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ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

Enjoyable Banquet New Years Evening Was Largely Attended.--Brilliant Toasts and Many Entertaining Speeches.

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Joseph Fels Makes Donation on New Years Day, while on Train en Route for Philadelphia. - Letter Reaches Fairhope too Late to Be Read at Banquet.

The eleventh anniversary of the founding of Fairhope—the twelfth of the organization of the Colony Corporation—was duly celebrated on New Years evening.

First was the banquet at the supper hour, five o'clock. Long tables were spread in the hall, with plates set for something over eighty guests, which, it was counted from the sales of tickets, would be ample, but unexpected guests continued to arrive until, including attendants, nearly 100 people were served.

Following the supper the following program of toasts was presented:

"What Fairhope Should Stand For, Beside the Single Tax", R. F. POWELL.
"Educational Possibilities of Fairhope," Col. EDW. DANIELS.
"Fairhope's Future," ..... E. B. GASTON.
"The Ladies" ..... M. G. BRINK.
"Fairhope's Clubs" ... MRS. LYDIA J. NEWCOMB-COMINGS.
"Fairhope Fifty Years Hence" ARTHUR K. TRENHOLME.
"The Press," ..... F. W. ROSE.

Prof. J. Bellaugee presided most gracefully as toastmaster. We regret that our limited space and the impromptu nature of the responses forbid our giving them, save that of Mr. Arthur Trenholme, which, being in writing, we are happily able to reproduce for the benefit of our absent friends.

The banquet and toasts being concluded, the tables were cleared from the room almost as if by magic, by many willing hands, and President Brown called the largely reinforced audience to order for the general anniversary program. Doing so, he took occasion to extend them a cordial welcome and New Year greeting, and also to briefly but strongly present the reasons for Fairhope's existence. The following program was then rendered:

Violin Solo ..... Mr. J. K. Simmers.
Poem ..... J. M. Pilcher.
Vocal Solo ..... Arthur Dealy.
Address—"Reminiscences of Early Days" .. E. B. Gaston.
Guitar Solo ..... Herman Stemerdink.
Annual Colony History .... G W. Wood, Secretary.
Duet ..... Dealy Brothers.
Address ..... A. J. Wolf.
Violin and Guitar Duet ..... Simmers and Stemerdink.

Mr. Pilcher understood that his poem was to be given at the banquet, hence it took the form of a toast. It made a great hit and every stanza was greeted with applause. For the banquet we were really indebted to Dr. W. H. G. Rowe, who stepped nobly into the breach when it was about to be given up and assumed responsibility for assembling all the provisions and equipment and superintended the whole affair. He was ably seconded by the ladies of the Henry George Club and a number of young ladies and gentlemen who acted as waiters. The music of Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink was greatly appreciated, as it always is, also the songs of the Dealy Brothers and the faultless work of Mrs. Pilcher as accompanist. Mr. Wolf had the disadvantage of being at the end of the program, but made an exceedingly clear and entertaining address, and held the attention of the audience to the last moment.

Mr. Fels' Letter.

The following letter from Fairhope's royal and generous friend, Joseph Fels, written after his departure, was designed to be read at the celebration, but was not received until the day after.

THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS, FAIRHOPE:

With my regret that it was impractical to be with you when this is read and on the occasion which calls you together, naturally mingles my congratulations and hearty wishes. May the enjoyment of the celebration be as certain and pronounced, as the reasons which called the Fairhope Colony into existence are sound and patriotic, must be the wish of every right thinking lover of men and women. To assure your company that I feel honored and uplifted by my association with what is being accomplished there as an object lesson to the world in human economics, is to say the simple truth.

Your mistakes and failures are valuable lessons, as your successes are causes for joy.

The day and the occasion conduce to good feeling and turning over new leaves; to a sense of universal brotherhood and to conviviality.

I add to my own New Years dissipation by giving towards the erection and equipment of a new library, $1000, provided it be completed and occupied before the end of the New Year.

In the words of Little Tim: "Lord bless us all."

Your friend, truly,

JOSEPH FELS.

Colony History, by Secretary Wood.

On Thursday, the fourth of January, in the year of our Lord 1894, a number of persons interested in co-operation, met at Ernest B. Gaston's office in Des Moines to consider plans for a co-operative colony or community. Mr. Gaston read a sketch of a plan for such organization, which was freely discussed and

generally approved. E. B. Gaston, L. R. Clements, Alfred Wooster, J. P. Hunnel and James Bellangee were appointed a committee to elaborate the plan. At a meeting called by this committee on the last day of January, the constitution of the Fairhope Industrial Association was adopted. Meetings, both of the Association and Executive Council, were held at Des Moines, and the Association was incorporated in Iowa. S. S. Mann and J. Bellangee were appointed a committee on location of the proposed colony. They traveled extensively in search of the best site, and their report resulted in the selection of the eastern shore of Mobile bay. The last meeting at Des Moines was on the 26th of October, 1894.

Ten years from that day, on the 26th of October, 1904, the Association held its last meeting at Fairhope, aad adjourned *sine die*, after assigning its property rights and obligations to the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, which had been incorporated in Alabama, consisting of the same persons and maintaining the same constitution, with only such changes as incorporation in Alabama necessarily involved.

Nineteen hundred and five has been the first full year of the Alabama corporation. At the beginning of the year there were 83 members; now there are 103, an increase of 20. During the year death has claimed one of our members: the venerable Mrs Louisa Southworth, who passed away from this earth at Cleveland last May, having been devoted to the Single Tax and other reforms to the last.

By the aid of Joseph Fels and Robert F. Powell the Fels and De La Mare tracts have been added to the land belonging to the Corporation, affording numerous lots in the village, already occupied by houses, and one by a large building to contain a planing mill and other machinery for dressing lumber.

