Delivered.

One of the difficulties reported by many families who have wintered in the South is that of purchasing such supplies as they are used to at reasonable prices. The progressive spirit shown by our home merchants has made Fairhope more popular with Northern visitors than any other resort town in this section, and no write-up of our advantages would be complete without mention of our commercial facilities.

We have two thoroughly up-to-date general stores, which easily lead in Baldwin county. Wagons call for your orders and deliver the goods to you. The stores are equipped with telephones, carry large stocks of the best goods, and are doing everything possible to accommodate the trading public. We also have a new store this year, carrying a general stock, selling for cash only. The proprietor came all the way from France to start business in Fairhope, and is meeting with success.

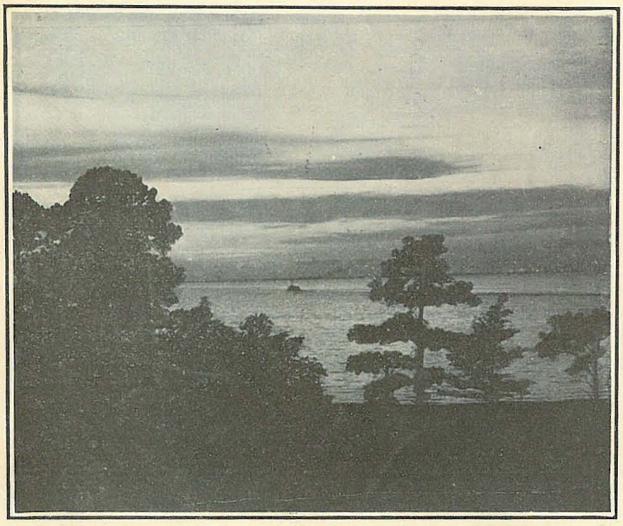


Photo by Dealy. SUNSET ON THE BAY.

We also have a neat store devoted to millinery and ladies' furnishings, and many visiting ladies have been surprised at the neat, stylish goods on display here, and the moderate prices Many of our regular winter visitors do not bother to pack tons of baggage—they simply buy what they want when they get here, saving time, trouble and money thereby.

A meat market, modern bakery and restaurant, book and stationery store, the popular Bayside Cafe on the water's edge, the splendid service of the Fairhope Dairy Farm, and our new industry, the Fairhope Poultry Farm, all fill public needs, and help make living in Fairhope convenient and pleasant.

We have plenty of physicians and surgeons, should you need them, several of them specialists of more than local repute. Two good drug stores are well established here, and other industries will undoubtedly be started as soon as a demand exists.

The *Courier* cannot too strongly commend the enterprise of those who have put up cottages, boarding houses and hotels for our summer and winter visitors. Fairhope leads all the towns on the bay in conveniences of this kind, and more are needed. We have no doubt that every available room will be taken before the winter is over, for such has been the case in the past. No matter what your tastes, or the amount you wish to spend for accommodations, you are pretty sure to be suited here and feel that you get good value for your money. We trust our readers will look over the advertising columns carefully and write for winter quarters. If you do not see what you want, a letter of inquiry to this office will be cheerfully answered.

Mershon Brothers' Store.

As Mershon Brothers were Fairhope's first merchants, they are, perhaps, entitled to first mention in our commercial write-up. It was ten years ago last June that Messrs. Nathaniel and Arthur Mershon purchased the Colony's co-operative store, located near the present postoffice, in a building about 14x16 feet, containing a stock of goods valued at almost $100.

To-day the firm occupies a good two-story structure 40x110 feet, the stock invoicing between eight and ten thousand dollars.

The management has been ever progressive, and to-day the store and stock are unequalled in the county. We might say, in passing, that good stores are a public necessity, and that the Fairhope policy is distinctly beneficial to progressive merchants. Our policy is one reason, at least, why Fairhope stores outclass other stores in Baldwin county.

The Mershon stock includes groceries, dry goods, crockery, dishes, boots and shoes, hats and caps, clothing, hardware, tools, harness, wagons, farm machinery, feed, fertilizers, furniture, stoves—in fact everything needed by the new settler or the winter visitor.

The store is lighted by acetylene gas, is supplied with water for fire protection by a pipe line to the town tank, and the management is ever eager to aid in any move to improve Fairhope.

An important notice relative to this firm appears in another column.

The Fairhope House.

High and dry on the edge of the sixty-foot bluff overlooking beautiful Mobile bay, you find the Fairhope House. Its location is unrivalled by any on the coast betwen Texas and New England, for it is the highest. Comparatively little of the fog and dampness of a few of our winter mornings ever reaches the Fairhope House, and the view is always magnificent.

The proprietors have made many improvements since taking charge of the hotel, and guests now have large, convenient rooms, good beds, rugs on the floor, each room well lighted with acetylene gas, with the magnificent scenery of bay and piney woods always available from the broad galleries.



THE FAIRHOPE HOUSE, OUR COMFORTABLE AND POPULAR HOTEL.

The table service is a la carte, and one can always select a good meal from the array of dainties fresh from sea or garden. A special effort is made to supply rich, juicy steaks and roasts, the best of fish and oysters, and thoroughly good coffee. The result is that patrons get what they want, and at reasonable prices. The bill of fare will compare favorably with any in the country, as many regular guests will testify.

The hotel is convenient to the long wharf, and when one reaches the Fairhope House he can be thoroughly at home for a day, a week, or all winter.

If you expect to visit us this winter, it is a good plan to write E. S. Ross in advance for rates, etc.

The Fairhope Pharmacy.

Our "corner drug store" has proven to be a commercial success ,as well as a public convenience. Here one can buy anything from a liver pill to the latest patent medicine. Nice lines of stationery and cigars, also a soda fountain, are side issues much appreciated by the public. A large line of pure drugs is carried for the compounding of prescriptions.

The Fairhope Pharmacy is the office of Dr. C. L. Mershon, who is the proprietor of the establishment, and enjoys a very large practice in and around Fairhope.

Later, we are informed, that an apparatus for the furnishing of hot soda is being installed. This will be appreciated when the "northers" blow this winter.

Frank Creswell.

It is but a few months since that Mr. Creswell bought out the Fairhope Mercantile Co., located in the Brown block. Just as he had about completed an entire new arrangement of the interior of the store and added greatly to the stock, the fire chronicled in the last *Courier* caused him a severe loss, which would have discouraged a less energetic man than Frank Creswell.

He has rented the Coleman building, across the street from his old stand, and has a force of men at work building shelves and putting in a brand new stock for the first-class trade he caters to, and will promptly dispose of his damaged goods at the old stand at sacrifice prices. He has the sympathy of the whole community in his loss, and his energy will undoubtedly pull him through in good shape.

His business announcement appears on Page 8 of Section 1 of this issue, and is well worth careful reading.

Millinery and Ladies' Furnishings.

The millinery business of Mrs. Anne B. Call has developed rapidly during the last few years, until she now has a complete establishment devoted to the needs of the ladies. She buys largely in New York City, and takes pride in keeping the stock up-to-date in every respect. Not only is the trade in ready-to-wear or made-to-order hats very satisfactory, but Mrs. Call has good assortments of ladies' underwear, corsets, belts, hat pins, novelties, kimonos and other goods especially for ladies.

The store is located on our main business street, and has been enlarged and beautified since last season. New lines of goods have been added, and a large line of holiday novelties has been ordered for the Christmas trade.

A. M. Dealy & Co.

Everybody likes to go to the postoffice for mail in Fairhope, because of the pleasant way they are treated, and are especially struck with the neat show cases and nice display of A. M. Dealy & Co. This firm has been in existence only sinc eAugust 1, 1905, but already enjoys a good patronage.

New York, Chicago and Mobile papers, all the popular magazines, books for old and young, stationery in boxes and tablet form, candies, cigars, school supplies, souvenirs and photographs of Fairhope, etc., comprise the stock of A. M. Dealy & Co. New lines are being constantly added.

The Bayside Cafe.

L. S. Massey and wife have accomplished wonders at this popular resort, and happy is he whose first introduction to Fairhope is a meal at the cafe or a section of one of Mrs. Massey's pies. A good line of tobacco and cigars, nuts, candies, fruits, etc., fills a want in the community, and the Mas-

seys are doing a good trade, with prospects of a larger business in the near future. No one strolls along the water front without dropping into the cafe for refreshments, especially in the oyster or ice cream seasons. A milk shake machine is kept busy the year round. Mr. Massey desires the addition of a large dining room to his establishment, which the Fairhope Improvement Co., owner of the building, now has under advisement.

Fairhope Livery.

One of our enterprises which meets the approval of visitors is Capt. Babb's livery stable. Lawrence Tilson, the manager, is always there ready to send out a neat rig, with experienced driver, if requested. There are many charming drives in and about Fairhope, which are much appreciated by our visitors.

Fairhope Dairy Farm.

This industry was started some three years ago by the Manteuffel Brothers, with a small herd of Jerseys. It has developed very rapidly, and Fairhopers can now get good rich milk delivered night and morning, in clean glass bottles. Visitors are welcome at the farm, which is within easy driving distance from town. Good Jersey milk is a luxury in the South, doubly appreciated if there are children in the family. A post card to Otto Manteuffel will bring him to your door.

The Pleasure Bay.

This A1 steamer, now running to this shore daily, is one of the best appointed boats ever brought into Southern waters. The general appointments of the boat are designed first for the comfort of passengers, and second for carrying freight, with safety as a paramount requisite, the steamer being supplied with life boats, rafts, preservers and floats, and has every facility for subduing a fire, should one start. An electric light plant has been installed on the boat, having 100 incandescent lights, with a 13-inch searchlight of 3,000 candle power; four 32 candle lights forward, handled from the pilot house, and the whole under the immediate control of the captain and the engineer. The ladies' cabin is on the upper deck, lately enclosed, and that formerly used for this purpose is now set aside for the colored passengers. Both cabins are supplied with all modern conveniences, and the lavatories and toilet rooms equal those on the largest steamers. The kitchen and dining room are below the main deck aft, and ample for all requirements. A crew of fourteen hands gives willing service and looks after the comfort and safety of the passengers and the handling of the freight. With Captain W. B. Curran as master, Marone Durant, chief engineer, and experienced officers under them, the boat bids for its share of the Eastern Shore trade.

Announcement.

Beginning with the New Year, 1906, Mershon Bros.' store will be incorporated under the laws of the State of Alabama, and will thereafter be known as the Mershon Merchandising Company. The objects being to give all who so desire a chance to participate in the profits of this growing business and increase its usefulness. Mr. Nathaniel Mershon, for reasons of ill health, will retire from active participation in the business, save as stockholder, director and advisor.

Mr. A. H. Mershon will become president and general manager of the new corporation, and will devote his entire time to the general superintendence and enlargement of the business. This new departure will give an opportunity to all who desire, to participate in the profits of Fairhope's popular store.

Dividends will be declared yearly or oftener, as earned, and it is believed that with this new co-operative feature still more liberal profits can be realized than in the past. Subscription blanks for stock can be had at the store, or will be mailed on application.

MERSHON BROTHERS,
Fairhope, Ala.

THE NEOGEN TREATMENT.

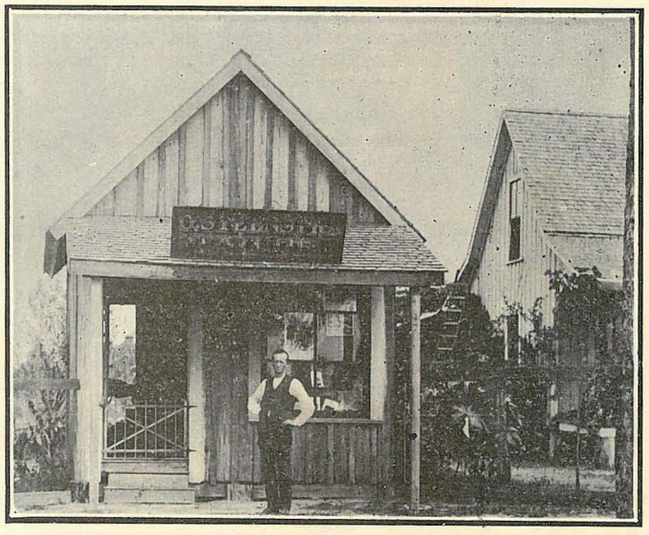
A NEW, THOROUGHLY TESTED TREATMENT FOR BRONCHIAL AND PULMONARY DISEASES, SUCH AS CATARRH BRONCHITIS AND TUBERCULOSIS.

(George A. Sheldon, M. D., Ph. D., Originator.)

Results already obtained by this treatment justify the claim that it is far ahead of other methods of treating pulmonary diseases. It is the outcome of scientific laboratory work, clinically tested, and is the discovery of Dr. Sheldon, of Fairhope, who is a graduate pharmacist and chemist, as well as a physician of wide practice.

Patients afflicted with chronic pulmonary troubles will do well to write Dr. Sheldon, and should they come to Fairhope they can meet former patients here and in Mobile and vicinity, who have tested the treatment.

The Neogen treatment is used only by Dr. Sheldon, and is given under his immediate supervision. Our climate is in itself a strong systemic tonic, which, combined with the Neogen treatment, works wonders for those suffering with bronchial trouble.



GEO. STEENSTRA, SHOP, AND RESIDENCE.

George Steenstra, Merchant Tailor.

Fairhope has an advantage enjoyed by very few towns of its size, in the tailoring establishment of Mr. George Steenstra. Mr. Steenstra is thoroughly up-to-date as a tailor, having been in business for himself in Patterson, N. J., before coming here and was earlier employed in some of the best tailoring estalishments in New York City. Thanks to his very moderate scale of prices, tailor made garments—so much more satisfactory than ready made ones--are in reach of very modest purses. He gets a great deal of trade from winter residents.

The Cement Business

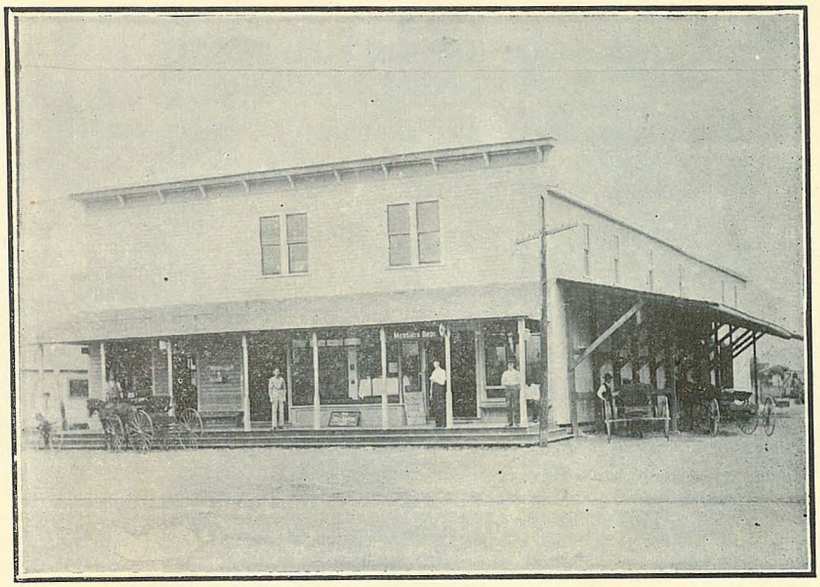
With the introduction of the hollow block system, the cement industry is rapidly surging to the front, and throughout the United States a very large per cent. of the building is of cement, especially of the better class of building. There are two systems of building; one the hollow block and the other reinforced concrete.

C. E. Littlefield of this place, is fitting up for building operations by either plan. He is prepared to put up fireproof buildings; sides, floors, roofs and stairs, entirely of cement.

He has block machines for making any style of block and is making an extensive line of ornamental blocks for belt courses, cornices, porch columns, water tables, window caps and sills, and friezes. He is prepared to make the blocks and lay the walls, to plaster and furnish complete.

Buildings can be erected after special designs at a cost but very little, if any, more than wood.

The hollow walls being non-conductors of heat, makes them much cooler in summer and warmer in winter. Mr. Littlefield is prepared to furnish plans and specifications and give figures, or will furnish blocks for anyone wishing to do his own work. He has also a machine for making fence posts, which can be had for about the same price as wood and are practically everlasting.



MERSHON BROTHERS'—FAIRHOPE'S BIG STORE. Postoffice at Left.

Subscribe For the Courier.

Those into whose hands this issue of the COURIER may fall, and who are not regular readers, are urgently requested to become such.

If you are a single taxer we do not see how you can be content to be without regular news from the "Single Tax Colony." If you are interested in any phase of economic reform you will find the COURIER interesting, we are sure. And, if you are not a "reformer" of any recognized brand, but are interested in the south, as a place for a future home, or a temporary refuge from the rigors of northern winters, it will be worth much more than the subscription price as a source of reliable information about this section, its climate, products, opportunities, etc.

To every one sending in a new subscription for not less than six months and requesting it, we will send, while they last, a copy of the handsomely illustrated Fairhope booklet.

Delay in receipt of cuts for illustrating this issue, has delayed us; and the liberal patronage of our advertisers, has crowded out considerable very interesting matter, some of it specially contributed for this issue.

Extra copies of this issue, five cents each.

Good Roads Meeting at Fairhope, Dec. 9.

Don't forget the good roads meeting at Fairhope on Saturday Dec. 9. This is not a meeting for simply talking about good roads in general, but to consider a practical proposition for securing a first class road from Fairhope to Robertsdale via Silver Hill—a road on which an automobile may be run. Such a road is an entirely practical proposition, with a proper co-operation of the people interested and some help from the County Commissioners, which we believe can be secured. Let there be a general turn out of the people of this section to this meeting.

Office of the
Fairhope Improvement Company
Fairhope, Alabama

Fairhope, Ala., Nov. 26, 1905.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Fairhope Improvement Company will be held at the Company's office in Fairhope, Alabama, on Tuesday, January 2, 1906, at 11 o'clock A. M. You are especially invited to be present either in person or by proxy, as business of importance will be transacted. If you cannot be present, please send your proxy to some one who will be, as it is important to have a majority of the stock represented. Very Respectfully Yours,

G. M. BANCROFT, Secretary.

Go to Robac's for holiday gooods, toys, dolls, albums, toilet sets, jewelry, fancy goods, trunks, bags, baskets, china figures, clocks, watches, lamps, shawls, shoes, Christmas cards, ties, rugs, etc.

Fairhope Builders' Supply Co.

A Fairhope industry which deserves special mention is the Fairhope Builders' Supply Co., of which our all-round hustler and enthusiastic Fairhoper, Wm. Stimpson, is proprietor and manager. From several years experience in wrestling with the vexing question of assembling the varied materials needed in building, Mr. Stimpson has learned what is needed and where it can best be had. Prospective builders should by all means see Mr. Stimpson before placing their orders.

Fire Notes.

The town well and tank did yeoman service on the occasion of the Brown-Creswell fire ,and undoubtedly paid for itself several times over.