The Fairhope Improvement Company, which was organized last year about the time the Association was reorganized, is building this mill, has bought and enlarged the bakery, and built the house containing the waiting and refreshment rooms at the shore end of the wharf, and a number of dwelling houses. Others have also built, and it is estimated that $40,000 have been invested in building on Fairhope land during the past fifteen months.

The Fairhope Improvement Co. has built seven houses and assisted in building half a dozen more, besides enlarging the bakery. Charles E. Littlefield has built a house for Chas. F. Blank, and has begun houses for John Zurhorst, Ben Fischer, and Alexander Howarth. E. D. Brann has built the large front room on the COURIER office, a house for Mrs. Coulter and is building for other parties. Empire Stites has built a cottage for himself and one for Mrs. Otto, besides assisting in other buildings. Jas. Bellangee is building a house for Miss Mary C. Richards. Alphonse Robac has come from northern France and built a store. William Gray has built a shop. Edward G. Dougherty has built a cozy cottage. G. R. Cain began a little cottage which he has turned over to other parties unfinished. Frederick J. Beesley and Chas. Stersic have built shelters to hold their families until they can build

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The Colony telephone has been established and extended two miles and a half into the country, and is connected with telephones over the county and to Mobile.

A new industry has been introduced. Eber W. Jefferson and C. E. Littlefield are engaged in the manufacture of hollow blocks of concrete or artificial stone, of Portland cement and gravel found in the gullies. Being hollow, these blocks are light for their size, and are excellent for foundations, chimneys, and walls. Houses built of them are cool in summer and warm in winter, as the hollow walls are non-conductors of heat, and are, of course, safer from fire than ordinary houses built of kindling wood. Floors and stairs and even roofs can be built of the same material; but fireproof roofs can be built of other materials, better adapted to that use. The demand for concrete is likely to increase as the exhaustion of the forests diminishes the supply of lumber. Concrete makes good hitching posts and fence posts, seeing they will never rot.

Last May S. H. Comings lit "The Gables" with acetylene gas; and now not only his houses, but the church, hall, stores, hotel and some other houses are now brilliantly lighted with gas.

The Colony met with a great misfortune in the burning of the steamboat Fairhope, which was found to be on fire before daylight one morning in November. The boat was burned to the water's edge, and the wharf was saved only by cutting her loose and letting her drift away. But direct connection with Mobile is not thereby cut off. The Eastern Shore Transportation Co. now takes the Fairhope mail on the steamer Louis Dolive, which plies directly between Mobile and Fairhope, not only affording quick passenger and freight service, but bringing the mail earlier than it has been brought before.

The new school house with two commodious rooms was built in time to occupy it in January, and school has been kept in it during the year. The hall has been enlarged largely through the liberality of a friend at New York, and seated with chairs, so that meetings do not now crowd it uncomfortably. The education given by the school is now supplemented by the George Academy started in the hall on the 13th of November by Jacob W. Braam, assisted by Frederick William Chapman, for students pursuing advanced studies.

In various lines the year has been one of marked progress.

FIFTY YEARS HENCE.

Written for the Fairhope Anniversary Celebration, January 1, 1906, by Arthur Kingsley Trenholme.

Prologue.

To you, my townsmen and my neighbors all,
To share this feast now gathered in this hall,
I here present this somewhat faulty rhyme,
The airy vision of a future time,
Which, for a minute, brings before our view
The things we'd like to, but, just now, can't do.

A traveler, a pilgrim to these shores,
Came to the spot where Fairhope nobly soars
With airy pinnacles into the blue
Empyrean skies; and, dazzled by the view,
He would see more, and hastened to the land,
To find how Art and Science, hand in hand,
Had here combined, such marvels to command.

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First, as he neared the pine-encrested bluffs
Gay with their many colored reds and buffs,
A splendid pier came stretching into sight
Amidst the shining waters, gleaming white;
Landed, he found that this was of concrete,
From edge to edge 'twas all of sixty feet.
Two roads there were, on which there swiftly ran
To waiting steamers many a laden van,
Electric driven, piled high with products of the soil,
Sent forth by people who received full measure for their toil.

Farther inland a noble warehouse stood,
Of massive style and covering many a rood.
Then up a gently graded, curving road,
Where in old times the teamster plied his goad,
The traveler passed, and sought his night's abode
Where a grand hostel through the pines shone bright
With many windows, brilliant to the night.

Next morning, gazing at the lovely views,
Where the bright waters showed their sparkling hues,
An aged man approached and made
Courteous address unto our friend, and said
That, if he wished, together they would go
To view the city, and he would explain
How in fifty years Fairhope had made such gain.

So be it: forth they fared, and as they went
The sage discoursed in learned argument
As follows: how that fifty years agone
Fairhope was but a village little known.
How it was founded by a hardy few
Who staked their all to prove their theories true.
Won in the fight, and now their names are known
Throughout the land, now wrong is overthrown,
And all the earth made free to those who toil,
And Labor is the victor to whom belongs the spoil.

So through the garden city soft they glided
On motor car, by public care provided.
On every hand the lovely gardens ran
Down to the street, delightful unto man.
No vacant lots with rubbish piled high,
Or fences vast, far reaching to the sky;
But everywhere the land, rejoicing to be free,
Brought forth each fruit, each flower, each bush and tree.

The houses, built in modest, pleasant taste,
Were set so that no ground should go to waste.
The public buildings, seen on every side,
Of fine design, were pointed out with pride.

Passing along, the great Industrial School they sought,
Where Head and Hand and Heart were knowledge taught.
And here they heard a band of scholars singing,
Through the great halls their silvery voices ringing,
A chant of those, the sturdy pioneers,
Who fought the good fight in the early years:
"Praises we sing:
Loud we exalt their names,
The early heroes of our state who came
Hither, and in the wilderness
Founded this city
Which so great has grown
Its fame through all the world is known."

Then passed they forth to universities,
To public baths and libraries set midst trees;
To power plants with their great dynamos,
Owned by the people, whence all power flows
Which lights the city, runs the cars, and goes
To turn a thousand wheels of industry
That busy whir, now labor is set free.

The COURIER building next they wandered o'er,
With its quintuple presses, floor to floor
They heard their great reverberating roar.

The telephone exchange next their attention drew.
Municipal, of course, no privileged few
Had here a franchise, or could here command
Part of their toil from men who used the land.
Monopoly no longer here was known,
But each man reaped the fruits that he had sown.
Not now was our great heritage, the earth,
Made subject of exchange and barter; a new birth
Of Justice in the minds and hearts of men
Had seen the wrong, had righted it, and then
The Earth, from out her ever bounteous stores
Had poured her treasures, throwing wide the doors.

But, best of all, was Man, more nobly grown
Now that the race had come into its own.
A gentle people—just, needing but little law;
Where wrong was practically unknown, for everywhere one saw
How that our race, now that the dreadful fear
Of poverty, for those we hold most dear,
Being removed, straightway our souls upsprang
As over all the growing earth the glorious tidings rang.

Thus the old man, as slowly on they passed
Through the great city which had grown so vast
By following natural law—but now 'tis time
To leave the scene of what we hope will be,
And bring ourselves to stern reality.
So now I close, with hopes that some of you
May see the times I've pictured to your view.

A Toast.

By J. M. Pilcher.

TONIGHT, ere we leave this festal board,
That commemorates the day
When the Single Tax Pilgrims landed on the shores of Mobile Bay,
Let's drink—in this beverage all may join, ('tis the unfermented wine—)
We'll drink of our home-grown Scuppernong,
Or the juice of the Muscadine.

Lift high, with me, your glasses, and drink to this Pilgrim band,
And to Henry George, the Apostle, whose creed is their command.
Drink to the sentiment "Equal Rights"—that all might know its worth—
Not only the "meek," but all mankind,
Must rightly "inherit the earth."

Here's to the Fairhope ladies all (our angels unawares)
Who help us with their good advice
And guard us with their prayers.
Here's to that grand man, Joseph Fels,
Our comrade in heart and soul,
Whose wealth, in his beneficence,
Helps us to reach the goal.

Here's to the churches and the schools,
Here's to the V. I. C.,
Here's to the League and here's to the Band,
And the School of Philosophy.
Here's to the coming water works,
Here's to the wharf, and the Hall,
Here's to the Fire Volunteers,
Who will help protect them all.

Now, with hearts bowed low in sorrow,
Felt by both grave and gay,
We'll drink to the fated steamer
That the fire fiend took away.
In charity, too, we drink to the few,
And the time that soon may see
Their grievance gone, while they return
To the great majority.

And now we'll drink to the Fairhope plan,
We'll follow through good or ill,
For our hearts are tuned to its vibrant chords,
We feel the ecstatic thrill—
Steadfast we'll work together,
Strain every cord and nerve,
We love the cause so devotedly,
From its course we will not swerve.

Last and not least, but first and best,
We'll drink ere we go away,
To Fairhope village nestling here
On the shore of Mobile Bay.
Let each one strive and let each one feel
A pride in its growth alway,
And with zeal and a faith unbounded
Hurrah for it night and day!

The total receipts from the Anniversary banquet were $38.50, expenses $21.95; leaving a profit of $16.55, to be devoted to some public use.

The Arts and Crafts society has secured the use of the Coleman building—once called "The Conundrum"—for its winter's work. Miss. Lyon will arrive next Tuesday.

Some people are very ardent single taxers theoretically but a cold proposition for *them* to pay as much for *their* land as others are willing to pay causes them to lose all their (single tax) religion.

In this issue of the COURIER appears the new ad of Mr. R. A Lambert of Mobile, the well known well man. It gives us pleasure to recommend Mr. Lambert as a thoroughly competent and reliable man in his line. He put down the first well sunk in Fairhope and has had large experience in putting down wells throughout all this section, so is perfectly familiar with the conditions to be met. It will be noted that he not only puts down wells, but that he furnishes pumps for either hand or power, gasoline engines, windmills., etc. and installs same.

The COURIER takes pleasure in again presenting, as it has yearly for several years past, the announcement of the Glen St. Mary Nursery, of Glen St. Mary Florida. We believe this nursery has furnished more trees in this vicinity during the past ten years than any other, and we have never heard a single complaint of the stock furnished or the manner in which orders entrusted to it were taken care of; though during the same time there have been numerous and bitter complaints against some other nurseries doing business through this section. There is a reason why the Glen St. Mary Nursery has built up its enormous business. It is because Colonel Tabor, the proprietor, beside the most intimate knowledge of every condition necessary to growing the best of nursery stock and putting it into the hands of customers in prime condition, has that scrupulous, some would say "old fashioned" honesty, which makes "his word as good as his bond.,, Trees which come from this nursery, never turn out to be something else than ordered. You cannot afford to take any chances in this respect and to avoid it you should send at once for a Glen St. Mary catalogue and price list, and make out your order from it.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Powell entertained the following at dinner on January second; Messrs. and Mesdames F. L. Brown, Bancroft, Gaston and Pilcher, Mrs. A. B. Call, Mrs. Comings, Mrs. Trenholme, Prof. Bellangee, Father Knowles and G. B. Stapleton. The latter's presence was an unexpected pleasure. Mr. Stapleton is the county assessor and, dropping in just about the dinner hour on his official duty, was urged by the genial host and hostess to remain, which he did. Naturally in such a company and on such an occasion there was much Single Tax talk, which Mr. Stapleton took very kindly. The occasion was one long to be remembered by those present.