Albert Stearns was quite painfully injured, a blow from an axe breaking his cheek bone. No one who was early on the scene had the slightest idea that the building could be saved, but heroic efforts—with an abundance of water—accomplished the seemingly impossible.

Send in your orders for extra copies of this issue, at five cents each.

I am still in business--in the Coleman house--

across the street from old stand, with a complete line of NEW Goods. FRANK A. CRESWELL.



The Brown Block, damaged by fire Nov. 24.

Frank Creswell will be back in this Store in Two Weeks!

He will have a New and Larger Stock of Groceries, Shoes, Clothing, Etc.

ALL SMOKE DAMAGED GOODS GOING REGARDLESS OF COST!

All Canned Goods Guaranteed. Clothing and Shoes were not damaged, but are going at your own price during this Sale!

SALE NOW ON AT OLD STAND.

16 pages. SPECIAL WINTER RESORT EDITION. Sec. 2, 8 pages.

The Fairhope Courier.

Devoted to the Single Tax and its practical application by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

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REPLY OF TRUSTEES

Of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to Questions Put by Certain Parties.

November 1, 1905.

To the Executive Council of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation:

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, Trustees of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, to whom was referred the memorial of C. L. Coleman, H. S. Greeno and others, beg leave to submit the following report:

In considering the scope of matters embraced in the memorial and the names attached we would, before proceeding to answer the questions in detail, respectfully call attention to the following considerations:

1st. That the answers to many of the questions in the memorial are a part of the public records of the Corporation, and are accessible to the members and lease-holders. That reports on these matters have been made from time to time and placed on file for the express benefit of those who wish to know the facts. That the doings of the Executive Council and the Corporation in general meeting assembled are open to the public. That all interested in Fairhope affairs have been invited by special resolutions, which have been published in the Courier, to attend such meetings, and hear and take part in the discussions there held, and that therefore the Corporation has no secrets that it desires to conceal, and that there can be no objection to giving the memorialists the information desired, except that involved in the trouble and expense of our examination of the records and preparing this report. Nevertheless, we wish to call attention to the fact that a reply from us is not essential to their understanding all of the affairs of the Corporation if they would make use of the means at their command.

We would suggest, too, that we believe better results would be obtained, erroneous impressions avoided, and more harmonious progress be made if all would give greater attention to the business of the Corporation as it is being conducted from time to time.

Our system of direct legislation through the initiative and referendum requires for its greatest efficiency a complete knowledge of public affairs on the part of all.

To that end we would suggest that your honorable body examine the matter and determine whether it is not advisable and necessary that fuller records be kept of all business transacted by the Corporation, and some means devised to give such matters greater publicity from time to time. There can be no perfect co-operation where there is not perfect common understanding.

2nd. While it seems desirable that all the affairs of the Corporation should be generally understood, it is also equally desirable that each resident on Corporation lands should clearly comprehend his exact relation to these matters.

Since the memorial is signed by many non-member lease-holders it may not be amiss to call attention to the fact that the non-member lease-holder has no contract rights in the premises except such as is given him by his lease. That contract gives him an interest equal with all other residents on Corporation lands in the revenues derived from the rentals only.

It is undoubtedly the policy and intention of the Corporation to so use all of its revenues as to equally benefit all residents on its lands, but only the members are responsible and concerned with matters pertaining to the management and funds of the wharf and the land fund and all other donations, and only the members are concerned with the personnel of the Corporation's membership. The non-member lease-holder gets his rights only by virtue of his lease, while the member is secured by his lease and the provisions of the Constitution, and is also subject to additional responsibilities.

While upon this subject we would call attention to the fact that while the policy of the Corporation has been, and will be to use all revenues from whatever source for the equal benefit of all, that to the revenues from land rentals a very considerable addition has been made from the wharf since the cost of its construction has been paid. Only since the beginning of the year 1903 has a separate account been kept of the wharf expenses, and that account shows as follows:

For the year 1903, receipts, after deducting Wharfinger's pay		$ 990.35
Expenditures on wharf and bath houses	$228.90	
Expenditures on warehouses	432.42	— 662.32
Net revenue		$ 328.03
1904.		
Receipts from wharf, as above		$1,237.06
Warehouse and repairs on wharf		581.95
Net revenue		$ 655.11
1905, to November 1st.		
Receipts as above		$1,093.17
Repairs and improvements		734.62
Net revenue for time covered		$ 358.55

Total in the time reported, 2 years and 10 months $1,341.69

We make this report on the wharf not only because it is gratifying and instructive in itself, but to show the non-member lease-holders who have signed the request which we have under consideration that in addition to their contracted rights under their leases they are getting along with all others the benefits of a considerable revenue from this source.

It may be allowable also to mention the fact that within the last year additional improvements to the Public Hall and its furnishing has been made from donations to the Corporation to the amount of three hundred dollars. This hall, as

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TO THE PEOPLE OF FAIRHOPE.

Words can but feebly express my gratitude to those who worked so nobly at the fire last Friday night.

The crisis not only involved my store and the Brown block, but the whole business section of Fairhope, and it was only by devoted effort that our town was saved.

My debt of gratitude is gratefully acknowledged and I hope to be able to in some measure repay the people of Fairhope for their prompt and efficient aid.

FRANK A. CRESWELL.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Peanut butter 10c per jar at Mershons.'

Christmas magazines now coming in. A. M. Dealy & Co.,

Baby Irish Lace Collars and Pompadour collars just arrived at Calls.

Shadow check skirts in the popular blues and greens now on sale at Call's.

Pleasant suites of furnished rooms at various prices, of Dr. C. E. Atkinson.

Premier brand washed figs in glass jars—something new—something nice—at Mershon Bros.'

Imported oriental novelties, large line, reasonable prices. will be at Call's for the hoilday trade.

Just received a cargo of siding, ceiling, lath and shingles at the lumber yard. Call and see Will Stimpson.

We have the nicest line of strictly up-to-date fancy groceries ever brought to Baldwin Co. Come in and be convinced. Mershon Bros.

Mrs. and Miss Bertelsen, mother and sister of Mrs. Dr, Borst, arrived on Wednesday evening to spend the winter.

Miss Stites and Miss Stella Lawrence, who have been working in Mobile several weeks, were home for Thanksgiving.

At the exhibit and sale of the Arts and Crafts Club on Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, Dec. 8 and 9, there will be a large variety of articles suitable for Christmas presents. Everybody invited to see the specimens of handiwork.

The Pleasure Bay landed at Fairhope on Sunday evening, on her return trip, greatly to the accomodation of Mrs. Berglin and otner passengers. The "Pleasure Bay" is a very comfortable and nicely equipped boat and Captain Curran makes every effort to accomodate her patrons.

The supper and bazaar by the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church, at the hall was a great success. There was a large crowd to supper and the booths at which were on sale many edible and fancy articles. The band played during the evening. A chief feature was the good social time enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis of Scranton, Iowa, arrived on last Friday evening to spend another winter with us and were warmly greeted by their many friends. Mr. Lewis has, at every opportunity, recommended Fairhope to friends thinking of coming south and thinks as a result, a number of them will join him here this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Van der Beck were pleasantly surprised on last Saturday, by a call from Mr. G. Justema, a cousin of Mrs. Van der Beck from Grand Haven, Mich., and his friends Messrs. Wm. Barberich and Fred Pinckney, of Nunica, Mich., They had come down on the new railroad to Robertsdale, with a landseekers excursion and from there drove across to Fairhope. Mr. Van der Beck went with them on Sunday morning to Marlow and from there on an excursion to Navy Cove, on the steamer Baldwin, which all greatly enjoyed, and they all went to Mobile on Monday by the Baldwin. The gentlemen all bought land back in the county, and expect soon to make their homes in Baldwin. They were greatly pleased with Fairhope.

School books and stationery. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Mr. Barnhart has begun the painting of the school house.

Something new in burnt wood souvenir postals at A. M. Dealy & Co.'s.

We hear many praises for the excellent coffee served at the Fairhope House.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moorman on Friday, November 24th.

Mr. and Mrs Jos. Keller returned on Monday from their extended trip north and west.

Mrs. A. O. Berglin and children returned on Sunday evening from their northern trip.

Good meals—and good coffee—is proving a winning combination at the Fairhope House.

The Pleasure Bay brought over a lot of building material for hustling Will Stimpson on Wednesday and Thursday.

Many a fine string of white trout is now being caught in the bay. A favorite fishing ground is about the old still wharf.

One has only to take a trip on one of the steamers touching all eastern shore points to be able to judge the relative importance of Fairhope.

Will Stimpson has secured the contract for building a wharf and boat house for H. S. Walker, who was over on Monday evening from Mobile.

The a la carte dining service at the Fairhope House, grows in favor because the best the markets afford is served fresh and in good style, at reasonable prices.

Miss Eliza Harper, of Perry, Ohio, a cousin of Mrs. Sumner, came down with Mr. and Mrs. Sumner and will spend the winter here. She has rooms with Dr. Atkinson.

Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Massey were very agreeably surprised on Wednesday evening by the arrival of their brother, Mr. E. F. Fairchild of Berkely, California. He made only a short stay, leaving this—Friday—morning.

Our recent fires have stimulated activity looking toward better fire protection and a meeting was held on Monday evening at Mershon Bros. to take steps toward organizing a volunteer fire company. Another meeting will be held soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Miller returned on Monday to Pensacola where Mr. Miller has a lot of work ahead of him. They went by boat from Mobile – on the Tarpon running in the gulf cost trade to Pensacola and beyond. We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Miller but wish them abundant success there

The Fairhope House, overlooking the bay, has a charming location with beautiful scenery. It stands upon the bluff and gets the delightful soft breezes from sea and forests of pine: It is serenaded by Nature's winged chorus led by the mocking bird; and has full view of gorgeous sunsets, too sublime to describe, but never to be forgotten.

Dan Shepherd one of our best and most reliable "boys" went to Mobile on Monday and took a position with A. M. Bright, grocer, in order to be able to attend night school. Dan has been for nearly four years with Mershon Brothers, who regretted very much to part with him. He was also one of the leading members of the Fairhope band, aud will be sadly missed from it.

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The enlarged dining-room at the Curtis restaurant, with its clean white paint, nicely set tables and tasteful furnishings, is very attractive.

Col. Edward Daniels, Mrs. Daniels, and her mother, Mrs. Dwelly, have arrived from Washington, and are occupying "The Lodge" in the rear of "The Gables" for the winter.

George Steenstra made an eloquent brief address in the Dutch language, at the grave of little Annie Marie Koopman, on last Friday and Mr. Gaston also spoke briefly in English, Though without the presence of a minister, it was a beautiful and touching service.

Repairing the Brown Block

A force of carpenters under the direction of Mr. Charles Stearns, is busy repairing the damage done by the fire at the Brown block last week and it is expected that Mr. Creswell will be back in his old quarters within two weeks. The store will be remodeled some while repairs are in progress, making the main room larger, more convenient and prettier than before.

Mr. Creswell is occupying temporary quarters across the street and through the energy of himseif and clerks the public has had uninterrupted service from the store in spite of the severe fire.

Thanksgiving at Fairhope.

There was plenty doing at Fairhope on Thanksgiving day. Rev. Mrs. Oliver delivered an eloquent and approppiate address at the Christian church in the morning; and Professor Comings gave a very interesting address at the same place in the afternoon on Russia. There was also a baseball game in the afternoon between a picked up nine of Fairhope boys and one from Fish river, which resulted in a victory for Fairhope by a score of 15 to 20 in seven innings.

In the evening there was a masquerade ball at the hall, and another party of young folks went on a hay ride to the Barkley's where they had a jolly time and an oyster fry.

Cement Block Work.

All who expect to build in Fairhope are invited to inspect Eber Jefferson's cement block work before deciding on their building material. Cement work is more enduring, prettier, and cheaper in the long run than wood.

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the people of Fairhope, who were so kind to us during the sickness and after the death of our little Annie. The beautiful floral tributes were especially appreciated. K. KOOPMAN AND FAMILY.

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Though a busy people the Fairhopers are a sociable lot and our social and intellectual features are a strong attraction. One gentleman was heard to remark on Wednesday evening that it would be very hard to get such an attendance on a like occasion in his Ohio town of 1500 population and a lady who has not been in Fairhope three months, said that she "knew more people now in Fairhope than she knew in Chicago after living there seventeen years."

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REPLY OF TRUSTEES.

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all know, is used to the advantage of the public in every practical way.

Replying in detail to the questions submitted, we have the following to offer:

Question 1: Why at the recent special election was the resolution requiring thirty days' residence on colony lands as a pre-requisite to voting, disregarded?

Answer 1st: No such resolution, so far as we are able to discover, has ever been passed by either the Executive Council or the Corporation in general meetings.

2nd. No one did vote at that election who had not resided on Colony lands more than thirty days.

3rd. The Corporation did at that meeting, under the authority of the Constitution, which makes the membership supreme in all matters, declare qualified to vote all members whose votes had been challenged. Such action would have removed any existing disability not imposed by the Constitution.

Question 2nd. Does the Corporation recognize boat certificates as equivalent to cash, and, if so, are the same taken at par, and by what authority?

Answer. Since the boat certificates represent investments in the boat to their full face value, the Corporation has adopted the policy of accepting them at par on donations to its land fund. It does not buy or redeem them at any price at present. The owners of the boat have provided that its net earnings shall be donated to the Corporation from time to time for a fund with which to make such purchase.

Question 3rd. Why was a voucher for $212.00 issued to the Steamer "Fairhope" in return for a loan of $200.00, when the charter forbids to incur interest bearing obligations?

Answer. The $12.00 was a bonus for the use of the $200.00 until it could be repaid, whether sooner or later. No time was fixed for its payment, and no delay of payment will cause additional expense to the Corporation. Interest-bearing obligations increase with the lapse of time.

The design of the Constitution in forbidding interest-bearing obligations was to create a condition under which money-lenders would be discouraged from trying to exploit the Corporation by bonds and mortgages.

Question 4th. What is the financial standing of the Corporation at this time? Please give its assets and liabilities in detail.

Answer. We give below the items that constitute the assets of the Corporation, and also its liabilities. Of course its assets consist of unpaid rents and different items of property. The value of the latter we will not attempt to estimate. All of the people of Fairhope are familiar with them all, and each can put his own valuation upon them. All, however, will admit that the improvements which belong to the Corporation are worth many times over its liabilities, not to mention the value of the Corporation lands.

Great pains have been taken to make this statement accurate in every detail, and we believe that it can be relied upon. Nothing has been taken for granted, and nothing has been estimated except the amount of scrip outstanding. We have ascertained the whole amount that has been issued to be $540.00, and there are records of the destruction of not less than $284.00 and the retirement of $20.00 later, which would leave a balance outstanding of $236.00.

Some of this has been carried away by tourists for souvenirs, and some of it no doubt has been lost or destroyed, so that we are quite safe in estimating the whole amount outstanding as not to exceed $236.00.

We have given this item as one of the liabilities which, of course, it is, since the Corporation is bound to receive it on all bills receivable. It has not, we believe, been enumerated in former statements. We have also included some items that have likewise been overlooked, owing to the fact that until recently the Treasurer has only kept a cash account, and these items are recorded only in the minutes of the Secretary. These are $100.00 lent by A. White of Vallejo, Cal., for our well expense, and a like sum by our fellow-townsman, George Knowles, and $50.00 from D. D. Chidester of Philadelphia. These loans are without interest. The rents charged to Mr. Knowles have been applied in payment until his claim is reduced to $14.00, making a total unpaid on well account of $164.00. The unpaid balance of current year's rent it will be seen, is sufficient to pay all outstanding warrants, and this debt on well, and leave an excess of $31.95. This with $31.20 cash in the treasury and receipts from the wharf for the two remaining months of the year, which are usually good months, ought to pay the land tax of the Association and leave a small amount for the necessary running expenses of the Corporation, so that we ought to begin the new year with but a small debt, if any.

Of course, there is no need of the immediate retirement of the scrip, and the outstanding warrants are held by our own people, so that this payment would still leave the money in the hands of our own citizens. But the debt on the well should be paid as soon as possible, since it has been standing for several years. That it does not draw interest is all the more reason why it should be promptly discharged.

We recommend that the Council direct the Treasurer to make such entries in the stub books of the scrip as will show unmistakably what stubs represent scrip issued, and what stand for blanks destroyed by the order of the Council without having been used. The record is complete, but not as clear as is desirable.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

Real Estate as follows:

In Sec. 18 between the windmill and the bay (with a bay frontage of over 3,000 feet)	221 acres
In Sec. 17, next east	280 acres
In Sec. 16, next east	320 acres
In Sec. 15, next east	400 acres
In Sec. 14, next east	160 acres
In Sec. 22 south of Sec. 15	160 acres
Total real estate	1,541 acres

Wharf 1,800 feet long, with ample warehouses and bath houses.

Well, windmill and tank.

School house, new and complete, with two rooms.

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Equity in the White Tract		$600.00
In hands of special representative ready for payment to Mr. White		74.97
Boat certificates representing		911.75
Unpaid rents for 1905		681.09
Cash on hand in Treasury	Scrip....$20.50	
	Wharf C 1.15	
	Checks.. 9.55—	31.20

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding warrants	$ 485.14
Outstanding scrip	236.00
Taxes for year 1905	254.88
Debt on well	164.00

None of the above debt is drawing interest, and it includes all that has been allowed by the Executive Council on bills presented to November 1st, 1905.

Question 5th. What amount of scrip has been issued by the Corporation, to whom and for what purposes?

Answer. Since the incorporation under the present charter only $100.00 has been issued, but the Fairhope Industrial Association, of which the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation is the successor, issued in all $440.00, making a total to date of $540.00. It was issued partly to individuals for services rendered in lieu of warrants or orders since it was good in the hands of bearers for its face value for all sums due the Corporation. Late issues have been to the Treasurer, and by him transferred as desired to the creditors of the Corporation.

Question 6th. By what authority was this done?

Answer. By authority of the constitution of the Corporation, Art. entitled "Financial."

Question 7. Where is the record of this issue of scrip kept?

Answer. In the books of the Treasurer and the records of the Secretary, stub books, cash accounts and the minutes.

Question 8th. Please give a detailed statement of the amount of collections made by Mr. Bellangee, as special representative, showing names of donors and amounts contributed by each.

Answer. A statement is submitted herewith giving the required information, and also answering first part of next question.

Question 9th. What disposition was made of the funds thus collected, and why were they not turned over to the Treasurer, who by Section 7 of Act VI, is custodian of the funds of the Corporation?

Answer. They were in the custody of the Treasurer and special representative until his successor was elected in February last. When he ceased to be Treasurer, the special purpose for which he was delegated was only partly accomplished, and he has since then been pursuing that purpose by collecting funds pledged to him and applying them to the specific object for which he was appointed special representative, to which he considers himself bound, both to the Corporation and to the donors who have entrusted their funds to his hands. Reference to the statement herewith will show that over $130.00 of donations left by him in the treasury last year has by that means been temporarily diverted from its purpose.