There should be a big turnout at the good roads conference at Bay Minette, on Monday, January 18th. We hope Fairhope will send a good delegation.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Littlefield celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on last Friday evening Dec. 29th and there was a very large turnout of their friends to congratulate them on the auspicious occasion. A number of beautiful and useful presents was also received.

Eber Jefferson has secured the contract for putting in the concrete work for a new Baptist church at Point Clear. The contract includes the foundations, 30x50, and also four concrete pillars for the front. These will be 12x12in. resting on a base 18x18, and will be 16ft. in height.

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Mr. Johnson, who is employed by the L. & N. railroad as a superintendent of tie cutting in the vicinity of Robertsdale, moved his family into the Massey cottage last week.

The Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department is arranging a fine concert program for Wednesday, Jan. 24th. Many of the best entertainers of our little city have consented to take part. The proceeds will go towards the apparatus which the Department is anxious to secure as quickly as possible.

M. M. Cope came over on Sunday morning and remained over till Wednesday morning, and received a hearty welcome from as many of his numerous friends as had the pleasure of meeting him. He had a number of matters of business to attend to and did not get to see as many of his friends as he would have liked.

Mr. R. L. Douglass, the popular fire insurance man, of Mobile, spent a day or two here last week. Speaking of the fire in the Brown block, he said that he saw the building within a day or two after the fire, and considered that marvelous work was done in extinguishing a fire with such a start, by a bucket brigade.

A more interesting and instructive lecture was never given in the hall than that of R. F. Powell, on Wednesday evening. It was on School Gardens and was illustrated with a large number of excellent stereopticon views of Philadelphia school and vacant lot gardens. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Powell at the close.

Mrs Howland has received a commission from Mr. Fels, for the translation of a valuable work in French on Chinese agiculture and requests us to say to her friends and correspondents that she will be obliged to give almost all her time to it for some time to come and trusts they will on that account excuse her for any seeming inattention.

New Company Meeting with Flattering Success.

The Mershon Merchandising Company started out to sell $10,000 worth of stock and thus increase their capitalization from $15,000 to $25,000. Over 20 per cent. of this allotment has already been taken, and, as hoped for, it has been taken in the immediate vicinity of Fairhope, which means that our usefulness will be increased, and it means, further, that our own people have confidence in us because of our past record. We shall not urge you to take stock with us now, but will predict that in less than five years from now you will want to kick yourself clean around the next block because you did not do so when you had the opportunity.

The First "Firemen's Ball."

The first "Firemen's Ball" on last Friday evening was a great success and netted quite a neat sum toward the fire-fighting apparatus which the firemen desire to get. President Pilcher of the F. V. F. D. called to order at 8:30, and in a neat little speech told the purpose of the organization and welcomed the guests to its first ball, after which Mr. Coleman called all to "select partners for the grand march."

Attendance was by invitation, which insured perfect order and decorum throughout the evening. Great credit for the perfection of the arrangements was due to the floor committee, Messrs. Coleman, A. M. Dealy, and Otto Manteuffel. By arrangement with the Curtis restaurant, refreshments were served there during the evening.

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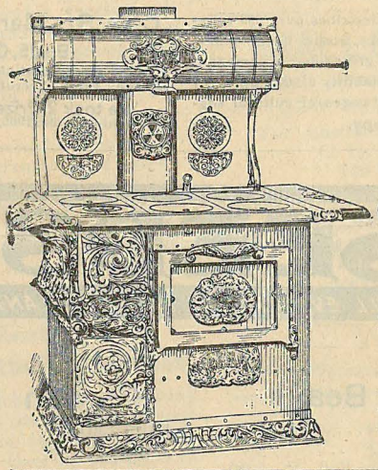
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My Impressions of Fairhope.

By Alfred J. Wolf.

Terminating a fatigueing journey of 3600 miles from Seattle, Washington, to Mobile, Alabama, on December 5, I walked up Government street between dilapidated buildings occupied largely by negroes, junk shops and cheap stores, and my heart sunk when I fancied that was Mobile. But, when at last I emerged into a modern city with handsome buildings, fine stores and clean, well paved streets, my spirits rose, for the contrast was as delightful as unexpected. I was particularly struck by the large number of banks in a city of perhaps 75,000 people, for these institutions are an unmistakable indication of commercial activity.

Crossing the beautiful sheet of water known as Mobile bay, I stepped toward evening upon the Colony dock and was greeted by my old friend, Ed Ross, who soon had me comfortably settled in his charmingly located and admirably conducted hotel, "The Fairhope."

My first walk next day through the Colony grounds was somewhat disappointing. The sandy soil and grass-grown gardens made it hard to believe that labor could earn a reward through tillage. But this discouraging aspect faded when I became more fully informed of conditions and results. I at last became thoroughly convinced that intelligent cultivation of suitable crops will bring here quite as large a return as elsewhere. The real obstacle lies not so much in the soil as in marketing its abundant products, but this can, and, I am sure will, be overcome by co-operative shipping and selling.

The business possibilities of the Colony have really grown upon me, as upon others who have stayed and studied the situation in its various aspects. True that the population is small and the opportunities of accumulating wealth insignificant. But consider how a handful of men, poor in wealth but rich and powerful in their faith in themselves and their principles, settling in an uncleared forest, in a region whose social atmosphere and climate were repellant to northern-bred men, with a new and doubtful soil, lack of convenient railroad communication and unsatisfactory water transportation; with all these discouragements, accompanied by the ordinary hardships of life in a new and sparsely settled community; consider what they have accomplished. With courage and self confidence not surpassed by the pioneers of any new land, they have stubbornly persisted until now we behold a bright and thriving village of 500 souls that is constantly augmenting, with its own fine school, public hall, library, excellent roads, a water and telephone system, and other public improvements in contemplation. There is no jail, no saloon, and no policeman. Doors are left unlocked at night and larceny and burglary unknown. Though the people are restricted in means, they are a smiling, happy, life-enjoying body. In fine, the outcome thus far is a complete vindication of the economic and, necessarily, the moral soundness of the policy of the Colony.

Yes, Fairhope is already a success which is pregnant with future possibilities. Just think of the $40,000 which has been expended in improvements by the colonists within the past fifteen months, which comprises the period during which the recent "controversy" occurred. This, I am assured, never was of practical importance, however disagreeable, and is now a closed incident. Its sole effect has been to more firmly establish the announced policy of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

To those, and there are many throughout the country, who yearn to participate personally in the fortunes of the Colony and to enjoy its congenial social atmosphere, I can only repeat the counsel given me by a correspondent, who wrote: "If you come here, do so on your own responsibility. If you hope to acquire riches, stay away. But, if you are willing to labor at anything your hand finds to do, with a view of securing a reasonable livelihood in the present, with a probable increase as the Colony grows; and if the desire to help make this experiment a triumphant success is a controlling motive, then come at the earliest possible moment."

Importance of The Courier.

F. W. Rose in his response at the anniversary banquet to the toast, "The Press," paid high tribute to the work of the press in general in the dissemination of intelligence, and particularly to the work of the COURIER in spreading the knowledge of what is being done at Fairhope. "The COURIER brought me to Fairhope," declared Mr. Rose, "and doubtless the same can be said of a very large proportion of those who are here this evening." Friend Rose urged that the community show in a substantial way its appreciation of benefits received through the COURIER, and in this connection read the following letter from Mr. Fels, penciled just as he was about to take the train at Mobile, and handed Mr. Powell.

"Fels' Last Word and First Request."

The Fairhope Colony, what it stands for and what it will be, owes as much or more to the FAIRHOPE COURIER and its self-sacrificing editor, E. B. Gaston, than to any one agency, and the paper has not been paid a cent these many years for the great publicity it has given Fairhope principles and official news so far as I know.*

The Colony owes it to itself to be just as well as grateful. It should pay the COURIER fairly for service to be rendered in the future, as no paper can live on wind or gratitude. From one-half page to a page each issue should be devoted to the Colony's business, and is worth $100 per year at least. JOSEPH FELS.

*This advertising would have cost hundreds of dollars through any other channel.

The publisher of the COURIER desires to express his deep appreciation of the sentiments and suggestions of Messrs. Rose and Fels; nor will he allow his modesty to prevent his heartily endorsing Mr. Fels' suggestion. The Fairhope Corporation, while primarily organized to exemplify correct economic principles, is, in its practical working, essentially a business corporation, administering its property—not for the benefit of the stockholders, as an ordinary corporation, but for the benefit of lessees of its lands. It is to the interest of every lessee that people should be attracted to Fairhope, that the Colony lands should be leased and built upon, that cottages built for transients should have tenants in summer and winter, and that the revenue of its wharf and other public services should be increased.

The Corporation also has its matters of business and policy which it frequently has to lay before its members and tenants. This can be done in no other way as cheaply and effectively as through the columns of the COURIER. It should, in our opinion, thus make public all important acts of the Council from time to time, bills allowed, treasurer's reports, etc. Nothing will conduce more to harmony in the community or redound more to the credit of the Colony than the fullest publicity of its doings while they are being done; and no method will be as cheap or effective as publication in the current issues of the COURIER

Miss Lyon Returns.

Miss Lyon, who made so many friends and did such valuable work in the Arts and Crafts line here last winter, returned on Tuesday evening and on Wednesday evening was tendered a reception by the Arts and Crafts Society at the home of the president, Mrs. Comings.

The delightful home was filled with the members of the society and their friends, by whom Miss Lyon was given a most cordial welcome back to Fairhope.

The president, Mrs. Comings, in a brief address presented the aims of the society, reviewed the work of last year and told of the plans for the future, and then called upon Miss Lyon, who expressed her pleasure at being back in Fairhope, and gratification to know that the Arts and Crafts Society had even increased in membership, as she was informed, since her former visit. She told of the branches which might be taken up this winter, including furniture designing and making, including the finishing of woods; weaving, metal working in iron, copper, and brass, etc., etc. Referring to the hat making industry introduced last winter, she said the members had acquired a proficiency and exhibited an originality and ingenuity beyond her expectations. She thought they had advanced beyond her ability to teach them in that line.

Miss Lyon, in addition to her exceptional technical ability, is a charming little lady who makes friends of all who meet her. Her advent to Fairhope and the inauguration of the arts and crafts work, were events of much importance to our community. The COURIER is glad to see Miss Lyon back and wishes a most successful season's work to her and the Arts and Crafts Society.

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I have nearly ready the annual report of the library which will soon be presented to the Council, and will I trust be sent regularly hereafter. The original books, the Howland collection, forming the nucleus of the library, have not been formally, i. e. legally, made over to the Fairhope Corporation, but this will be done when the new building is completed, or before. Meanwhile, should anything happen to me, I have no heirs that would claim the books even were they now my property, which all our members and friends know they are not. I have marked, "Reserved" a few volumes only of personal value. These, in any case, will be added later, if indeed they should be taken away by me temporarily, which is not likely.

The following is the record of the number of books borrowed from the library from its formal opening April, 1906, described in the COURIER at the time in the "Letters," until the present year.

1900— 250 volumes and periodicals.
1901— 307 volumes and periodicals.
1902— 682 volumes and periodicals.
1903— 642 volumes and periodicals.
1904— 804 volumes and periodicals.
1905—1240 volumes and periodicals.