All transactions completed by him have been duly entered in the books of the Corporation, and a full accounting has been made by him to the Corporation for all monies he has handled, except the balance herein reported, either by records made by him as Treasurer, or by receipts for monies since paid by him out of the funds collected.

Question 10th. These special collections not having been covered into the treasury, by what authority can receipts given for the same be accepted as cash for membership fees?

Answer. By authority of Section 1, Article 3, of the Constitution (Art 4 of old constitution) and by the further authority of the council which made them expressly so receivable from any one acceptable as a member.

Besides, they have been covered into the treasury by proper entries in its books for the monies received in 1903, and have been fully reported to the council as contributions by its special representative since that date.

Question 11th. What amount of receipts for donations have been received on membership fees, whose receipts, and for what members?

Answer. On the membership of J. A. Hagstrom receipts of

C. W. Darby $10.00
J. H. Blakeny 18.00
Mary C. Richards ..... 17.00—$45.00

On membership of Jacob W. Braam, receipts of

L. G. Bostedo.....$37.50
Mrs. Jennie L. Monroe ..... 55.30—$92.80

All others have donated on their memberships either cash, boat certificates, land or receipts given to them for cash. The whole amount of transferred receipts making a total of $137.80.

In both of the above cases, the parties using the receipts contracted to make good to the parties furnishing them by future payments to the land fund. Mr. Braam has already paid into my hands for the purpose the sum of $80.30, receipts for which now stand in the name of Mrs. Jennie L. Monroe and L. G. Bostedo. A part of this money has been sent to Mr. White on the land purchase, and the balance is now in the hands of the special representative, ready for transmission to him.

These receipts were purposely made receivable on membership account from any one acceptable as a member, since they represent actual contributions to the land fund. It was thought that these conditions would not only serve to add to our membership many desirable persons, but would facilitate the work of the special representative. Unquestionably, it has been a benefit in both respects.

We believe the Corporation would do itself great discredit were it to refuse to likewise receive contributions of boat certificates on membership account. Such quibbling would be unworthy of a corporation organized for a high purpose, and which has been signally appreciated by friends of the cause which it represents. The boat was built and has been consistently operated in the face of great discouragements, in the interest of this community, and if it has not been a paying proposition to them, it is no fault of those whose contribution made it a possibility for us.

Moreover, if the profits to them have not been substantial, the same cannot be said of the advantages which have flowed from it to Fairhope in an ever-increasing stream since it first began to serve us. The entire cost of the boat would not cover the benefits which it has brought to us. How basely ungrateful, then, would Fairhope be to discriminate in any way against the financial interests in the boat of those who have so loyally supported it, and especially in a matter that does not involve to us either privation or sacrifice. Since the granting of a membership while it allies with us some one interested in our plan does not diminish by one penny the value of the holding of a single lease-holder or lessen the privilege of any other member, it would seem that any such discrimination against boat certificates is a wanton insult to those who have so generously provided to us the means for relief

from transportation monopoly on the bay.

We believe it will be a shameful day for Fairhope when the Corporation in such matters adopts the greedy tactics of frenzied financiers or the fastidious ingratitude of the hardened mendicant. Let us at least show justice to those who have shown generosity to us.

C. E. LITTLEFIELD,
MARIE HOWLAND,
J. BELLANGEE,
Trustees.

List of Donors to Land Fund, through Special Representative J. Bellangee:

W. E. Dickinson	$5.00	Louis Blaul	$10.00	Mrs Monroe	5 00
Geo. P. Smith	1.00	R. F. Powell	53.25	Chas Newburgh	25 00
Wm. J. Ogden	5.00	G. N. Numsen	5.00	Peter Aitkin	20 00
D Bachrach	1 00	John Salmon	10 00	J B Howarth	25 00
Edgar B. Britton	2 00	H. W. Rowland	2 00	R L Atkinson	5 00
John Jenkins	2 00	T. Baedenkoff	5 00	W L Mygett	10 00
J H Ralston	25 00	C F Nesbit	105 00	A C Q for JLM	3 00
F L Siddons	10 00	C E Edgerton	2 50	Mrs J L M	5 00
Cash, Jennie L Monroe	23 50	H W Hetzel	5 00	Alex Veitch	2 00
		Lippincott & Shandrew	10 00	F H Miller	25 00
JACQuisenbury	2 00			R L Atkinson	5 00
J H Blakeny	13 00	L&Shandrew	10 00	Daniel Kiefer	50 00
T M Osborne	10 00	John Moody	25 00	G Q Thornton	95 00
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Mrs Graham	10 00	J B Howarth	5 00	O K Dorn	1 00
L&Shandrew	20 00	Herbert Boggs	25 00	R L Atkinson	84 00
W S Rann	7 50	S C Rogers	50 00	G C Madison	20 00
Horace Sague	5 00	Lawson Purdy	25 00	Bolton Smith	100 00
Bolton Hall	25 00	F L Siddons	15 00	Prof Crunden	10 00
Peter Aitkin	20 00	A G Read	1 00	WH Priesmeyer	20 00
P W Schwander	1 00	J C Porterfield	1 00	Diddie Dion	5 00
Jos Charleston	1 00	Dave Woodhead	1 00	C W Darby	10 00
J J Pastoriza	1 00	O K Dorn	5 00	T P Lyon	95 00
MrsSouthworth	100 00	R S Ganoung	5 00	T A Robinson	30 00
H W Holmes	10 00	John Trix	1 50	Mary Richards	17 00
W F Bien	5 00	J B Howarth	25 00	E P McElwain	10 00
F F Ingram	25 00	L&Shandrew	10 00	T A Robinson	50 00
Golden R Jones	10 00	Chas Simpson	2 50	J B Howarth	25 00
J W Helme	5 00	August Lewis	100 00	J W Braam for L G Bostedo	25 00
L G Bostedo	37 50	Jacob Reitz	100 00		
R C Spencer	50	U A H Greene	3 00	Bolton Hall	50 00
Geo C Madison	10 00	Walter Roebeck	5 00	Mary Richards	8 00
H H Hardinge	6 00	F C Churchill	10 00	J W Braam for J L Monroe	55 30
Wilbur Mosena	5 00	Wm Morphy	10 00		
L&Shandrew	20 00	Read Gordon	25 00		
C S Denman	10 00	Cash, J L M	6 80	Total	$3200 70
Miss Mary Hicks	3 00	Wm Morphy	5 00		
Mrs Graham	20 00	Hon R't Baker	10 00		
Dr M Hussey	100 00	Walter Roebuck	5 00		

Total Collections	$3200.70
For remittance to A. White, received from Treasurer,	30 00
Ditto,	10 00
Total handled by Special Representative	$324070

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

Expenses, first trip	$435 80	
Salary, $1 per day	212 00	$647 80
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Paid for Morphy tract		799 76
Paid on White tract		600 00
Cash in hands of Special Representative for transmission to A. White		74 97
Covered into Treasury, not yet drawn out		135 32
Boat Certificates in hands of Treasurer		540 75
Wharf Certificate cancelled by Treasurer		5 00
Total		$3240 70

The Fairhope Improvement Company.

Fairhope has perhaps never had a more fortunate incident outside its land policy, than was the coming of the Fairhope Improvement Company. It is a joint stock company, chartered under the laws of Alabama, with a capital stock of $25,000, divided into 2500 shares of $10 each. About half the stock has already been subscribed for at par and the money used in the erection of cottages and business houses on the Colony land; which are being sold or rented on easy terms.

The organizer, Mr. R. F. Powell, of Philadelphia, superintendent of the Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation Association and one of our most active single taxers, is a shrewd business man, who fully appreciates the advantages which the Colony land policy affords for the profitable employment of legitimate capital.

Being relieved of all state and county taxes and being able to get all the land that the Company could use, without any purchase price, and in a community where all business enterprise was similarly favored, he saw that it would be much easier for capital to earn a dividend for its owners here than it would be elsewhere, unless enjoying a monopoly of some kind. This being impossible for the many who have only a few dollars each to invest, he saw here an opportunity for them that would return to them a much better dividend than could on the average be had elsewhere and with much less risk. In other words, he had implicit faith in the Single Tax theory—that *equal opportunity* is far better for both labor and capital than is special privilege.

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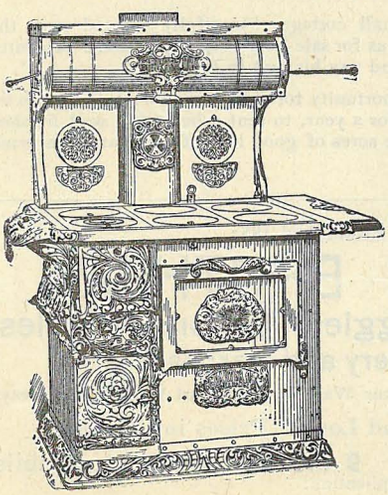
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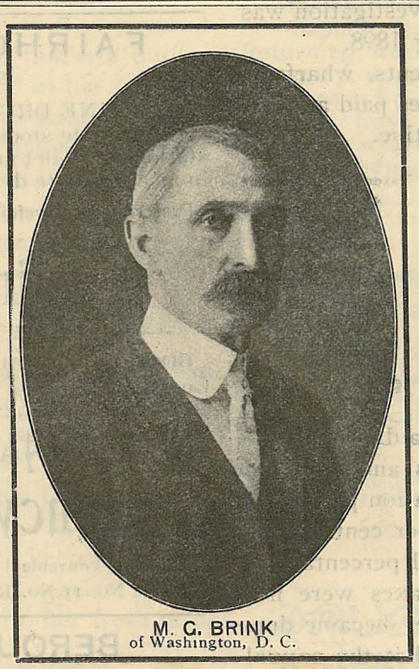
"Orators are Born, not Made."

The members of the Progressive League who braved the cutting north wind last Sunday afternoon, had a rich treat listening to Mr. Brink, who is stopping here a short time studying the workings of his pet theory of progress in actual life.

The speaker makes no claims of or efforts at high-flown oratory, but simple, clear, terse sentences took his hearers' attention from the first, and though his topic, "Single Tax," is a somewhat trite one here, it was presented in such a telling way as to draw as close and intense an interest as if heard for the first time.

In a few stirring sentences he drew the picture of the hideous wrongs that are destroying our social structure by robbing the producers, and in the midst of abounding "progress" is holding thousands of the producers in pitiable, degrading "poverty" well named "wage slavery," while rewarding those "who toil not, neither do they spin," with such surplus of the world's wealth as to destroy them by the very plenitude of luxury, and the decay that always comes with the possession of unearned wealth; thus undermining democratic growth at both ends of the social scale.

Then with a few short, telling words and a few marks on the blackboard, he showed the sin of land monopoly against the laws of nature and just how the great discoverers of economic law had proven, first, the "law of rent," then the great apostle of single tax, the remedy, in a natural law of applying the rental



M. C. BRINK
of Washington, D. C.

value of land, that aggregate society creates, to society's own uses in paying for public utilities.

Then he showed how it would work only benefit and justice to all, by equalizing the opportunities and advantages for all. He made it so clear that even the novice in economic study could see it indisputably, and in a way that would not attack or offend the most conservative of adherents of "things as they are."

In the discussion that followed, and in answer to questions, he showed himself an adept in the problem of "scientific money" and the iniquity of our present paganish financial system, and also a man of wide sympathy with the ideals of all other schools of economic reform. He had an appreciative word for the socialist, the labor union reformer, and the temperance worker; in sharp contrast to the bigotry, "one-ideaness" and intolerance of so many of the advocates of special lines of progressive agitation.

He showed clearly how, under single tax conditions, the waste of competition would be done away, and while the laborer would get from twice to four times the present reward for creative labor, the users of commodities would be able to purchase them at much less than now; that it would do away with degrading poverty and its effect, intemperance, and mostly, if not wholly, with crime.

He made the splendid hit that under single tax we could rejoice at a raise in rental taxes, for it would mean more to spend for the people in public utilities, and general prosperity. His blackboard illustrations, though simple in the extreme, were clear and telling. It was a revelation to see how easy to prove his theories.

Altogether it was an unusually interesting and profitable talk to even the veteran reformers present, and we shall hope to hear the speaker again. We only wish it were possible that he could give his entire time to expounding the wrongs of the present and the high hopes for democratic progress for which the effort at Fairhope stands.

S. H. COMINGS.

"CHRISTMAS GIFT!"

In making up your list of friends to be remembered at the approaching Christmas season, don't forget the COURIER, and remember that nothing will be so appropriate, or so much appreciated as a club of new suscribers.

Reform papers have necessarily, to depend largely upon the support of those interested in the reforms they advocate, for many of the sources of profit open to other papers, are closed to them.

If your own subscription has expired or will in the near future, please make an especial effort to send in your renewal to reach us before Christmas, and, if possible, accompany it with one or more new names.

We give this week some very interesting matter relative to the advantages of Fairhope as a winter resort and place of residence, which was prepared for our special edition, but crowded out.

OUR SPECIAL ISSUE APPRECIATED.

The COURIER force has received many compliments on the special Winter Resort issue. It was not what we would have liked to make it, but we are assured it was a credit to the office and to the town, and believe it will do a great deal of good in attracting people here to share in our unrivalled advantages as a winter resort, especially for people of moderate means. The issue was one of 3,000 copies, and while most of these have already been sent out, we have a few hundred copies yet which we invite the co-operation of our friends in putting "where they will do the most good." Resident Fairhopers, especially, who will all share in the benefit of bringing people here, should come in and get copies to send to friends. Extra copies, wrapped ready for mailing, 5c each.

INTERESTING FIGURES OF COLONY BUSINESS.

At the meeting of the Progressive League, on Sunday, the nineteenth R. F. Powell gave some very interesting figures secured from an examination of the treasurer's books. His investigation was carried back as far as and including 1898.

The following table giving the rents, wharfage, total income from these sources, taxes paid and per cent. of taxes to income, is instructive.

Year	Rents	Wharfage	Total	Taxes Paid	Taxes per cent of Income
1898	$180 29	$261 00	$441 29	$83 15	19
1899	243 14	377 89	621 03	87 12	14
1900	299 40	404 38	703 78	144 04	20
1901	426 13	531 34	993 47	64 08	6½
1902	828 20	708 79	1536 99	228 57	15
1903	934 16	990 36	1924 52	674 00	35
1904	1520 67	1237 06	2757 73	252 48	9
1905*	2058 44	953 89	3012 33	831 85	27.6
Total	$6526 43	$5464 71	$11991 14	$2365 29	20

*Ten months.

It will be noted that the taxes paid (which includes taxes paid on improvements and personal property of lessee, as well as Corporation property) for the eight years, equals twenty per cent. of the income. The variation in the annual percentage is principally due to the fact that taxes were not always paid in the year in which they became due.

It should also be borne in mind that the annual increase in rents, which averages about 48.5 per cent., includes not only the increased valuations on lots under lease, but new lots leased.

Deducting from the total income from rents and wharfage for eight years, the total amount paid in taxes, leaves $9625.88 net revenue expended for the benefit of the people of Fairhope in the eight years.

A very conservative estimate made by Mr. Powell of the value of the Colony property, exclusive of the land, is $5250, which shows the good use made of the Colony's revenue.

Certainly, these figures demonstrate that the Fairhope plan "is working"—and successfully.

Miss Herring on Fairhope's Advantages.

Editor Courier:

I gladly respond to your call for opinions of Fairhope as a winter resort.

Perhaps it would be of interest to have a comparison between Fairhope and Florida—the Mecca of winter tourists. Winter before last I went to Daytona, Florida, at least 200 miles south of Fairhope, expecting to find a climate that would allow me to live outdoors more than I could at Fairhope. I found the climate at Daytona very pleasant, and a few degrees warmer than at Fairhope, but not enough to make any practical difference. When it is cold enough so one must wear heavy winter

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clothing, and sit by a fire when indoors, as is the case in Daytona, a few degrees more or less makes no difference in his comfort.

I have spent winters in other parts of Florida, also in California, but have found no winter climate any more satisfactory than Fairhope.

Then, if one cares for mental, as well as physical pleasures, he will meet more live thinkers during one winter in Fairhope than he will in five years in any resort in the United States. Fairhope has so far shown the most phenomenal ability to attract thinking people from all parts of the world.

Yours sincerely,

Alice G. Herring.

Mr. Lancaster on Benefits Received.

Editor Courier:

I will very readily give you my experience of climate and sanitary conditions in the Fairhope region of Mobile bay during two years of residence.

I came here early in 1904 from Chicago, by the advice of a physician, who told me to live an out-of-door life as much as possible, to be in the sun, to sleep with the windows open, to keep away from swamps, to get near salt water, and to select a locality where milk, eggs, poultry and other fresh meat and fish abounded.

I was cautioned not to go into a tropical region. "You are of Northern lineage, and do not get where no cold wave will ever strike you."

Having acquaintances in Fairhope, I journeyed hither, and in the first six months gained 27 pounds in weight, and expelled from blood and tissue, the obnoxious causes of my immigration.

On approaching Fairhope the first thing noticeable was the unusually high land of the Eastern Shore of the bay, where the town is located, and the very pleasant appearing pine forests that come to the water's edge, unbroken for 20 miles. Some upheaval, or deposit of unique character back in the geological ages, has made a bank 150 feet above tide of hard sand and rock; something unusual on the Gulf coast, and which stretches inland for miles, making an ideal drainage, so that swamps are unknown.

The whole region is covered with forests of pine without much undergrowth, producing air delightful to stroll in. Mosquitoes are in evidence, but nowhere a pest; snakes, rats and other undesirable tenants are few in number. The city of Mobile is 15 miles away on the opposite shore, with boat connections daily.

There is an almost total absence of malaria. The prevailing winds are westerly, crossing the salt water of the bay, and the elevation carries the breathing people into pure air, so that nothing of a sultry character, no dead tropical heat is experi-

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I am told by those who adopt that method that tent life here is a success, the women enjoying a moderate amount of it; the canvass should be waterproof, since the arid conditions of our western regions do not obtain here.

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The population is mostly from the North, law-abiding and intelligent, and for one who desires to get close to the atmosphere with a minimum of traveling expenses, and without getting out of the States, I can advise with confidence a removal to this town of Fairhope. Yours very truly,

I. Lancaster.

From One of Last Year's Visitors.

Farmington, Mich., November 10, 1905.

Editor Courier:

It gives me great pleasure to add my mite to the symposiums to be published in your paper in the near future. The interest in the work of the Colony, aroused in my mind during the week I spent at Fairhope last May has never lessened, but has increased, and I think I am getting others interested. I am looking very anxiously for the time to come for my next visit. My interest was not wholly in the place, but also the kind reception accorded me by the people I met and the acquaintances I made led me to say that I had met some of the finest people of the South. Some of the friendships of those days will remain with me as long as time lasts. Fairhope and its friends have a very warm place in my heart. Wishing you success in all your efforts,

I am, yours for the right,

Frances R. Riley.