This is the first counting. The list will be carefully corrected before being presented to the Council.

I would add that we are discussing the organization of a Library Association, to be affiliated wih the Alabama Library Association. I feel confident that this association will soon be formed, and that it will be a permanent and able factor in the growth and prosperity of the F. P. Library.

MARIE HOWLAND, Librarian.

Through an inexcusable and regrettable oversigh the COURIER of last week, in its report of the anniversary banquet, failed to mention the response of Dr. Clara E. Atkinson to the toast "The Social Life of Fairhope." The doctor is particularly qualified to speak upon this subject, having been so important a part of the social life of Fairhope for so many years. She gave some excellent advice as to the importance of courtesy and hospitality in contributing to the attractive force of our town.

We have received a copy of the *Quasquetonian*, of Quasqueton, Iowa, a hansome county weekly, of which our single tax friend, Frank Vierth, is editor and publisher.

Mr. Ed. Ross, the popular host of the Fairhope Hotel, has been painfully afflicted with a visitation of boils.

Our pioneer Fairhoper, Mr. S. S. Mann, arrived from Iowa, on last Saturday evening, glad to escape the northern winter, which was setting in in good earnest when he left. Mr. Mann advises us that he has decided to divide up the larger part of his seven acre tract on Fairhope avenue, according to whatever plan is approved by the Council, and sell the improvements at a reasonable figure, of which we shall probably have some further announcement to make next week.

The Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department met at the hall, on Wednesday evening, adopted a constitution and by-laws, elected Arthur Trenholme secretary, in place of Edward Worcester, resigned, and inspected the new fire ladders and buckets received the same day. These are two light, but strong ladders, which can be used separately, and united make an extension ladder 36 feet long, long enough to reach the roof of the tallest building in town. The regular meetings of the company will hereafter be held on the second Monday evening of each month.

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J. E. E. Ruge of Dunkirk, N. Y., sending a dollar for renewal of his subscription to the COURIER, added another dollar for copies of the booklet and for copies of December first and fifteenth, which he says, "are good to pass around."

The COURIER greatly regrets the apparent rejection of the proposed plan for securing water works. It is, in our opinion, the only practical plan by which the water works can be secured at the present time. If, however, some one can propose a better plan, the COURIER will support it heartily.

The COURIER's good friend, Oliver Rule of Meriden, Conn., sends us one of the first clubs of the new year, including with his own renewal and that of another Meriden subscriber, the names of three new subscribers, all of his town. That's a good starter for the new year. Won't others of our subscribers do likewise?

Mrs. Annie E. Hardon of Contoocook, N. H., renewing her subscription to the COURIER, says: "Please consider it accompanied, though a little late, with all the good wishes of the season for yourself, the COURIER, and all Fairhope. Every number of the COURIER brings me fresh pleasure in its encouragement for the cause."

The regular annual election of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation occurs on Thursday, February 1. The officers to be elected, with the incumbents, are: President, F. L. Brown; vice president, Wm. Stimpson; secretary, G. W. Wood; superintendent of public health, S. D. Yarnelle; superintendent of industries, E. S. Ross; trustee, C. E. Littlefield.

Col. H. Martin Williams, the well known Single Taxer formerly of Missouri, now of Woodlawn, Ill., sends us a very interesting clipping giving an interview with Mr. Fels in a London paper. Referring to our recent acquisition, Mr. A. J. Wolf, he says: "Am glad that he has joined you. He is a most valuable acquisition. He is one of God's noblemen." Mr. Williams himself looks forward to joining us some time.

Rents to Remain as Last Year.

The adjourned lessees' meeting on last Thursday evening confirmed the action of the previous meeting in moving to leave the rent for 1906 substantially as for 1905, with such changes in the way of equalization as the Council thought necessary. There was, however, quite a spirited defense of the raises made by the Council in the appraisement submitted by it, and had it not been for the fact that many of the lessees were not present, considering the matter practically settled at the former meeting, there would have been a strong vote in favor of approving the Council's work. In the discussion there was some of the opposition to the Colony policy, always expected on such occasions, and also a lot of straight, sound Single Tax talk, which is always forthcoming when occasion presents. Mr. C. K. Brown also showed the deep personal feeling cherished by him because of his dismissal from office some months since, and declared his desire and intention to close out his interests and leave at the first opportunity. There is no better feature of the Fairhope plan, aside from its land policy, than the provision by which the Corporation may change its officers at will. There should rightly attach no more stigma or be no more feeling aroused by a change of officers at a special election called in obedience to a petition, than at a regular annual election. Officers are but the servants of the Corporation, and it should and must be at liberty to change them whenever it sees fit.

A Hitch in the Water Works Plan.

The plan for securing a public water system for domestic use and fire protection, which was approved by the members and lessees some months since and on December 12th endorsed by the Executive Council and a board of water trustees appointed to carry it into execution, was practically killed on last evening.

On Monday evening the trustees reported to the Council details of the proposed system as planned by them, calling for an expenditure of about $3400, of which subscriptions to the amount of over $1600, (with several hundred more in sight) had been secured from interested local parties, as payment for connections with the mains. After much discussion, a motion to table the whole matter failing, a motion prevailed to submit the trustees' plans to a referendum to the members on Thursday evening. At last evening's meeting it developed that, while the referendum, as called, was only upon the details of the plan presented by the trustees, the real opposition was to the general plan, and that a petition had also been filed with the secretary for another referendum upon it. It was therefore, moved and carried that the meeting adjourn without action upon the details, until the referendum was had upon the general plan.

The real objection to the plan—or at any rate the objections urged last evening—were that it was in violation of both the provisions of the constitution, forbidding the incurring of interest-bearing indebtness and the granting of franchices. Mr. Bellangee, who led the opposition, was very positive that it did violate these provisions and those favoring it were equally

positive that it did not. Before the motion to adjourn was put, one to refer to the Corporation's attorney the question as to whether the plan would endanger the Corporation by violating the constitution in these respects and secure his opinion before the referendum upon the plan was had, was voted upon and lost by thirteen to ten.

This was the real test of sentiment upon the subject and, in our opinion, justifies the statement that the plan was practically killed. The date for the other referendum has not been set.

The Fairhope Improvement Company held its annual meeting on Jan. 2, re-elected the same officers, except that Mr. J. M. Pilcher was elected treasurer, Mr. Bancroft having been both secretary and treasurer hitherto. The reports of the officers were presented and showed a very encouraging condition of the Corporation's affairs. After deducting all the expenses incident to the organization and launching of the company, it was found that a dividend of 6 per cent. on the stock could be paid, and the same was ordered paid by the directors.

Judge Browne, in a letter to the county commissioners, signified his willingess to hold a special term of court at Bay Minette, and it is probable one will be called at an early date.

Hon. T. J. Holman, county commissioner from this district, renews his subscription to the COURIER and announces his hearty approval of the plan to build a fine road from Fairhope to Robertsdale, through Silver Hill. He thinks the county commissioners should make an appropriation for it, and says he would personally give $5.

We parted from Mr. Powell with great regret on last Saturday morning, when he was compelled to return to his vacant lot and school garden work. His first service in that line was an appointment to lecture in New York before the committee having in charge the school garden work in that city, where it has been taken up by the city and placed in charge of the park commissioners. Mr. Powell went from here directly to New York to meet this appointment. Mr. Powell has been a "tower of strength" to us in many ways and we regret to part from him even for a time.

Personal and Local.

Several families have come in within a few days whose names we have not learned.

The painting of the school house has been completed adding immensely to its appearance.

The Henry George Club will meet with Mrs. Gaston on next Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

The foundation blocks are in for the nice cottage which Mr. Brann is to build for Mr. Beckner, just east of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens, their two children and Mrs. Ahrens' mother, have arrived from Chicago and will occupy their new cottage on Section street.

Mr. Frank Creswell has been having a very serious time with ingrowing toe-nails, having been obliged to submit to a painful operation, and being unable to attend to business on account of it, has gone to Mobile, to be under the direct care of a specialist for a few days.

On next Friday evening the Henry George Club will hold another of its evening meetings, at the Gaston home. Mr. Ed. S. Ross will make a short address on "The Inevitable Solution of the Tariff Question," which will be followed by a general discussion. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. W. C. Turner, a well known citizen of Baldwin County, formerly from Illinois, who for some time was in the mercantile business at Daphne, later ran a store and saw mill at Belforest, and quite recently removed to Robertsdale, was instantly killed by the discharge of a shotgun at his home at Robertsdale on Tuesday morning. It was at first reported as a case of suicide, but the coroner's jury was satisfied, from its investigation, that it was accidental, and so reported. He was 49 years of age and left a wife and five children. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Bay Minette lodge, and was buried with Masonic honors, the Mobile and Bay Minette lodges participating, in Magnolia cemetery, Mobile.

"The Brothers' War."

We have just received from its author, our highly esteemed friend Judge Reed of Atlanta, one of the most interesting, instructive, and important books of the period, and we most heartily wish it might be read by five million of the best people of both sections.

The author is a born southern man, but a broadguage patriot and a loyal son of America, in its widest sense, and the object of his work has been to study the causes that led up to the sectional strife, and to discover the best motives that influenced both sides.

It shows more plainly that in any work we have seen, the mistakes, and misconceptions of each side, and in an appeal that is touching in the extreme pleads for forgetfulness of all that is unfortunate in the past, and for united efforts at working out the grand destiny, so easily in our power, to be the leading nation of the earth in all that is best and most progressive for humanity.

It treats of the race question, with the kindly sympathy of one who knows the best and the weakest side of the race so strangely placed in the way of progress towards a better civilization, and one who would help solve the difficult problem in the way best for both races.

His earnest candor and long study of this most difficult problem merits the most careful consideration from those who have never lived among the people of the colored race, and who may be too sanguine of their immediate development into equal political power, and as well should his words be heeded by those who have been willing to deal unjustly with an unfortunate race that have the faults of an undeveloped but ambitious people.

The work will cross some prejudices on both sides but appeals to us as one of the fairest and ablest yet written and we are pleased to learn it is also highly appreciated by others whose opinion we value.

We hardly need say the tone of the book is optimistic not pessimistic, but deals plainly with difficulties that may well be understood by all who wish our country to be a real democracy. S. H. COMINGS.

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Mrs. Jeanette Dennis of Kushla was a guest of Miss Effie Mershon for several days recently.

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Mr. Robac is making some improvements to his store building, the principal being an addition the length of the building on the west

Mr. and Mrs. Darrow of Watseka, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross of Castana, Iowa, have been at the Curtis Restaurant for several days.

Dr. C. L. Mershon, our popular physician was elected president of the Baldwin County Medical Society at its late meeting, an honor wisely bestowed.

Mr. Metcalf of Momence, Illinois, a friend of Mr, J. J. Mogg, visited him on Wednesday, and will probably spend some further time in this vicinity. He was one of a party of land-seekers who came down over the new railroad to Foley.

Miss Francis Gaston celebrated her seventeenth birthday on last Friday evening and a jolly party of her young friends suprised her and helped to make the occasion one to be long remembered. Mamma Gaston had been "put next" and was ready with light refreshments, at the proper time.

Mr. Clemens Gerhard returned last week from a five months' stay in Havana, Cuba, with many interesting experiences to relate and a lot of souvenirs of Cuba with which he has been favoring his friends. While in Havana, he was employed as a pressman by the Havana Post, the only English daily in the city.