Looks Back To Her Stay In Fairhope.

Fruitdale, Ala., November 17, 1905.

Editor Courier:

I look back to my winter in Fairhope as one of the most pleasant of my life. I think what I enjoyed most was the superior intelligence of the majority of her citizens, and the hospitality and courtesy which they extended to the "stranger within their gates."

Cordie B. Read.

OPEN AIR TREATMENT FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

The great benefit to consumptives from being in the open air is now universally recognized. Even in the Northern states of the United States, open air camps have been established, where patients sleep in tents and spend all the time possible in the open air, even in way below zero weather, enduring great discomforts.

The following extract from a report of United States Consul Mabin, at Nottingham, England, telling of excellent results in open air treatment, will be of interest:

"The open air treatment for consumptives has been initiated in this consular district with successful results. Three years ago a sanitarium was established in this county on elevated ground, with Southern aspect, at the edge of a forest. It is primarily for persons of limited means or none at all, and is therefore supported mainly by contributions from philanthropic people. The cases of consumption in this district are chiefly among the poor, and these can only be reached through charitable institutions. . . . About 200 patients have passed through the Nottingham sanitorium since it was founded. Of these, the disease was arrested in about 25 per cent., great improvement was reported in about 30 per cent., some improvement in 25 per cent., 'stationary' was reported for 10 per cent., while the remainder grew worse. No deaths are so far reported. Altogether this record is considered good, in view of the fact that most of the patients are in advanced stages of the disease."

The great advantage of our climate and location is that our warm and sunny days invite one outdoors, and make rambles through the woods and along the bay shore delightfully pleasant and inspiring.

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EDITOR COURIER.

I am pleased to say that as a result of my three win-

ters in the salubrious climate of Fairhope, I have almost forgotten the troubles of sore throat, catarrh, and rheumatics, that were a burden in the north each winter, and so growing worse and worse, as to be a menace to all activity, and a trial grievous to be borne, before coming here.

IF ONLY we could have government ownership of railways so people could come down at any reasonable cost, this whole plateau of high land on our beautiful Bay Mobile, would be covered with the winter homes of people, who would come to enjoy our "six months of Indian summer" made even more delightful than the short northern edition, by the happy combination of sea breezes and fragrance from the piney-woods.

S. H. COMINGS.

OUR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

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We have often of late, referred to the superior educational advantages at Fairhope.

We have just learned that our friends, the Comings, have sent for a kindergarten outfit. While in correspondence with a number of teachers along this line, the special one who wants to come south to live permanently has not yet appeared. The prospect is that a kindergarten school will find an ample patronage in the summer, from the many families that come here for summer season and in winter, from our northern friends. And the more so as an effort is on foot to induce many families to come specially for this and the school garden privileges, that Mr. Freeman has in charge.

The prospect for the attendance at the industrial school under Miss Lyon is all the time improving. Many inquiries are coming in from widely diverging points in the county and state. We have high hopes of its proving one of the great attractions of our progress.

The schools and the academy are doing splendid work, and the several clubs and Progressive League, and School of Philosophy, all tend to lead to aggresive thinking along a widely varied line of research. Colonel Daniels' steropticon lectures promise to add a most valuable feature to the culture to be attained by a sojourn among us; aside from the constant lesson to be learned from the essential philosophy of our whole effort at social progress which is the end and aim of our building, the only single tax town in the world.

A Philanthrophist Who Thinks.

Mr. Lee K. Frankel, manager of the Hebrew charities of New York City, in a report made to the state conference of charities and corrections, shows that his study of the poverty problem has not been to no purpose. He says:

"It cannot be gainsaid that one of the important causes which lead to dependency is the impossibility on the part of many well-intentioned individuals of earning a livelihood under our present economic and industrial system. So long as it is impossible for a wage earner to earn sufficient to keep up the proper standard of living, so long will there be recrudescences of poverty and its attendant pauperism, and all efforts of a remedial and preventive nature, all efforts in the direction of improving conditions in which so many unfortunates live, will be useless. It must be assumed in the treatment of this problem that human nature has not changed, and that there is still an instinctive desire of nearly all human beings to remain independent of philanthropic effort."

The recognition of the fact that industrial conditions are such that many are forced into a condition of helpless poverty despite their best efforts, is the first step toward a solution of the problem. And how can any one fail to see that the bulk of the world's work is done by men whose wages are so meagre that they are always perilously near the pauper line and hundreds of thousands of whom are being continually thrust over it by no fault of their own?

An Interesting Study for Single Taxers.

It is announced by *Everybodys Magazine*, that they have sent their special correspondent, C. E. Russell, to Europe and New Zealand, to write up the successful steps in progressive democracy in all those countries.

Mr. Russell is the writer whose articles on the beef trust, have been appearing in *Everybodys* for the past few months, and his probings have been of most intense interest to all the people who have begun to see that as monopolies grow fat the producers of wealth grow lean.

Mr. Russell in a most able, and statesmanlike foreword in the current issue tells his concepts of the present situation as to corruption in politics and business and that the American people demand an effective remedy, and he goes to study the success of the voluntary cooperative Rochdale stores, the peoples' banks, and other prominently successful modes of cooperation in Europe; the Goverment owned railway systems, and municipal plants, that are doing so much for the people. And then he goes on to New Zealand, to study their methods for adapting the ideals of Single Tax, labor arbitration, and all the progressive ways of this land which Henry D. Lloyd called "Newest England" and the "most democratic nation on earth."

The report of his studies there will be of special interest to all Single Taxers, for they have adopted some original methods of combatting land monopoly, not laid down by the great author of the idea that land monopoly was in reality the fundamental wrong of our economic system. They have also gone to extreme measures along the line of public ownership and co-operation in various ways, a report on which from the pen of Mr. Russell will be of absorbing interest. S. H. COMINGS.

Citronelle will sympathize very sincerely with Fairhope in the loss of their splendid little steamer, the "Fairhope," which burned while lying at the wharf early Wednesday morning. Above the water line the vessel is entirely destroyed, though much of the machinery is said to be uninjured. At this writing the cause of the fire is not known. The Fairhope has been of great service to the energetic little colony, and we trust they will soon be able to have another boat in commission. —*Citronelle Call.*

Another $150 has been paid on the option on the beautiful White tract, reducing the amount due upon it to $300. Mr. Bellangee is giving this matter his close attention and hopes to round up funds enough to complete the payment very soon.

The organization of Mershon Bros.' store into a stock corporation is being rapidly completed. Several people have already expressed a desire for shares. Modern stock corporations are the most popular, progressive and satisfying co-operative companies. Each shareholder participates in the profits in proportion to the amount of stock he holds, so that as fast as the thrifty individual saves ten dollars (the price of one share) it begins to earn much more than the two or three percent in the savings bank. While the stock being transferable can at any time be disposed of should the holder ever desire to withdraw.

New people are arriving almost daily.

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Good shingles at cut prices at Will Stimpson's yard, also some of the best siding ever brought to Fairhope.

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W. E. Sweet is in receipt of a pair of thoroughbred O. I. C. pigs from Illinois, also some Rhode Island Red chickens.

The COURIER force is indebted to Colonel Daniels, for some delicious apples and pears he brought with him from Washington.

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The a la carte dining service at the Fairhope House, grows in favor because the best the markets afford is served fresh and in good style, at reasonable prices.

Mrs. W. E. Sweet is entertaining her father Mr. J. D. Strattan of Kewanee, Ill., who arrived this week to spend the winter. He is thinking of locating permanently in Fairhope.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. S. H. Comings on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 3 P. M. Mr. Comings will address the meeting. Subject: "Regulation vs. Prohibition." A social hour will follow. The public is invited.

Mr. A. J. Wolf, of Seattle, Washington, arrived on Thursday evening and is investigating conditions, with a view to locating. He is a single taxer of long standing, enjoying a personal acquaintance with most of the men prominent in the movement, and has followed the history of Fairhope closely during several years past. We hope he will decide to locate with us.

Rev. Mrs. Oliver will speak at the Christian church on Sunday morning.

Colonel Daniels will address the Progressive League on Sunday afternoon at three.

Miss Ivy Powell followed the silver wedding anniversary reception of her parents with a party to a lot of her young friends on the evening following.

Mr. C. K. Brown returned on Sunday morning from his brief trip accompanying his daughter Mrs. Leach, to her home in the Indian Territory. He did not know until his arrival in Mobile, of the fire in the Brown Block.

Mr. Wilmer P. Hoopes of Bynum, Maryland, arrived on Dec. 1, with intent to make his home in Fairhope. He is a young man familiar with both the dairy business and fruit growing, and will probably try the latter in combination with poultry raising. Mr. Hoopes first heard of Fairhope through Mr. Powell.

Dr. Cottle asks to have his COURIER address changed from Marshalltown, Iowa, to Monrovia, California, and says: "We have decided to go west this winter but still retain our good memories of Fairhope and may return south later, if California weather is not agreeable"

The many Fairhopers who recollect pleasantly Dr. Rufus H. Bartlett, and family, of Chicago, will regret to hear of the Doctor's death, which occurred at his home in Chicago, on Nov. 21. He was prominent as a physician and in other ways, and was in his 50th year. He held a lease of land in Fairhope for several years.

The Fairhope House, overlooking the bay, has a charming location with beautiful scenery. It stands upon the bluff and gets the delightful soft breezes from sea and forests of pine. It is serenaded by Nature's winged chorus led by the mocking bird; and has full view of gorgeous sunsets, too sublime to describe, but never to be forgotten.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sellers, their son and daughter, of Green Mountain, Iowa, and Mrs. Seller's father, Mr. Henry Moeller, of Marshalltown, Iowa, arrived on Wednesday evening for the winter. They have taken rooms with Dr. Atkinson. We are indebted to the good report on Fairhope of Mr. and Mrs. Summers for the coming of this family.

The latest development in the steamboat transportation line is the inauguration of a direct Mobile—Fairhope service by the Eastern Shore Transportation Company, with its big iron-hulled side-wheel steamer, the Louis Dolive. With excellent business judgment, the company has placed the steamer in command of Captain John Foster, so long in command of the lamented steamer Fairhope and so deservedly popular with her patrons. The steamer made her first trip in the service yesterday. Though not as fast as the Fairhope, the Dolive, with the advantage of the direct run, is easily the first boat to arrive at either end of the line. She also carries the Fairhope mail, which gives us our mail much earlier in the evening.

Announcement.

I wish to announce to the public and my friends, especially, that I am no longer in the employ of Mr. Creswell, but, beginning Saturday, Dec. 9, will be with Mershon Brothers, where I will be glad to see and serve them. H. P. CLARK.

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Dr. H. S. Greeno returned on Thursday evening, from attendance upon the Masonic Grand Lodge at Montgomery.

Mr. A. Worrill of La Porte City, Ind., who has been a reader of the COURIER for some time, arrived on Thursday evening.

The exhibit and sale of the Arts and Crafts Society will be held in the hall Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, Dec. 8 and 9. Do not fail to attend.

Notice.

Members and lessees of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation are invited to meet with the Executive Council on next Monday evening., Dec. 11th, to confer regarding water works, fire protection, and a footbridge across Stack's gully.

Fire Department Organized.

There was quite a good attendance at the meeting on Tuesday evening, and an organization of a volunteer fire department effected with the following officers: J. M. Pilcher, president; Dr. H C. Borst, vice president; Edward Worcester, secretary; Dr. C. L. Mershon, treasurer, and E. D. Brann, chief. A committee to draft a constitution and by-laws was appointed, consisting of Dr. Borst, Messrs. Trenholme and Sweet.

An entertainment committee was also appointed, consisting of A. M. Dealy, Charles Stearns, Dr. G. A. Sheldon, Wm. Call and Mr. Clark, to arrange for a series of entertainments to be held for the purpose of raising funds to secure the equipment needed to fight fires effectively. A lecture by Colonel R. M. Daniels will probably be the first of such entertainments and will be given in the near future.

The new organization is well officered and we predict will be of great service to the community.

Silver Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

The beautiful and hospitable home of the Powells, was the scene on Wednesday evening of a brilliant social gathering, the occasion being the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Powell.

This excellent and deservedly esteemed couple, looking exceedingly well and happy, after their quarter-century pilgrimage together, received the most sincere and hearty congratulations of their host of friends. They were also the recipients of many handsome presents in the appropriate metal.

The genial host and hostess, assisted by their charming daughter, Miss Ivy, made everyone feel perfectly at home. Light refreshments were served and in the late evening the carpet in the dining-room was removed and dancing indulged in by those who wished.

It was an occasion long to be remembered and deserves a fuller report than our time and space now permit.

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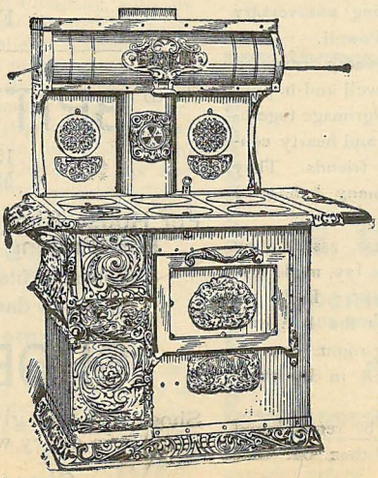
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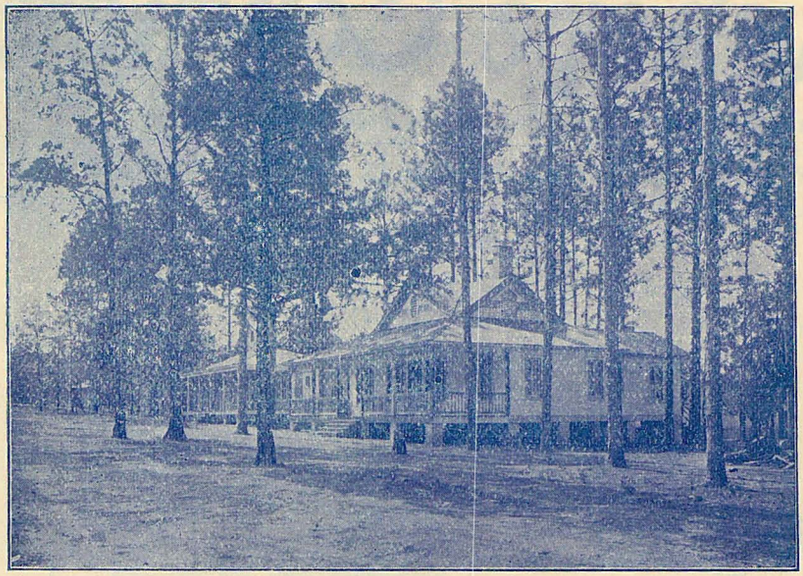
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Fairhope is now a well established Single Tax Colony, wherein EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL TO THE USE OF THE EARTH ARE MAINTAINED, and on that account is a most profitable field for legitimate business enterprises. It is now but a village, but its advantages of location and policy are certain to make it a large and prosperous community.

The location of the town is an ideal one, being the highest and therefore the healthiest and most pleasant seaside resort on the Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico coast between New Jersey and the mouth of the Rio Grande river, and one of the finest market garden sections of the South. It is not only an ideal home site for settlers and winter resort for Northern tourists, but is also a delightful summer resort for people living in the interior cities of Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, and Louisiana.

As the community grows in wealth and population, the rental value of its lands will, of course, grow, and the number and extent of public services which are elsewhere paid for by taxation, will be even greater in this community whose inhabitants have no taxes to pay, than in much larger cities whose businesses are burdened and checked by heavy taxation.

The Fairhope business man has absolutely no state or local taxes to pay. He can, therefore, outstrip his competitors elsewhere as easily as a riderless horse can distance a horse that carries a heavy burden: hence business is bound always to be more profitable here than elsewhere.

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation is extending its land area as rapidly as it can, through membership fees and contributions for the purpose. But the plan of the Fairhope Improvement Company is to accomplish practically the same net result by adding to the value of the land already owned by the Single Tax Corporation and at the same time make an investment which will yield a good net profit to the Company's members.

Land values in towns and cities usually exceed the value of the buildings and improvements contained therein, and to add improvements for which there is a demand and profitable use, and which will, therefore, attract and accommodate a larger population, is to add to the bare land a value which will generally exceed the cost of the improvements.

The Fairhope Improvement Company is incorporated under the laws of Alabama, and is authorized by its charter to carry on the business of builders, contractors, etc. Its capital stock is $25,000, divided into 2,500 shares of $10 each.

Subscriptions have already been made to the amount of $15,000, and buildings have been erected and other investments made which, notwithstanding this is only the end of the first year since it was organized, show a net profit of over 6 per cent. to the stockholders, after deducting all the cost of organization and extra expenses of starting a new business.

The expenditure of this sum has added probably a like amount to the value of the land of the Single Tax Corporation. The members of the Fairhope Improvement Company have thus, while making a profitable investment, practically contributed a like amount to the most effective Single Tax propoganda work being done in the world tody.

All who approve of the objects sought to be attained by this Company, are most respectfully invited to co-operate in pushing it forward. Subscriptions for stock can be sent in in any amount from $10 up. Certificates of stock will immediately issue.

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MEETING OF THE MEMBERS AND LESSEES.

Adopts Plan for Water Works.--Recommends $200 Appropriation for Silver Hill-Robertsdale Road, Etc. Action Ratified by the Council on the Evening Following.

There was a quite a fair attendance, though not as good as there should have been of the members and lessees of the corporation on Monday evening to consider the matters of waterworks, fire protection and the footbridge over Stark's gully.

The meeting voted to recommend to the Council to repair the preesnt footbridge across the gully and put a railing along the edge of the gully at the approach to the bridge. Also, that the ceiling of the public hall be completed as begun.

The plan for securing a waterworks system, reported by the waterworks committee was adoopted after considerable discussion.

This plan provides for having the system built and managed by a board of water trustees, three in number, to be appointed by the executive council, subject to a referendum to the resident members and lessees who are subscribers to the waterworks fund.

As much of the capital for the system as possible, to be secured by a charge for connection with the mains; a charge of $50 for a house of five rooms or less and $5 for each additional room, being recommended, also proportionate charges for business houses. The water trustees to be authorized to borrow additional capital needed, with the approval of the Council, securing repayment of the same with interest, by pledge of the plant and its revenues; and also to fix the charges for the use of water with the approval of the Council. The plan also provides for the appropriation by the corporation from its revenues of at least $200 annually to be placed in the hands of the trustees and to be considered as partial payments upon the system. When the obligations assumed by the trustees are discharged, the system is to be turned over to the corporation.

The meeting also voted unanimously to recommend to the Council an appropriation of $200 for a first class road to Silver Hill and Robertsdale, provided those towns would raise $300 between them, and a reasonable appropriation would be made by the County Commissioners.

At the council meeting on the evening following the members and lessees meeting, the council appointed as water trustees, Messrs. Stimpson, Rose and Pilcher.

The Council also acted upon the other suggestions of the meeting with regard to the Silver Hill-Robertsdale road, the bridge across the gully and the ceiling of the hall.

Of Interest to Hunters.

Maurice and Thad Stapleton and Frank Davis are on a "Camp Hunt" about nine miles above Daphne, and on Monday shipped to Mobile three deer and sold one in Daphne. Two of them were bucks weighing about 150 pounds apiece. They had also up to that time killed 125 quail. This will interest those who write frequently to know if there is any game in this section.

Mobile's Land Values Rapidly Increasing, But Collected for Private Benefit.

The Mobile Register reports the sale of eighty acres of land in the suburbs of Mobile for division among the joint owners, and says:

"But a few years ago this whole tract could have been obtained for less than $1,000. The bidding yesterday commenced at $15,000, a prominent investor from Illinois being among the bidders. From that figure the price was gradually raised until the property was finally knocked down to Mr. J. Howard Wilson at $26,000. It is stated that the tract will be laid off into lots, and put on the market for residence purposes, and as the trend of the city is in that direction the property is considered cheap at the price."

Here is an increase of over 2600 per cent in a few years with a prospect of a like increase in another like period, and this, in a staid old town like Mobile.

We hear no complaint that the fortunate owners of this property should reap in a few years, without effort on their part, a sum sufficient to enable them to live the balance of their days without labor and in greater comfort than can be hoped for by the average laborer, working steadily; but, judging by some of our experiences, there would be a great howl should a like amount of land values be collected for the public benefit.

An Interesting Visitor.

Fairhope has a very interesting visitor in the person of Mr. Gustav Buscher, of Zurich, Switzerland. Mr. Buscher is a young man, a single taxer and deeply interested in sociological movements, and his visit to this country is for the purpose of studying social conditions and movements—the single tax particularly. He will probably spend several months at Fairhope, and, we are glad to say, expresses himself as greatly pleased with what has been accomplished here. He likes our location better than any he has seen since leaving Switzerland. He will doubtless contribute some articles, giving his impressions of Fairhope to European land reform journals, by several of which he has been requested so to do.

N. O. Nelson Extends Sympathy.

My Dear Mr. Gaston:

I wish to express my sincerest sympathy with the sufferers by the burning of the Fairhope. I can only hope that it has so far performed its mission as to introduce regular service, which possibly may be as cheap and as good as a boat owned at the colony. The two fires together certainly look calamitous.

Yours Very truly, N. O. NELSON.

St. Louis, December 1, 1905.

"TIDES OF SOCIAL PROGRESS."

The Progressive League had another rare treat last Sabbath from the veteran educator and reformer, Colonel Daniels, whose somewhat extended remarks held the hearers in most intense attention from the first, as he compared the movements of reforms and progress to the rymthic movements of the resistless tide of the sea as it swings now for-

ward and now backward, and all the time writing indelible pages in the history of the race, even as old ocean has left its story in the strata of the earth crust.

It was a new story to most that there was so strong a movement against land monopoly so early as 1848, and that the grand apostle of true Democracy, Thomas Jefferson, at that early date saw all the wrongs of private ownership of the land or any of the free gifts of the Creator to the race in general.

One point made emphatically was that the wrongs of Chattel Slavery were not worst against the African race, but as usual, the wrong doer, or the white race suffered the most in moral degeneracy, from the wrong doing to the less fortunate race, who were thus started towards a beter chance for civilization and taken from even worse conditions in the dark continent.

A most telling and suggestive reference was made to the history of "Grand Old Nehemiah," who stood out as one of the earliest reformers on record as an "Anti-Monopolist," who was not afraid to tell the plain truth to the "men of money" who were oppressing the poor in that early day, even as is done now, by their direct successors the "privileged class."

There is ample material for several "threshings over" in discussion to follow, and it is hoped the Colonel will favor the people again soon with pages from his well stored memory of the "Tides of Progress" that have swept our country during his very active, and always progressive life work; and the hopes that now animate his work in perhaps the most essential fundamental of all reforms. S. H. C.

A neighbor owning land adjoining the Colony, quite gratified one of the Courier staff the other day, by commending the Colony plan, generally and highly. He had a good orthodox answer to make to almost everyone of the objections that are brought against the Colony's policy. He particularly approved the exemption of improvements from taxation and took no stock whatever in the claim that our plan of paying the taxes on improvements out of the land rentals "made the poor man pay the rich man's taxes."

"The fellow that pays these taxes," he said, "is the fellow who holds a lot more land than he makes goods use of." We doubt not that the object lesson afforded by Fairhope—and the pages of the Courier, have largely influenced this neighbor's views.

Some Big Potatoes.

We have some sweet potatoes on exhibition at the Courier office, three of which weight 18 1-2 lbs. They were grown by George M. Bancroft without an ounce of commercial fertilizer and he estimates the field will yield at the rate of at least 200 bushels to the acre. These extra large ones are not very smooth, having cracked open in their rapid growth, but the eating quality is all right. They are of the "Dooley" or "pumpkin yam" variety, the favorite potato in this section. Stable manure was the only fertilizer used. They were planted about July 1st.

Subscribes for Another Steamer.

That persistent and zealous friend of Fairhope, Mr. Alex. Veitch, of Saint Louis, sends us $5 toward another steamer *Fairhope*. Mr. Veitch's generous interest is heartily appreciated, but we think we will have to return his $5, or recommend some other use for it for the benefit of the Colony. Mr. Gaston, at any rate, feels that he has "had enough" in the steamboat line.

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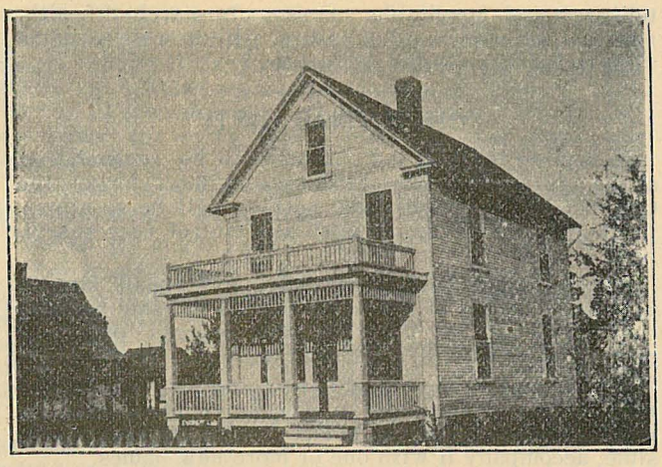
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Last winter Mr. E. D. Brann came to Fairhope from Minneapolis, having heard from relatives glowing accounts of our wonderful climate. He liked Fairhope, decided to stay with us, and began to look around for something to do.

The COURIER office needed an addition and Mr. Brann was the successful bidder for the job. He finished the addition promptly on time, and made it just the way we wanted it. He threw in a few extras on the finish, so that everybody who came in accused us of throwing on considerable style!

The next thing Mr. Brann knew he had three contracts on hand at once—a cabin for Ned Dougherty, a story-and-a-half cottage for Miss. Haworth, and a very neat two-story house for Mrs. Coulter.

He completed these jobs on time and in a thoroughly workmanlike manner. In fact, his best friends in the community are those he has completed contracts for, and that is high praise for a contractor.

We reproduce a photograf of Mrs. Coulter's residence with this article, and only wish an interior view was obtainable, for the finish is artistic and original. This summer Mr. Brann completed a large contract on a farm some miles back of Fairhope, and he is now completing a neat residence for Mr. Ahrens of Chicago, tn town. He has other contracts in sight, and is always ready to figure and advise with those intending to build homes here.

Mr. Brann's success is due to the old combination of the man who can do things coming where there are tbings to be done. He is a man of wide experience, is the chief of our fire depariment, and is a decided addition to the business and social life of Fairhope.

The Curtis Restaurant.

The public will be pleased to know that a genuine old-fashioned Christmas dinner will be served at the Curtis restaurant, turkey and cranberry sauce, pumpkin and mince pies, etc., to be just like mother used to make. The price will be 50c. per plate, which is cheaper than the average family can get up a Christmas dinner, besides being much easier on the women folks.

Fairhope can well be proud of the pretty Curtis Restaurant, now that the improvements are completed. The large, well lighted dining room, the neat rooms for transient guests, and, above all, the excellent service, are features the public is appreciating more and more every day. The pies, cakes and other bakery goods are excellent, and short orders are served any time from 15c. up. Many people drop in just before dinner any day and take home a quart ot soup, and on Saturday baked beans are a feature.

Every Saturday evening the young people gather in the large dining room and enjoy a merry dance, ice-cream and cake being served for 10c. and excellent music being furnished free of charge.

Mrs. Curtis and her son Rolland, will certainly score a success in their business venture, as they are progressive in their management and working hard to give the public a thorougly up-to date restaurantand bakery service.

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High, dry and healthfully located, it stands preeminently the queen of all other pleasure resorts in the south. The Mershon Merchandising Company, whose special announcement appears on the last page of this issue, is on the ground and grasping the opportunity. The business is well established. Its success is assured.

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The liberal patronage of our local advertisers has required the addition of four pages to the COURIER this week. This edition is of 2,500 copies.

Mr. C. W. Thomas of the *Citronelle Call* came down on last Sunday with Mr. Bert Fisher, a contractor and builder of his town to investigate Mr. Littlefield's cement block manufactory. They saw the write-up in the special issue of the COURIER and were much interested. Of course Mr. Thomas and the COURIER man also embraced the opportunity for an exchange of compliments and experiences.

The COURIER considers the prospect excellent for securing the much needed water-works system. While the plan adopted at the meeting on Monday evening, reported elsewhere, may not meet with the approval of everyone, we believe it furnishes a basis upon which with slight amendments, this important public service can be secured. And the board of water trustees selected by the Council is an excellent one. Without disparagement of any of the gentlemen named, however, we regret that Mr. Mogg was not given a place upon the board. He seems to us peculiarly qualified for the place and we hope a way will be found to make use of his business ability, practical knowledge along this line, and enthusiasm. He would make an ideal superintendent of construction, and with the counsel of the trustees, would see that we would get the worth of our money.

Compliments for Our Special Issue.

The FAIRHOPE COURIER comes to our desk this week a 16 page "Special Winter Resort Edition" and it is indeed a credit to Brother Gaston. The paper is full of reading matter descriptive of the advantages of Fairhope as a winter resort.—*Citronelle Call.*

The FAIRHOPE COURIER reaches us, more paper than usual and on a grade suitable for half tone cuts, telling and illustrating the many advantages of that place as a winter resort and as a residence town. Bro. Gaston is always doing something of the kind to push his town along. —*Baldwin Times.*

The FAIRHOPE COURIER has issued a special winter resort edition that makes entirely justified claims for the attention of winter travelers. Fairhope is a well conducted, clean, healthy town, situated on the bay, and enjoying a fine winter climate. The people are intelligent and hospitable. Persons in search of health, rest and the enjoyment of nature, will do well to pay a visit to Fairhope.—*Mobile Register.*

"CHRISTMAS GIFT!"

In making up your list of friends to be remembered at the approaching Christmas season, don't forget the COURIER, and remember that nothing will be so appropriate, or so much appreciated as a club of new susbcribers.

Reform papers have necessarily, to depend largely upon the support of those interested in the reforms they advocate, for many of the sources of profit open to other papers, are closed to them.

If your own subscription has expired or will in the near future, please make an especial effort to send in your renewal to reach us before Christmas, and, if possible, accompany it with one or more new names.

EFFECT ON LAND VALUES OF OPENING A NEW STREET.

Of course the sweeping away of the old and the construction of the new has driven up the values of the sites to enormous heights. Craven House, which stands on the line of route of the Council's operations, is an example in point. Its site was originally occupied by an old house and some ground which brought in £150 per annum. These have now given way to Craven House, and the new lessees of the site pay £1000 per annum.

Mr. Young states that site values along the line of route have actually risen 400 or 500 per cent. Indeed, property which he bought at the rate of 6d per foot per annum has now been let at 4s. 6d.—nine times the original price. Of course all the adjoining property has risen enormously. Property in the neighbourhood of Clare Market has increased more than 100 per cent. in value since the new street was begun. In fact all the neighbouring properties off the line of route have more than doubled themselves in value. This is not a mere statement. It is proved by actual dealings.—*Morning Leader*, London.

Library Notes.

The annual meeting of the Library Association of Alabama has just been held in Mobile. One of the prominent subjects discussed was: "How to interest laboring men in Public Libraries." All the librarians in the state have been appealed to, to help solve this question.

One of them contributes this:—"In my opinion the average laboring man cannot become interested in public libraries by offering him free reading matter, nor by appeals to his ambition for a more intellectual or nobler life. He is too much handicapped by poverty, family responsibilities, lack of early training by competent teachers, and the growing sense that he is wronged somehow in the economical adjustments of society. The average working man like all else in the universe, must obey the law of attraction Hearing the current news of the labor question discussed by his peers, or by his superiors, perhaps, in the open air, in barrooms, and in northern latitudes around the heater of the village store, attracts him more than do the best of books.

"In my opinion our public libraries should be the first among educational institutions, and it would be wise to use their funds freely for the benefit of the average working man and woman. For example for good stereopticon lectures upon scientific wonders of nature which can always be made comprehensible and lead on to the love of study that can rarely be developed from books.

"The most primary scientific works are of little help, as a rule, to one knowing how to read and write imper-

fectly and stumblingly. Hence the average reader seldom calls for anything in his public library but story books. Every library record shows that the principal call is for novels, not works of science, history, etc. Patrons of libraries obey their *attractions*, which are invariably to works that amuse and that they can understand.

"Let educators learn the simple lesson of the kindergarden system: *Awaken interest by attraction.*"

The writer might have put the answer in this way:

"Let libraries open kindergartens for grown up people. It is primary instruction that we need, having been cheated of it in our childhood. Made to study books when we were literally suffering to see, to understand, to do things. One of the most effective aids to the kindergarten method of teaching is the stereopticon.

Stereopticon lectures always attract, even when commonplace. Especially are they adapted to instruct the young, not by "a mass of many images crowded like waves" upon the brain, but by giving time for studying each picture and for questions by the teacher after the Socratic method.

One of the most childish notions is that we can have a "finished education." None but an ignoramus would ever think of using the term. We cannot in a lifetime finish the learning of one science. Life is all too short to learn the mysteries of one single subject. It is our stupendous ignorance of the simple things about us which makes us delight to grapple with subjects that we know little or nothing about. With a show of learning we may discuss the most abstruse subjects, since we can comfort ourselves with the certainty that others know as little as we, and so we may sail and soar in the empyrean of utter darkness. But when we come to know things that we would share with others and long to teach them we grow impatient of the time wasted in that Empyrean.

M. Howland.

Tired of Life.

The German consul stationed at Washington is authority for the statement that 70,000 persons take their own lives in Europe every year, and that of these Germany's portion is 11,000. During the last 10 years according to the same authority there have been 113,545 self-murdered, which is almost three times the number of soldiers killed outright in the Franco-Prussian war.

The same dispatch reveals the fact that this mania for self murder is due to the adversities attendant upon commercial and industrial life.

The latter observation is a noteworthy one. Students of industrial and social conditions are quite at one upon the question of the causes of suicide. They know from observation and investigation that the great majority of those who find the burdens of life too heavy to bear are the unemployed, or if employed, who receive an inadequate wage.

In the light of these facts concerning the question of suicide is not the problem of providing better and freer conditions for making a living, the most important that can engage our attention?

Do you wonder that there are some who are constantly preaching reform, pleading for an improved industrial and social system?—Rochester, Pa. *Commoner.*

The Final Plunge.

It was an eminent philosopher, and an able student of history and world movements, who expressed his fears for the result of wrong conditions, in these somewhat startling words, nearly a century since. "I seem to see modern civilization, with ever accelerating pace, approaching the brink of the precipice, over which it must finally plunge to remediless ruin."

When we read of all the verified accounts of the graft and corruption in business and political life, it does seem as if the brink of the precipice of ruin is now so near as to be able to measure its probable nearness. And when such men as Rockefeller predict that within a very few years there will be six to ten millions of men out of employment, we may well remember the word of the seer we quote.

The increased intelligence and close organization of the toilers whose labor has created all the abundant wealth we see on every hand, with the antagonisms of capital that have burst the bounds of peaceful settlement every year for twenty years, all indicate the near coming end of the social order, founded on monopoly and special privilege to the few, who have so cruelly misappropriated the privileges they have secured and held against the rights and interests of the many.

To overthrow the tyranny of oppressive monopolies and save our country will require the united, determined opposition of every one who at all believes in "the square deal." There was never so loud a call for patriotic endeavor as now. S. H. Comings.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Dec. 4th.—You who pity me so much, dear Geiger, for having to live at the "Pines" all alone, would have been reassured could you have seen the "detachment" from the League yesterday, who came hurriedly, for the sun was near setting, from the auditorium after the meeting to help me protect my choicest plants from the threatening frost. I first appealed to the comrade nearest to me That happened to be Mr. Freeman who assented in the kindest manner; then comrades Bancroft, Trenholme, Paton and Col. Daniels who, mind you, came to dine with me with Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Dwelly, her mother. These actually waited in the dark in the library while Col. D. and the rest of us worked with all our combined might to dig up, carry into the cold pit or "peg down" and cover up the rest with earth, Kaffir corn stalks and other "trash." I was so glad, as the day darkened, when I could tell these good friends that my soul was satisfied, and that I would excuse them. I was ashamed to thank them, the favor was so great, especially as they all had on their nice clothes, and the kind help made all late for their evening meal. But how glad I was to think I could sleep in peace without the slow agony of the thought that my tender plants and little trees—ponderosa lemons, oleanders, etc., were struggling with the freezing north wind. To live among such good people I felt was almost a compensation for being the "widow and the fatherless!"

After the task was finished, I quickly got the "frijoles" (baked beans *a la Mexique*) on the table, the cucumbers peeled and dressed, (the Japanese climbing kind, which I grew and which were the very acme of crispness and tenderness and flavor), and the "fat" apple pie warming in the oven. We also had custards, chocolate, nuts and fruit. Mr. Bellangee spent the evening with us. He and the Colonel talked of apples, sweet potato culture, industries for Fairhope, etc. They are both good colloquists, and neither seemed able to express a tithe of what was pressing for utterance.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A Merry Christmas at Mershon Bros.'

Best box candy for Christmas. A. M. Dealy and Co.

Frank Creswell got back into his old quarters on Tuesday.

Something new in burnt wood souvenir postals at A. M. Dealy & Co.'s.

Rosemond China will make an elegant Christmas present for your wife. Found at Mershon Bros.'

Good line of skirts made in the latest styles; pleated, well tailored and ample proportions at Mrs. Call's $1.00 to $3 50.

Kimonos; Persian patterns in flannelette, warm and rich. Also in crepe, banded with Persian silk, at Mrs. Call's, 50c to $2.00

The Bayside Cafe is Fairhope's most popular eating place.

Young man, if you want your girl to love you, give her some of those handkerchiefs or belts at Mershon Bros.' for a Christmas present.

Try one of the Bayside pies.

Captain Foster has had painted and hung on the side of the Str. "Dolive," a big sign reading:
"Single Tax Colony. Mobile to Fairhope direct, Fairhope to Mobile direct."

There have been a number of new arrivals in the last few days whose names we have not yet learned.

Mr. A. J. Wolf our late arrival from Seattle, will address the Progressive League on Sunday afternoon. He is well posted and an interesting speaker and should have a good hearing.

Everything points to a big Christmas trade for the merchants of Fairhope. They have big stocks of the things the people want and have used printers' ink liberally—and judiciously—to tell about them.

Another fire protection meeting was held on Wednesday evening and the subject of putting some cisterns at favorable points about town to catch the waste water from the streets was considered, and also the purchase of several hundred feet of hose.

The "Fairhope plan" on the proposed good road from Fairhope to Robertsdale, via Silver Hill, is to say: "come on boys." The Fairhope people have agreed to give $200, if the other towns interested and the County Commissioners will do their part. It ought to be a go.

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Oysters for sale at the Bayside.

Mr. Marshall Carney is acting as clerk on the Dolive and is very polite and accomodating.

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Mr. Carlson has got the foundatiod in for his planing mill and wood working shop. Mr. Olsen is assisting him.

Holiday stationery now arriving.
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E. Z. Ernst of Olathe, Kansas, of Labor Exchange fame, is talking of spending a part of the winter at Fairhope

Send in your orders for extra copies of the "Winter Resort" issue, 5c each.

The Henry George Club meets next Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m., with Mrs. Gaston. Mrs. F. L. Brown will read a paper on "Labor Unions."

Get your oysters at the Bayside Cafe.

Fairhope now has a first class plasterer in the person of Mr. Stersic. He has just finished the plastering of the Ahrens cottage for Contractor Brann.

See the pretty Chinaware at Mershons.'

The a la carte dining service at the Fairhope House, grows in favor because the best the markets afford is served fresh and in good style, at reasonable prices.

Oranges and Bananas at the Bayside Cafe.

Col. R. M. Daniels will give a lecture, illustrated with beautiful steropticon views at the hall on Thursday evening of next week, for the benefit of the fire department. The admission will be 25 cents, children 15 cents.

Fancy dishes, clocks, lamps, dolls, toys, at Mershon Bros.'

The Courier office is greatly at a lack for an extra compositor occasionally. Yesterday we prevailed on Bro. Ross, who is an old time printer, to give us a lift, and occasionally we press Bro. Rose into temporary service.

The few cloaks and jackets left will be sold at very reasonable prices at Mrs. Call's.

The Fairhope House, overlooking the bay, has a charming location with beautiful scenery. It stands upon the bluff and gets the delightful soft breezes from sea and forests of pine. It is serenaded by Nature's winged chorus led by the mocking bird; and has full view of gorgeous sunsets, too sublime to describe, but never to be forgotten.

Get a new hat at Mrs. Call's to complete your Christmas costume.

Note the new ad in this issue of the Forbes Piano Company, Mobile. This is a house which enjoys a liberal patronage from Fairhope and which the Courier takes pleasure in recommending, The manager, Mr. J. O. Smith, is an extremely pleasant gentleman and a thorough business man. The editor's home is graced by a piano bought from this house, and it gives us great satisfaction.

Good meals at the Bayside Cafe.

The exhibition and holiday sale of the Arts and Crafts society at the hall on last Friday and Saturday evening was very much of a success. Many beautiful things in the line of hand work, were displayed and it was a surprise to many to see the proficiency attained by the members of the local Arts and Crafts society in the lines so far undertaken. We understand the sales were quite satisfactory.

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Pompadour, baby Irish and Plauen lace collars in the latest effects, at Mrs. Call's, 25 cents up.

Mr. Hoopes, our late arrival from Maryland has secured a lease of the forty acres just east of the Dealy place, and is going to get to work upon it. Prior to doing so he spent several days with relatives and friends at New Orleans, returning Wednesday evening.

Cigars at the Bayside.

Mr. and Mrs. Mogg and grandson Clayton are with us again for another winter. They also brought with them Mr. and Mrs. Stovel and daughter whom they met on the way down and urged to come to Fairhope.

Well made dolls, kid bodies and jointed, at Mrs. Call's.

The machinery of the burned Farhope was recovered from the wreck last week, by a wrecking outfit sent over by the Ollinger and Bruce Dry-dock Company, by agreement with other parties interested. Those in charge of the work were of opinion that it was not greatly damaged.

Beautiful designs in Japanese ware, 15c., to $4.50 at Mrs. Call's.

A strong north wind on Saturday and Sunday, made a very low tide in the bay. So much so that Captain Lumsden did not attempt to take the Carney into Battles on Sunday morning, but tied up at Fairhope and sent the Battles mail down over land. Captain Foster took the Dolive out to anchor in the afternoon, to be sure the falling tide would not leave him aground at the wharf.

Sterling silver novelties, 20c. up at Mrs. Call's.

Our third fire—verifying the old superstition that where there is one fire there will be two more soon—occurred on Tuesday morning, a little before noon, when Mrs. Howland's woodhouse was discovered to be on fire. Neighbors rushed promptly to the rescue, but too late to do more than prevent the spread of the fire, and save a part of Mrs. Howland's winter wood stored in the building. The origin of the fire is another mystery. There had been no fire in or about the place. It is thought a barrel of lime might have started a spontaneous combustion.

Soft drinks at the Bayside.

Card of Gratitude.

I wish to thank the many kind friends who came to my aid in this morning's conflagration at the Pines. It was only the wood and tool-house, but full of my winter's supply of fuel and the energetic effort "we" made saved the fire from spreading.
Dec. 2, '05. MARIE HOWLAND.

To Corporation 'Phone Users

The F. L. Browns, Braams and Doctor Borsts, are now on the Corporation telephone system, switch number 14, 2 short rings for Browns, 3 for Braams, and 4 for Borsts.

The Corporation system is also, again connected through the local Home Telephone Company's switchboard, with its lines in the county and with Mobile.

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Want Column

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FOR SALE—My flock of 35 Brown Leghorn chickens. L Van der Beck.

TO RENT—"Exchange" cottage(5 rooms) Magnolia Ave. Apply to or address F. W. Rose, Fairhope, Ala.

FOR SALE—Improvements on fine residence lot on Magnolia avenue, inmediately north of my shop and residence. All in fruit or cultivation; fenced; persimmons, peaches, plums, pears, apples, figs, red raspberies, size of lot 115x220. Geo. Steenstra.

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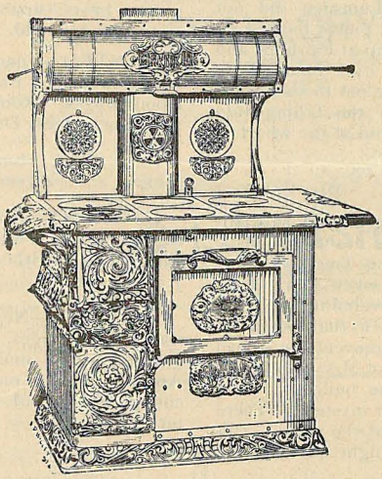
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The publisher of the COURIER has decided to open in connection with his other business a department for the sale, rental and exchange of improvements on Fairhope land.

Only bargains will be listed. If you want to sell or rent your improvements on Fairhope land FOR WHAT THEY ARE WORTH, we can help you. If you want to buy an improved place, or rent a cottage for the winter, get in touch with us.

A partly completed small cottage, beautifully located near the bay, has been listed with us for sale at a bargain; or some carpenter could rent it reasonably and pay his rent in finishing it.

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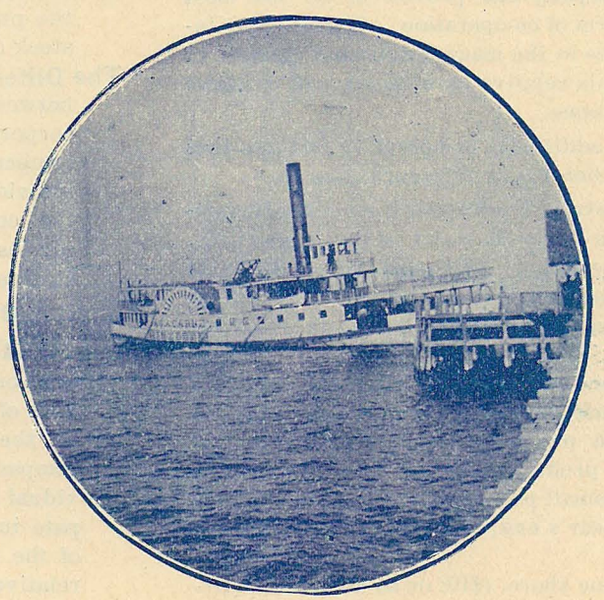
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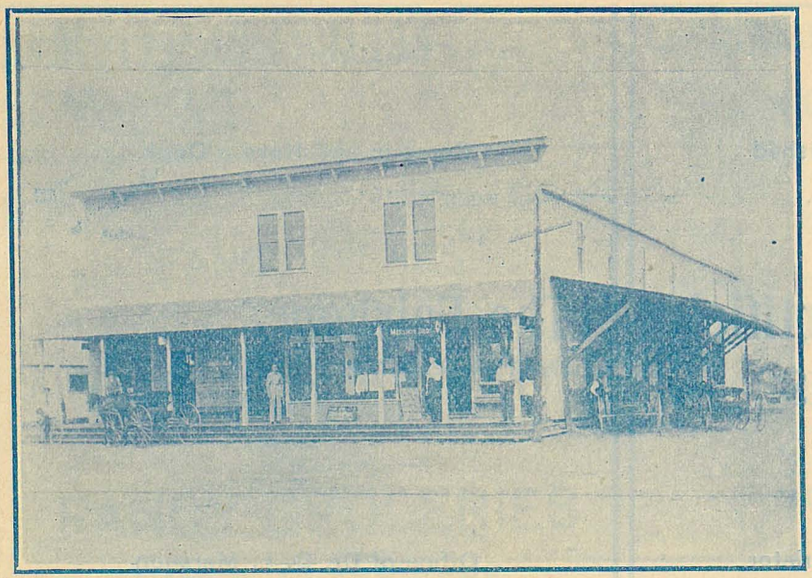
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So far they have endeavored to keep pace with the growing demands of the trade and have done so to a very large degree, from the profits of the business.

The enforced retirement of Mr. Nathaniel Mershon, on account of ill health, from active participation in the management, and the great opportunities now apparent for further enlargement in the immediate future, call for a further increase in capital and co-operation in effort, which it is deemed can best be secured by the organization of a Joint-stock Company.

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Our many years' experience as merchants leads us to believe that we are qualified to purchase goods at such figures that we can satisfy our customers on prices and our stockholders on profits. Quick sales at small profits, make it possible to turn our capital often and thus the small profits derived from the individual patrons make at the year's end, a liberal dividend to the stockholder.

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Facts Regarding the Corporation Laws of Alabama

Private property of individual stockholders is exempt from corporate debts.

Act 395, Sec. 27, Oct. 2, 1903, reads: "No stockholder shall be liable for the debts of the corporation otherwise than for the unpaid stock owned by him or her."

Sec. 35 reads: "The stockholders of all such corporations have the right of access to and of inspection and examination of the books, records and papers of the corporation at reasonable and proper times."

Sec. 5. "A charter fee of $25 is payable to the probate judge where the capital stock does not exceed $50,000."

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between a co-operative store and a corporation is that in a co-operative company each member is jointly and individually liable for the debts of the company, while a corporation carries no individual liability to the stockholder.

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CROSSING SWEETWATER BRANCH.

Our picture this week is of one of the most picturesque spots in the vicinity of Fairhope, at the crossing of "Sweetwater Branch," on the road between Fairhope and Battles. Sweetwater branch is a beautiful little stream fed by springs, at this point flowing over the whitest of sands. Passers by usually stop for a drink of its refreshing waters, and many people carry and haul water from it for drinking and household purposes.

For sometime after the editor's family moved into their cottage at Fairhope (the first occupied on Colony land) and while our mail and supplies all came through Battles, we used to get our drinking water from Sweetwater Branch, filling our keg at the point shown.

Among the attractions of Fairhope are the pleasant drives that may be taken to beautiful spots easily reached from it.

The famous southern Spanish moss may be noted hanging from the trees in the picture. Mr. Arthur Dealy of A. M. Dealy & Company, who took the photograph here reproduced, is showing great artistic taste in his view-taking, and is accumulating a large and attractive collection of Baldwin county views, others of which we hope to reproduce from time to time.



SWEETWATER BRANCH. Photo by Dealy
On one of the Pleasant Drives near Fairhope.

BAY MINETTE WINS.

The supreme court has rendered a decision which, according to the Mobile papers, gives Bay Minette a clear title to the county-seat. We have not seen more than a brief extract from the report and do not know its full significance. Presuming, however, that the Mobile papers were right in their conclusion, the Courier is ready to accept the decision with equanimity, if not approval.

While it does not strike our judgment as either good law or wise public policy, the supreme court should be better judges of the former, at least, than we, and its say-so goes. We congratulate the people of Bay Minette on their victory.

An interesting feature of the controversy is that prior to the announcing of the decision a petition for an election in the matter, signed by over 500 citizens of the county, had been filed with the governor.

This petition was circulated in behalf of Bay Minette, and was presented to the governor by Judge Chas. Hall.

The query now is, Bay Minette having secured the county-seat by decision of the court, will the election be proceeded with, or will the petition be withdrawn?

Let us quit talking court-house now and go to talking good roads and good schools.

The Courier wishes all its subscribers and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A number of our subscribers have responded to our request for renewal of their subscriptions to help make a "Merry Christmas" for the Courier family and have our thanks. If others whose subscriptions have expired, will send in their renewals to reach us by New Years day, it will be alike heartily appreciated.

PROPOSES AN EDUCATIONAL NUMBER.

"Accept congratulations on the appearance of your special number. It does you proud." So writes the Courier's good friend, Mr. Thos. P. Craig of Colorado Springs. He suggests that we get out in the near future a special education number. He says: "I presume you are doing more in the educational line than any other town of your size or age in the south, and have plans for the future that grow faster than your growth. Then showing how by the single tax the necessary money can be obtained for schools, it can be made a valuable propaganda number. If you will get it out I shall gladly take a dollar's worth." We shall take Mr. Craig's suggestion under advisement, and are always glad to hear from readers of the Courier, with suggestions.

OUR DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS.

Dedicated to the Boys and Girls of Fairhope, by Dr. Geo. A. Sheldon.

Old Santa Claus is coming soon with all his wondrous toys,
With books and dolls for little girls, and drums and tops for boys;
And such a time we're going to have! and such good things to eat!
Of all the thoughtful men alive Old Santa can't be beat!

All through the year, while you and I are doing other things,
He's working hard to make the toys which Christmas time he brings;
I often wonder how it is, the chimneys seem so small,
That he can light upon the roof and come down them at all.

I hang my stockings, just the same, and listen for his sleigh
Until I fall asleep, and then he comes and goes away.
Some Christmas Eve I'm going to sit and wait until he comes,
To see what else he has besides his dolls and tops and drums.

He's such a jolly fellow, I'd just like to hear him laugh,
Or come upon him unawares and take his photograph;
I hope to go to Heaven and one reason is, because
I'll have a chance to hug and kiss our dear Old Santa Claus.

How 20th Century Taxation Hinders Improvements.

Mr. Mark Peavy, a successful business man of our neighboring state of Mississippi, who visited Fairhope last winter, writes:

I am glad to note that Fairhope is once more her former self, and hope she will hereafter so make her contracts that neither fool or knave can misunderstand or take undue advantage. Let me here give an instance of "20th century" taxation, as compared with single tax. A neighbor of mine owns a business lot on which is a frame store building which he wishes to pull down and put up a good brick structure, but he hasn't money enough. If he had the money that is tied up in the lot, the matter would be easy. "20th century" tax says borrow the money, but that means interest and more taxes—observe how prohibitory.

Observe also, how the system referred to not only hampers the individual who would like to improve but cannot, but how it retards the growth of the community, restricts the opportunities for employment of mechanics, and the business of dealers in building materials directly, and indirectly every line of legitimate business—and all to benefit one class only, the owners (not users) of land.

Meeting of Local W. C. T. U.

The Ladies of the W. C. T. U. had a well attended meeting at "The Gables" last week, and first listened to the report that an open saloon is being run contrary to law, on one of the popular boats of this shore.

Then, according to program, came an informal talk from Mr. Comings, on the topic, "Prohibition vs. Regulation," in which he called attention to the fact that at

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the breaking out of the civil war the country was being swept by a wave of temperance reform, and almost all of the older states were following the lead of Maine in passing prohibitory laws and enforcing them in a way that indicated the destruction of the traffic and all its woes, but when the war came with its need of revenue, the policy was changed to "regulation" and on it the traffic has grown stronger as a political power ever since.

He spoke in terms of sarcasm of the prominent member of the dominant party in power, who, to hinder a third party of temperance, organized, or attempted to organize, an "Anti-Saloon League," forgetting the natural inference that his chosen name cast a most unfortunate reflection on the larger portion of the party that did not and would not unite with his League.

Light refreshments were served, and an hour of social discussion was enjoyed by all.

Water Works Notes.

Mr. J. J. Mogg was added to the board of water works trustees by the Council last week.

At the called meeting of the Council on Wednesday evening the trustees presented a communication, stating that they thought it advisable to endeavor to settle the question of a water supply before circulating the subscription for funds for putting in a pumping plant and mains, and asking the Council for an appropriation of $200 for putting in a ten foot brick-walled well on the beach. After much discussion the Council voted to appropriate $100 for the purpose, the trustees present thinking the cost could be kept down to about that amount.

As usual there are many different opinions, both as to the plan in general and the details. Fairhope people are peculiarly people of strong opinions and great confidence in them. The COURIER trusts however that the fact will be generally appreciated that the Council has made an admirable choice of trustees, that they are men of experience and good judgment, and are giving the various questions arising a consideration which others will hardly find time or disposition to give them, and that there is a very strong presumption that their judgment in any particular matter will be the wisest one.

The COURIER heartily approves the idea of solving the question of water supply and believes the plan adopted the best one.

HONORS TO FAIRHOPE WOMEN.

Ladies' Henry George Club Gets Premium for Best Program at Alabama State Fair.

When our Arts and Crafts Club sent their exhibit of handiwork to the State Fair, noticing that a premium was offered for the best "program from any woman's club" a copy of the program for this winter's study of the Ladies' Henry George Club was sent along, and as it is but an unpretentious little folder, it was not expected that it would have much chance to win the

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C. J. Buell, a well known single taxer of Minneapolis, contemplates a visit to Fairhope early in the year, and may possibly locate with us.

Dr. Festorazzi, of Mobile, on receipt of extra copies of our special "Winter Resort" issue ordered, writes: "The edition is a splended one, interesting in its make-up and a credit to you and the Colony."

Mr. Marion Smith, of Dwight, Kansas, a Single Taxer, a reader of the COURIER for many years, and a friend of our Mr. Archibald Crosbie, has just arrived and is investigating with a view to locating.

Jno. V. L. Pierson, late of Vineland, N. J., now at Philadelphia, writes: "Your winter resort edition is a great credit to the enterprise of Fairhope, I am sure. The large type therein is a feature that I wish was more largely followed. We have a superabundance of words printed daily that might better be condensed in import and extended in effect."

The editor is in receipt of a letter from an old friend, Mr. Andrew Engle, of Metz, Iowa. Mr. Engle was a resident of Des Moines at the time of the organization of Fairhope Industrial Association and took quite an active part in it, though he had not been heard from for several years past. He is the inventor of the Engle crematory, and an expert on sanitary disposal of sewage and garbage. He has recently perfected and patented a system for its utilization as fuel or fetilizer, and proffers the free use of his ideas to the people of Fairhope. He may visit us this winter.

Mr. Fels Compliments Courier.

Mr. Joseph Fels wrote recently:

"It gives me great pleasure to bear witness to the devotion—always sane—of the FAIRHOPE COURIER to the ideals now being tested and approved by the only single tax colony so far in existence. It goes without saying that the editor of the COURIER is a good man, and he is at liberty to print these my sentiments."

Mr. Fels noted our announcement of the special issue, and sent a check to help on the same.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Mr. Lawson Purdy, of New York, than whom there is no better authority in the United States on taxation matters, quite agrees with the COURIER that the value of tangible personal property should decrease in proportion to land values. He suggests in a recent letter that a table showing rents, taxes levied on account of real property leased and unleased, and on account of personal property owned by the Corporation and by lessees for past years, would be very interesting and instructive. He adds:

"The Colony has been going on long enough to give some indication as to the probable proportion of rents and taxes on personal property paid for tenants in the years to come when the Colony grows larger. Mr. Pleydell and I are well satisfied that the value of tangible personal property in proportion to land values should decrease, and Mr. Pleydell will write you soon some of our reasons for holding this opinion."

Mr. Purdy not only speaks from the standpoint of a single taxer, but from that of one who has for years made a study of relative tax valuations in the country's greatest center of population.

"THE RELIGION OF SINGLE TAX."

It is becoming more and more apparent that those who miss the Sunday afternoon meetings of the Progressive League, are losing the very best religious instruction Fairhope has to bestow.

The discourse of our newly arrived Comrade Wolf was a good continuation of the two exceptionally fine talks of the preceeding Sabbaths, and ought to have been heard by all who would have a religion either personal or national based on an economic foundation of Justice, or Rightness.

The speaker is evidently one who has studied deeply and earnestly for the TRUTH, and whose heart has been touched by the real Christ-spirit of love to humanity, and who feels a deep and abiding sorrow for the social sins that work so much sorrow and suffering, with its attendant sin and degredation to the weak, simple or unfortunate, who are the victims of our wicked, unjust and inexcusable defiance of the highest laws of the universe, when we take the common gifts of the Creator for the common use, and appropriate them to personal and monopoly uses, and thus deprive a portion of the race of their inherent rights to their just share of the bounties of nature.

The subject was treated in a very broad and masterly manner, and could hardly fail to send every thoughtful mind in the audience home with a conviction of personal responsibility for the social wrongs that we do not most earnestly strive by all means in our power to correct and bring into accord with the laws of the Infinite God.

The speaker's candor, earnestness, and evident ability will make his assistance a power for good in our League, and in the growth and beneficence of our colony life. We are very glad to hear he has almost or quite decided to stay and help the cause along.

The discourse was followed by a very spirited discussion, bringing out varied points in an instructive and interesting manner, with but one dissenting voice.

S. H. C.

HONORS TO FAIRHOPE WOMEN.

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first prize, so it was no little surprise to the ladies to receive a check for $20 from the award of the fair.

This program was characterized by the Fairhope correspondent to the Mobile *Item* as "half Single Tax and half Socialism," but was arranged by the ladies of the club as a broadguage study into economic conditions, and proposed remedies, and the idea prevailed that it was a higher ideal of intelligence to study the views of several writers, and of several schools of thought, rather than only one writer and along only one school of reform philosophy. This gratifying result shows that the awarding committee of the fair appreciated the educational value of their choice. C.

The COURIER feels that congratulations are not only due to the ladies of the Henry George Club, who prepared this prize winning program, but to the awarding committee, who evidenced great liberality in approving so radical a program. A share of the credit will, we think, have to go to the COURIER job office, which printed the program in attractive style.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

x x x A few mornings ago while writing at my desk, an anxious face appeared at the bay window, It was my neighbor, Miss Effie Mershon telling me that something was on fire. I rushed out and wildly carried out a bucket of water from the pump and poured it on the cold frame, full of lettuce, radishes, etc., at the back of the flaming woodhouse, and into the window above the frame. It was about as futile an effort as one could imagine. By that time some twenty men and boys came running in with buckets, axes, etc. They tore away a pile of heart-pine logs close to the walls of the building. I noticed that one of the most devoted in this work was a colored man. The dry wood piled nearly to the roof, the boxes of kindling etc.; made such a violent fire that neighbors feared it was far more serious. After the walls fell we saved all of the wood possible by a bucket line. I shall never forget when the cordon formed how Willie Dealy worked the outside pump about ten strokes to the second I should say; though the top of the pump got loose would not stop to screw it on but made those near hold on the cover while he pumped. I would not have supposed that that little pump could be so effective. Our honored octogenarian, Father Knowles, worked as if he quite forgot his years. While we stood by the steaming debris he astonished us by saying: "I once boarded 4 weeks in that house." It was built by Mr. F. A. Smith as a temporary shelter while building this house and Father Knowles I believe was one of the carpenters.

x x Next Saturday, the 23rd, is the birthday anniversary of Comrade Bancroft, our former president, and mine also. Last year it was honored by a most enjoyable dinner at Mr. Bancroft's; this time it will be by a modest tea at the Pines. Father Knowles will attend.

x x x Last Sunday at the Progressive League, we listened to a very able and eloquent address by our A. J. Wolf who has about made up his mind to build here. His subject was "the Religion of the single Tax" this is a very important phase of Henry George's teaching. One friend thought that the title should have been "the *Ethics* of the Single Tax." I suppose the word *Religion* carries with it etymologically, the idea of salvation *religare* to bind back. But the Century dictionary says origin is uncertain and quotes Cicero for a different meaning. No matter. It is better understood by the people generally, than the word *ethics*. The important point is, as Mr. Wolf clearly demonstrated, that the principles underlying the Single Tax doctrines are essentially exalted and awaken the noblest aspirations of the human heart: the triumph of justice and the brotherhood of man. Mr. Wolf, among many wise things, said, in effect, that there was no such thing as an atheist. Every sane human being believes in God—not *a* God, but that universal power that works for justice throughout the universe—works steadily, eternally, from the smallest atom to the remotest star, and always by and through the immutable laws of nature.

Formerly there used to be much complaint in the League because our teachings there were too secular, especially because we rung in Single Tax on every occasion. We have now learned that the fundamental principles of the Single Tax are consonant with, not creed, not ecclesiastical dogma, but with the very essence of the highest religious faith.

x x x Mrs. Curtis' little Saturday night quadrille parties deserve a steady patronage, which they will surely win, when the Xmas excitement is past. They are just like a quiet little private party, and Mrs. Curtis, the genial hostess, behaves exactly as if they were private, tho' we pay a trifle for our refreshments: ten cents, for example, for the best ice cream and a piece of cake. Oysters also are sometimes served at the same small price. Our good Mrs. Curtis is really striving hard to make a living and pay for her membership while serving the Colony in her bakery restaurant. The place is greatly enlarged, improved and freshly painted, thanks to the enterprise of the Fairhope Improvement Co., under our able Comrade Powell and the skill of our carpenters.

ALABAMA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

January 30 and 31, 1906.

The third annual meeting will be held at Thorsby, Ala., on the above dates. Please notice—the citizens of Thorsby offer free entertainment to all members of the society. The railroads offer a rate of a fare and one-third, plus 25 cents, if fifty members present 50 standard form certificates. Be sure to get a standard form certificate when you buy ticket.

An interesting program is being arranged. We need the help of all persons interested in fruits, vegetables or flowers. You need our help. Annual membership fee, one dollar.

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Mr. Wm. Partridge, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Otto, for a few weeks, left for his home at Highlands, N. C., this morning.

The Council has completed its appraisement of rental values for 1906, and a copy of the same will be in the hands of each lessee very soon.

Mrs. Dougherty's father, Mr. L. N. Jackman of Elgin, Ill., arrived on last Saturday evening to spend the holidays with the Dougherty family.

Mr. R. W. Brown, who runs a sawmill on Fish river, was married Tuesday in Mobile to Mrs. Ladora T, Black, the ceremony taking place at 2 p. m. at the residence of Dr. C. A. Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Brown came immediately to Fairhope on the Str. Dolive, thence to their future home.

Dr. Greeno, president of the Baldwin County Good Roads Association, advises us that there is a prospect of the government sending a good roads expert to Baldwin county, to show us how to make good roads. The next meeting of the B. C. G. R. association will be held at Bay Minette January 18. There should be a good attendance.

Mr. A. J. Wolf, after giving Fairhope a thorough investigation, has, we are glad to say, decided to locate with us He has made application for lots just west of Mr. Littlefield, and plans to build a couple of double cottages there at once. The location is a fine one and rightly planned cottages there will be a good investment.

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Mr. John Downey of Toronto, Can., arrived last evening. He is a friend of our beloved Mr. Robert Tyson, who recommended him strongly to Fairhope.

The Dolive used to have quite an unenviable reputation as a wharf smasher, but under the skilful handling of Captain Foster and his pilots she has been making fine landings.

Fairhope merchants hrve been enjoying a fine holiday trade this week, drawn from a large scope of country and there has also been a heavy travel through Fairhope to Mobile.

Dr. A. S. Bailey and Mr. Wm. Burd, and their wives, of Lorimor, Iowa, old friends of Mr. G. M. Bancroft, are here for the winter. They have taken roms with Mrs. Yarnelle, in the Otto cottage.

Messrs. Koopman & Van Bavel are doing a good business now in supplying the local demand for fire wood. They are going at it in a business-like way, keeping up wtth the demand and delivering promptly.

Mr. G. B. Smith and wife of Norwalk, Iowa, who spent last winter here, are with us again, more interested in and appreciative of Fairhope than ever. Mrs. Smith's health has been better the summer past than for years, much of the credit for which she gives to the benefit received in last winter's stay here, When, with the advent of winter there she began to have trouble again they lost no time in getting back south again and she already feels much improved. They have rooms with the Burgesses in the Rathburn-Wells place.

Mr. Slaughter, Dr. Greeno's son-in-law, was in Fairhope this week on business. Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter expect to leave for Europe before the winter is over, but it is quite probable that they will spend at least part of their time in Fairhope after their return from Europe. Mr. Slaughter's large business interests will keep him traveling a large part of his time, but he expressed himself as preferring this part of the South to California, and considers Fairhope a very charming place indeed. He likes Mobile, and considers that Mobile's commercial future is a very bright one.

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The appearance of the Vanderbeck cottage has been much improved by a coat of paint.

Mr. Paton has recently launched a very handsome 18 foot sailing skiff of his own building. She is one of the prettiest things in these waters.

A few spring chickens ready for Holiday fries. In prime condition, fat and juicy. 35c and 40c. Stuart Yarnelle. Leave orders at the COURIER office

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burnham, and niece, of Rogers Arkansas, are late arrivals aud are occupying the Exchange-Rose cottage. Their coming was through meeting Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Black, who are now at Rogers.

The Carlson wood working shop is progressing rapidly. It is to be a well-constructed building 30x50 feet on the ground, with 16x30 feet extending to a height of two stories. A part of Mr. Carlson's machinery has already arrived.

Col. Edward Daniels gave a very interesting and instructive lecture at the hall last evening in behalf of the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department. In spite of the many other attractions and distractions, there was a fair attendance. The subject was "Some wonders of nature' which were presented not only in speech, but by a series of fine stereopticon views. The acetylene gas with which the hall is now lighted, and which was used in the lantern, was very convenient and quite satisfactory, though the lowness of the ceiling was quite a disadvantage. Mr. Littlefield operated the stereopticon. A hearty vote of thanks to Col. Daniels was unanimously adopted at the close of the meeting.

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Firemen's Ball.

The first annual ball of the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department will be held Dec. 29th, next Friday, and promises to be a popular and brilliant affair. Admission will be by invitation only, and each gentleman is expected to contribute 50c for the cause. The invitations will be out Monday.

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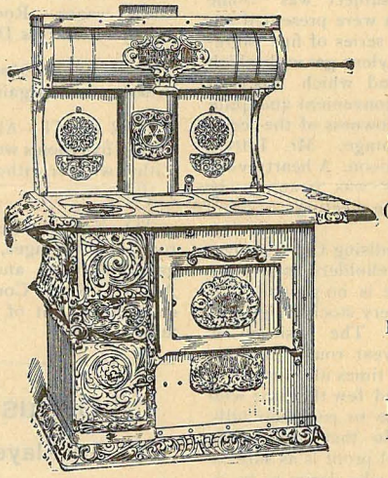
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Visit from Mr. Fels.

We are greatly enjoving an altogether too brief visit from Mr. Joseph Fels.

Mr. Fels arrived in Mobile early yesterday morning and came over in a naptha launch, arriving about one o'clock. After luncheon at the Fairhope House. He spent the afternoon in looking about our little city and noting the numerous improvements made since his last visit nearly two years ago. One thing which pleased him most was the new schoolhouse which he pronounced the "best thing we had done."

In the evening a small party, including Messrs. and Mesdames Powell, Bancroft, Brown(F. L.), Comings and Gaston, Mrs. Howland and Miss Ivy Powell, joined Mr. Fels at supper at the Fairhope House, and immediately following the townspeople gathered in response to a notice on the bulletin board, for an informal reception.

In response to calls for a speech Mr. Fels spoke briefly, expressing his pleasure in being with us again, his gratification over the conspicuous improvement made since his last visit and the evidences of comparative prosperity everywhere apparent. He had chided us when here before, for the tin cans in evidence on the streets and other public places and the lack of paint on our buildings and while he admitted a considerable improvement in both respects he urged the importance of attention to the beautifying of our homes and town. He gave a strong exhortation for the full utilization of our soil in gardening and other agricultural ways, saying that he noticed we were becoming a commercial center but that alone was not sufficient.

Referring to the steamer Fairhope he said he wanted to publicly exonerate the community from any blame or liability for the loss of the steamer. While the unfortunate ending of the effort to provide the community independent service, with its attendant financial loss, could not but be regretted, he felt that after all the money had been well invested and had borne a good interest in the service the boat had given and the prestige accruing to the Colony because of it.

Mr. Fels repeated his conviction, before expressed, that, for the money invested and effort made, Fairhope was doing the most practical and effective reform work being done in the world today. He saw no reason to doubt its continued and increasing success and confidently believed that in ten years from now, it would have to be conceded to be the most prosperous and wealthy community—as such—of its size in the world.

Following Mr. Fels' enthusiastically received talk, Mr. Powell, Colonel Daniels and Mr. Gaston spoke briefly and about eight o'clock the company very reluctantly excused Mr. Fels, to attend with Mr. Powell and others a meeting at the twin beech colored church, an appointment to address which Mr. Powell had made before notice of Mr. Fels' coming was received.

Today Mr. Fels' is continuing his inspection of Fairhope, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones, and insists that he will have to leave us in the morning.

A Comparison.

A great advantage of Fairhope is its concrete example of the working of our plan. Take the editor's home lot for example. The rent last year was $10.00. This year the Council says it should be $12.50. That's a 25 *per cent* increase and "where will it end!" Well we dont expect it to end at all. But let's compare the annual cost of a home under the Fairhope plan and under the usual plan. The lot is a large one, 104½ ft. x 220 feet, favorably located, about half way between the business center and the bay front, fine bay view and good neighborhood. A friend, a successful real estate dealer of Mobile. recently visiting us thought it would be worth $500 in a town situated as favorably and growing as Fairhope is under the usual plan. But say we figure that it would be worth half that, $250. That would mean that under ordinary circumstances we would have to tie up $250 in the lot. Six per cent. interest on the $250 (more than which we would have to pay if borrowing, or could get if loaning) would be $15.00. The taxes on house and lot at say $600—a low valuation—at our tax rate of 14 mills would be $8.40. These two items foot $23.40, or only a trifle less than double the rent we are asked to pay.

But this is by no means all the story. This takes no account of the free tuition for our children, our free bathing privileges, free foot wharfage, free telephone service etc., which can be easily figured up to again double the rent.

Herald Recognizes Evil of Unjust Land Laws.

In the *Mobile Daily Herald* of Tuesday, the editor shows a true conception of the evils of an unjust land system in his comment upon conditions in England. He says:

But what is the result of trying to be natural under unnatural conditions? Look at the awful misery of the London slums. Read about the enormous number of poor clerks who apply for any position that is advertised. These are results of a population already crowded far beyond the industrial room for it under England's present industrial system.

The hordes of unemployed, the fierce struggle for existence, the overflowing of the almshouses, the crowding of the insane asylums, the highness of rates, the lowness of wages—all these are the results of thoughtless people following the "natural" course under unnatural conditions and filling their homes with children whom they cannot afford to keep,

There is plenty of room in England for more people if they were properly distributed. But unjust land laws have forced the people from the soil and filled to overflowing the cities already too closely packed.

The Second Epistle of Brink.

Last Sabbath the Progressive League, with a larger audience, listened to a repetition of our Comrade Brink's way of putting "the natural law of single tax" and the interest was not lessened by hearing some of it the second time.

As we listened to his pointed, terse illustrations of his diagrams on the black-board, we wished it could be repeated in every Agricultural paper in the whole country, for it is a strange fact that nearly all the farmers, and farm papers, are totally ignorant of the fact that the single tax, would relieve the farm interests of two thirds or three fourths of their present unjust share of the burdens of taxation. As at present the farmers own about ten percent. of the wealth of the nation, but pay over fifty percent. of the taxation; which the single tax would at once correct.

The Progressive League holds its own as a leader in teaching the rightness (righteousness) and justice, that is at the very foundation of all true religion.

A quite spirited discussion followed Brother Brink's address, and on some of his less important points he was sharply criticised, but in the main his propositions were heartily sustained.

Next Sabbath a treat is expected in listening to the expositition of social morality, and economic rightness by Editor Gaston, who always says something when he talks.

S. H. C.

Letter From J. G. Hoitt.

Mr. J. G. Hoitt is at present at Mineral Wells, Texas, whence he writes the COURIER an interesting letter expresses his desire to be remembered by and wishing a Merry Christmas to "all the dear friends of Fairhope." "I am still with you in all that makes for good," he says, "though maybe never to be of your single tax family."

He said further:

"I was pleasantly surprised yesterday to meet an old schoolmate friend of yours—editor of the local newspaper. He not only remembers you apparently with affection, but takes an interest in your reform efforts, Thus I found a ready listener to my eulogy on Fairhope and its people.

"This is a most unique place, unlike any other I have ever found- Thousands of people come here to use the healing waters, and real estate values are on a big boom $50 to $25 a front foot is a common price. Improved and vacant lots are selling today for double their price of six months ago. Expensive and fine houses and residences are going up. The people are wild over the future prospects of the place."

Our New Corporation.

The Mershon Merchandising Co. filed its articles of incorporation Thursday, with a list of nearly forty charter members, mostly all in Baldwin county. Some from Philadelphia, Pa., and from other cities in other states. The board of directors will hold a meeting at once, and the new sign—Mershon Merchandising Co, Co-operative—will hereafter be one of Fairhope's landmarks.

Many people who found themselves short of money at the holiday season asked that stock be held for them

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until a little later, so that they might not lose a chance to secure some.

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Every ten dollars saved and put into this business will be a source of revenue to the holder. This is not an experiment. The business is thoroughly established and will keep its steady growth. Its motto, "A square deal for all," will be faithfully lived up to.

Arts and Crafts Announcement.

MISS FRANCES LYON, who so successfully conducted a three weeks' course of Industrial Work here last March, will be with us for three months this season, Jan. 15 to April 15.

Miss Lyon is a graduate of the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, and since her graduation has had a wide experience in different parts of the country. She is prepared to teach :—

Wood Work (cabinet making, carving, etc.) Leather Carving, Sheet Metal Work. Venetian Iron Work, with Designing for all these things. Clay Modeling. Basketry (pine needle, raffia, husks, etc.) Embroidery (French, eyelet, Hardanger, etc.)

The Course in Wood Work and the Use of Tools may be developed into fine Cabinet Work. Articles to be made, such as Book Rack (hinged), Wall Cabinet, Book Case, Tabaret, Chairs, Foot Rest, Desk, Screen, Boxes, Drawers and Joints, Inlaid Work and Combinations of Metal, Glass and Wood. Mechanical Drawing must be learned in connection with Wood Construction, and at least one day each week spent on it. The Staining and Finishing of Woods will also be taught.

A Three Months' Course

consiting of five half days each week, for twelve weeks, is offered for $10 per pupil. The work to be adapted to the needs and ability of the class. As it is not the design of the Arts and Crafts Society to make money, but rather to benefit the greatest number, the tuition for this Course will be reduced to $5 if a class of ten or more can be secured.

A Partial Course

will be given in any of these branches when desired. Tuition $1 for ten lessons in class of five or more.

Miss Lyon will be in Fairhope during the week preceding January 15, and can be consulted at the home of the President of the Society.

Arrangements have been made whereby those coming from other towns can be accommodated at very low rates.

Correspondence is solicited with those desiring work, either a full Course or a term of lessons. Application may be made at any time to

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The handsome Fairhope Booklet, with just the information every one interested wants to have, and over thirty illustrations, by mail post paid 10 cents.

Steamer Fairhope Machinery For Sale.

The undersigned has for sale the machinery of the lately burned steamer Fairhope, consisting of Willard safety water-tube boiler, 6x7; triple expansion engine, 7½-11½ and 17 by 9 inch stroke. Worthington surface condenser, feed and fire pumps, shaft, propeller, rudder, etc., etc. Can be seen at Ollinger & Bruce's east side dock, Mobile. E. B. GASTON, Fairhope.

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Last Sunday's issue of the Mobile *Herald* was of thirty-two pages—a mammoth and interesting number.

The last issue of *The Public* contained a handsome portrait of the well known cartoonist and single taxer, J. W. Bengough, with a sketch of his life.

Our young Swiss visitor, Mr. Gustav Buscher, who contemplated spending two or three months with us, received unexpected advices from home last week, which required him to cut short his visit and he left on last Sunday afternoon.

The greatest obstacle to the rapid growth of Fairhope upon its foundation of justice and equal benefits to all, is that most people don't want justice. They object to being the victims of injustice but they have no objection to injustice if they can be the beneficiaries of it.

In 1880 tenants operated 25 per cent of the farms in the United States, in 1890 28 per cent, in 1900 35 per cent. And yet some apparently intelligent people think farmers should be the especial champions of the existing land system and should particularly oppose the single tax.

Renewing his subscription to the COURIER James H. Dix of Philadelphia, says: "I sincerely hope that both the Colony and the COURIER will have a most successful year in 1906 and produce even greater practical effects in the cause in which both are interested, than they have in the past, which I believe is considerably more than is generally estimated."

Mrs. Laura Webster, who is so pleasantly remembered from her many years of residence here, writes from Chicago renewing her subscription and says: "I am still interested in Fairhope and think it will always be one of the dearest spots on earth to me. I am so sorry to learn of the burning of the pretty steamer Fairhope. With two fires and the death of two children in one week it was indeed a most sad and trying time for all I am glad courage and hope did not forsake you and you at once began to look for the silvery lining of the dark cloud. I trust good may come to all from the seeming evils."

The Public will issue on January sixth, a special number, double the usual size, the chief feature of which will be a biographical sketch with portrait, of Tom L. Johnson, the famous single tax Mayor, of Cleveland, whose third inauguration as mayor of that city will occur the first week in January. This issue will make splendid propaganda, and should be widely circulated. Single taxers should send such amounts as they feel able, for extra copies for distribution among their friends.

Toronto, Canada, Single Taxers have been conducting a vigorous campaign for their special measure—the exemption of improvements to the value of $700 from taxation. In this they have been greatly assisted by the *Canadian Single Taxer*. Its issue for December was of over 40,000 copies, and was full of convincing argument for the measure. John W. Bengough contributed striking cartoons. And, by the way, Bengough is standing as a candidate for alderman in his ward. Another Single Taxer whose name is familiar, who is also a candidate, is W. A. Douglass. The election occurs January 1. We wish our Canadian friends success.

Water Works Committee Gets Busy.

The water-works committee has been devoting its spare time for several days past, to canvassing for subscriptions toward the water-works system and with excellent success. Up to yesterday evening they had secured subscriptions to the amount of over $1400, which we think we can say, practically assures that the system will be put in.

Harmonious Action Regarding Rents.

There were perhaps thirty people at the meeting on Wednesday evening called by the Council to hear from the lessees regarding the rent appraisement for 1906. Unfortunately, owing to the lateness of the completion of the assessment, the printers' strike in Mobile and the holidays, the printed list and notice of the meeting did not get into the hands of the lessees until the very day on which the meeting was called. The night also was dark and rainy, this keeping many away. There was practical unanimity among those present against any general raise in the rents, motions, in fact, prevailing expressing the sense of those present that the appraisement should stand practically the same as last year with such changes only as the Council thought necessary for equalization.

On account of the shortness of the notice a motion prevailed to adjourn until Thursday evening of next week, hoping for a full attendance of the council and a fuller expression from the people.

We think, however, the incident may be considered practically closed, and congratulate the Colony on such a happy solution of the matter.

Anniversary Celebration Arrangements.

Fairhope will celebrate its eleventh anniversary on next Monday evening, and everything points to a royal good time.

The celebration will begin with a supper at the hall in the evening, which will be served promptly at five o'clock; following which there will be a most entertaining program of toasts, with Professor J. Bellangee as toastmaster.

Beginning promptly at eight o'clock will occur the regular anniversary celebration, the program for which will be as follows:

Music	Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink.
Address of Welcome	President F. L. Brown.
Poem	J. M. Pilcher.
Vocal Solo	E. S. Ross.
Address—"Reminiscences of Early Days"	E. B. Gaston.
Music	Simmers and Stemerdink.
Annual Colony History	G. W. Wood, Secretary.
Duet	Dealy Brothers.
Address	A. J. Wolf.
Music	Simmers and Stemerdink.

Both supper and general program will be given in the hall, and a cordial general invitation is extended to the Colony's friends to both.

There will be a charge of fifty cents per plate for the supper—any possible surplus remaining after expenses are defrayed to be devoted to some local public use. Admission to the general program will, of course, be free. Owing to the supper preceding, the doors will not be opened for the latter until 7:30.

Tickets for the supper may be obtained from Misses Dorothy Rowe, Daphne Brown and Leah Gaston, or at the COURIER office.

All who desire to attend the supper are urged to secure their tickets at once, so the committee in charge may know for how many to provide.

"Thirty Odd Cents."

Is the title of an article in the Piedmont, W. Va., *Herald*, Brother Rose's old paper. It tells of an instance of great appreciation of land values. One Mr. H. P. Ritchie has in his possession a tax receipt given to his father by the State of Virginia in 1840, for taxes on 4,000 acres of land in Ritchie county, Va., valued at seven cents an acre. The tax amounted to 37 cents. On the same tax bill is an item of personal property—an old Connecticut clock—on which the tax was 40 cents, or three cents more than on the 4,000 acres of land. The land could not today be bought for half a million dollars.

Illustrated Lecture by Mr. Powell.

On Wednesday January 3, at the Hall, Mr. R. F. Powell will give a lecture on School Gardens, illustrated by steropticon views of School Gardens in different places.

The band will furnish music and the proceeds will be used for the School Garden work in our town. All pupils of the schools are invited without charge.

Admission fee for others 15c.

An Ancient Wrong.

Ye whose love of right is strong,
See ye not the ancient wrong?
Men from land divorced are sold
Unto bondage, want and cold.

Fuel, raiment, dwelling, food,
All that nature's lavish hand
Gives to man is in the land—
Every luxury, every good.

Loss of land entails the strife
Waged for liberty and life.
Landless men are social slaves
From their cradles to their graves.

Tyrants need not sit on thrones!
Who owns the land the people owns!
He can rule with iron hand:
Let him but usurp the land.

See the helpless slave from birth
Who can claim no spot on earth.
From another he must buy
Land whereon to live or die.

Where he may lie down to sleep,
Where he may his loved ones keep,
Where at last to lay his bones,
Must be bought from one who "owns."

Secret, this, of unknown woes!
Hence industrial slavery flows!
Who by land investment thrives
Preys on homes and human lives.

Toilers, make a steadfast stand,
Claim the value of the land,
Use it for the common good,
As becomes a brotherhood.

Ye whose hearts are brave and strong,
Rise, redress this ancient wrong!
See this wrong from power hurled—
See ye then a happier world.

—*Selected.*

An Interesting Place to Visit.

An interesting place to visit is the Littlefield Artificial Stone Works. Mr. Littlefield seems to have struck a winning gait on this business, in which his mechanical ingenuity and artistic taste and skill find full exercise. His several machines for making cement blocks are his own invention and manufacture, and those who have seen other of the much advertised machines in operation declare Mr. Littlefield's to be superior to any. His designs of blocks are also original and the molds for same he makes himself. He has got a first class crew of operators in Messrs. Dyson, Howarth, and Straddling, and it is a pleasure to see the way they get out blocks and stack them up in the yard.

Mr. Littlefield has three contracts for block houses on hand now, for Messrs. Zurhorst, Fischer and Howarth, respectively. The concrete foundation for the Zurhorst house is now in and block laying in progress, Mr. Stersic doing the work of laying.

Library Notice

The friend who has the type-written novel entitled "The Shield of Glass," by M. Howland, will please return it for reference, merely. It can be kept longer if desired.

M. HOWLAND, Librarian.

THE COURIER wishes all its readers a very happy and prosperous new year and many more of them to follow.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Banner patterns at Call's.

E. Smith has finished his syrup making. He made some elegant syrup this year.

Mrs. Dougherty's father, Mr. Jackman left on yesterday morning for his home in Elgin Ills.

Capt. George Lawrence is quite poorly, but keeps his "nerve" astonishingly, in spite of it.

Mr. C. B. Smith has been putting up an outside stairway for Mrs. Bessie Call, to her upstair rooms.

"Chicken-Hawk Cholly," Dr. Sheldon's popular coon song, now on sale at A. M. Dealy & Company's.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page, were over from Mobile for Sunday and Christmas with their relatives and friends.

The Gooding cottage is being treated to a coat of paint. Mr. Ewald is doing the job, assisted by his son Oveed.

Burnt-wood calendars and postals, with photos of Fairhope views. Unique and beautiful. A. M. Dealy & Co.

Kimonos: Persian patterns in flannelette, warm and rich. Just the thing for negligee wear. Prices 50c to $2 at Call's.

A. J. Wolf has a gang of men hard at work, pushing the cottages which he is building just west of Mr. Littlefield's.

All who want umbrella trees, for planting, come and get them during the month of January. 5 and 10 cents. Geo. Knowles.

Ernest Swift arrived on last Friday evening for a visit with his parents. He and Mr. W. H. Gaston were fellow passengers from Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Swift, George, and Ernest, Hazel Williams and Willie Getty, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Getty at their farm home near Saraland.

Mr. Crosbies' friend, Mr. Marion Smith of Dwight, Kansas, received word from home, which obliged him to cut short his stay here; he left on Christmas morning. He was very favorably impressed with Fairhope, and will very likely come eventually to live with us.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Flinn of Peoria, Ill., arrived on Thursday evening for a stay of several weeks. They were recommended to Fairhope by their friend Mr. Lewis of Peoria, who has made numerous visits south and liked Fairhope better than any place he had yet seen. Mr. and Mrs. Flinn are also greatly pleased. They are at fhe Fairhope House.

Mr. J. J. Duintjer who has been over at Mobile for some time, is back and wants to stay with us, though he will not try to farm any more, for he is too advanced in years. He has secured the Magnolia front of his friend Mr. Steenstra's tract and will probably build upon it soon.

Mr. Lancaster is enjoying a vist from his son Morris R. Lancaster and wife, of Chihuahua, Mexico, who arrived on last Sunday evening, the Steamer Carney accommodating them and some other Fairhope passengers greatly, by stopping here with them on her return trip from Mobile on which she usually goes direct to Battles.

Mr. W. H. Gaston, of Des Moines, the editor's eldest brother, arrived on last Friday evening and will remain probably until spring—certainly if he receives the benefit to his health which we hope for. He is one of the oldest--in point of service—clerks in the railway mail service—a most trying occupation on nerve and muscle. Mr. Gaston has not yet seen the single tax system in the light in which it appears to his younger brother, yet he has a lively interest in what we are doing and trying to do here. He is a guest of Dr. Atkinson.

An interesting visitor from Wednesday evening to Thursday morning was Mr. Claude Powers, of Hurricane, Ala. Mr. Powers' visit was particularly at the solicitation of his friend, and one of the COURIER'S subscribers, Mr. Jno. Bowen, of Memphis, Tenn., who is thinking of coming to Fairhope to live. Mr. Powers is a commercial fisherman, who is now fishing in the rivers near Hurricane, catching principally cat-fish and shipping to northern markets, and making a success of it. He may decide to locate in Fairhope with Mr. Bowen, who is engaged in the same business.

Salutation:

Standing upon the threshhold of a new year, we extend a greeting to our friends. For the many kind words of appreciation spoken of us and for the liberal patronage accorded us, for all of this we are truly grateful. You have helped to make our store one of the largest of its kind in our great and glorious "State of Baldwin."

Knowing, as you do, no doubt, that Jan 1 1906 our entire business goes into the hands of Mershon Merchandising Company (cooperative), we ask your cooperation with the new company. We will be with "your support" better able to serve you in the future than we have been in the past. If you haven't subscribed for some stock in this do so now; it is a good thing, give it encouragement; push it along.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year we wish to remain,

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Christmas at Fairhope.

Christmas was appropriately celebrated at Fairhope, the celebration beginning with a Christmas tree and very attractive Christmas program at the Christian church on Friday evening. Another excellent similar program was given by the Congregational Sunday-school at the Hall on Monday, Christmas evening.

There was a ball game Christmas forenoon between the Fish river nine and a picked up Fairhope team, resulting in a victory for the former.

The usual bountiful Christmas feasts were enjoyed at the Fairhope House, Curtis Restaurant and Bayside Cafe and by family and friendly groups at the homes of the people.

The Mershon Merchandising Co.

On January second, the Mershon Merchandising Company will take over and thereafter conduct the business heretofore done under the firm name of Mershon Brothers.

The officers of the new corporation for the first year will be as follows: President and treasurer, A. H. Mershon; vice president, Nathaniel Mershon; secretary, J. M. Pilcher; directors, the foregoing and R. F. Powell, C. L. Coleman, S. H. Comings, and Curt Anacker The following stockholders, in addition to the foregoing, have already been enrolled: G. M. Bancroft, Gus Leiser, A. Jung, Dr. H. S. Greeno, J. A. Patterson, C. B. Sheldon, Laurence Tilson, Dr. E. C. Slosson, Frank J. Scanlan, J. W. Braam, Chas. Stersic, H. W. Oberg, Henry W. Kadde, E. D. Brann, L. S. Massey, Dr. Clara Atkinson, Wm. Stimpson, Jos. R. Wood, Jno. Miller, Clifford Gabel, Cornelius Kraak, W. H. G Rowe, Andrew G. Carlson, E. S. Ross, Geo. Knowles, E L. Page, W. E. Sweet, A. van Bendegom, Z. J. Tiffany, A. P. Clark, E. B. Gaston, T. J. Lowell, J. H. Wells, W. H. Stapleton, Frank H. Howe, J. Zimmern Co.

With such officers and such support from the people the new corporation starts out with the brightest prospects.

We are advised that the Dr. Hail drug stock has been sold to Dr. Scott of Battles, who will take possession next week. Dr. Hail, it is said, will soon go to Chicago to take a post-graduate medical course.

Mrs. Anna B. Hail, of Fairhope, attended the State W. C. T. U. convention at Birmingham, and was elected corresponding secretary. She filled some lecture appointments on the way back, one of them at Fruitdale, and the Fruitdale Herald, of last week, gave a quite complimentary notice of it.

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All lengths, $3.25 a cord delivered, measure guaranteed; half cord least amount delivered. Leave orders at Mershons, Creswells, or Steenstras. B. VAN BAVEL & KOOPMAN.

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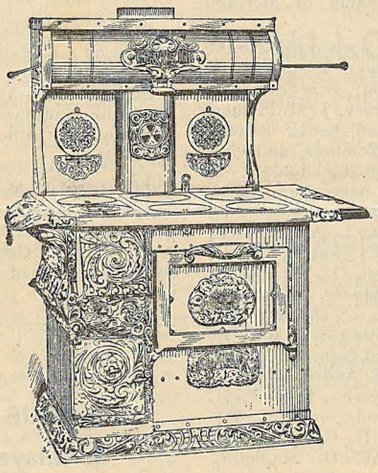
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