Mr. T. P. Lyons of Denver, Colorado, is a recent arrival, and there is an excellent prospect of his deciding to remain permanently with us. He is an ardent Single Taxer who has been greatly interested in the Colony and would be a strong addition to our resident membership, he being already a member of the Corporation.

C. E. Littlefield began his second month in the cement block business this week, and has certainly made a big showing in the short time he has been at it. The Zarhorst house is up to the top of the windows and is the object of much admiring comment. It is going to be an ornament to the village and a big advertisement for the contractor.

On last Friday morning a little before noon fire was discovered by neighbors, on the roof of Knowles-Bancroft home. Fortunately a ladder and plenty of water were at hand and the fire was quickly extinguished with small damage. It was caused by burning particles of paper or boughs being carried out of the chimney and falling upon the roof, where the old and dry shingles ignited readily.

Eber Jefferson went over to Mobile on Saturday and down to Dog River where a former Michigan friend of his, Mr. V. E. Montague has recently established himself in the boat building business. Tuesday evening Mr. Montague and his friend Mr. Brinkman of Neshoto, Mobile County, came over to make Mr. Jefferson a return visit and on Wednesday they drove out to Fish River whence the visitors took the Baldwin to Mobile on Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Beattie and their daughter, of Kewanee, Ill., friends of Mrs. Sweet's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Strattan, who came over from Citronelle a couple of weeks ago to visit them and see Fairhope, were so pleased that they have returned to spend the winter and brought reinforcements with them in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Drainer. The Beatties have taken rooms in Mrs. Bessie Call's pleasant cottage and the Drainers have moved into the Black cottage on Section street.

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Mr. Alex. De Block of the Dubar Airship Co., who visited Fairhope last winter, the guest of J. J. Duintjer, is here again, stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Steenstra. He is much pleased with Fairhope and will probably spend the winter here.

Laces at Mershon Merchandising Co.'s.

Henry Franke of New York is making us a short visit. Mr. Franke first learned of Fairhope through Mrs. Wilcox's articles in Hearst's American and has been a reader of the COURIER for a couple of years. He is much pleased with Fairhope, finding it beyond his expectations.

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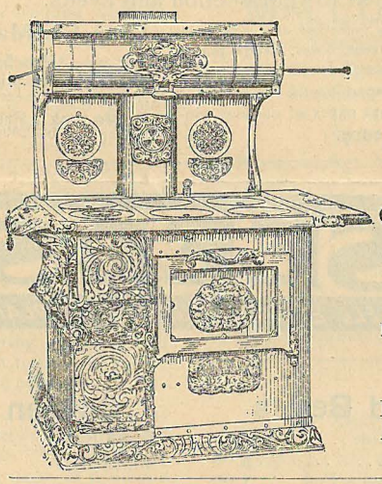
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Fairhope an Experiment Station.

A chief value of the work done at Fairhope is as an "experiment station" to demonstrate disputed points regarding the Single Tax. For instance: "Will the Single Tax prevent the holding of land out of use?" Now, of course, no Single Taxer doubts that it will, but many other good people do. They are very sure that the present holders of large tracts would hang on to them and simply increase their price correspondingly to later-comers. Fairhope has demonstrated that the Single Taxer's view is correct. Holders of valuable sites which they are not using become increasingly eager to let go instead of to hang on. We can refer to numerous specific instances if necessary.

Another disputed proposition is: "Will people improve land as readily and well where they are not permitted ownership in fee simple, but can only hold subject to the claim of the community to the increasing values?" Single Taxers say "yes." Fairhopers say "yes, look and see."

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VISITOR VINDICATES FAIRHOPE POLICY

A recent visitor bore the strongest testimony to the virtue of the Fairhope policy by characterizing it as the brightest, most prosperous appearing and attractive town he knew of in the South—and he has traveled much—but he thought he would prefer to "own his own land." We will have no quarrel with the gentleman—unless he insists on our selling him some of our land. We know that our proposition is a new and novel one to most people, and that man naturally inclines to follow the beaten path, even though he might be sympathetically inclined toward the new idea. Our purpose however, in referring to this instance was to show that while this gentleman prefers the private land ownership idea, it will, most likely, prevent his securing a home in this vicinity—for he finds that under it, those who already own sites along the bay shore which they are not making use of, in some instances refuse to set a price upon them at all, and in others set a price so high that he is quite unwilling to pay it. And therein lies the greatest reason why Fairhope is outstripping her sister towns. The Fairhope policy discourages the holding of land out of use, thereby making unused sites easily accessible to home makers; while outside Fairhope exactly the contrary condition prevails.

To Our Subscribers

We have sent out this week notices of subscriptions due or past due, to a large number of subscribers. We need the money due us and subscribers will oblige us greatly by prompt attention to our notices. Particularly do we ask those who are in arrears to remit the amount due. Our policy of continuing the paper unless notice was received to the contrary has been fully vindicated by the number who, failing to renew on time, have done so later, expressing their appreciation of the favor shown them. It is not our purpose to carry on the list one who does not wish the paper, and we hope that, if there be any such, they will not let the paper contiuue to come and then complain about paying for it or refuse to do so, but will either drop us a card ordering it discontinued or ask their postmaster or carrier to do so for them which they are by law required to do. Subscribers please remember that the Courier is not published by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation but by Mr. Gaston personally, who has no means for meeting cost of publication save the earnings of the paper.

We want very much to enlarge and improve the Courier, but can only do so by the co-operation of our subscribers in promptly paying their subscriptions and in as far as possibe, helping us to secure new ones.

The Water Works Matter.

The referendum upon the proposed plan for securing a public water system has been set for next Monday evening.

We trust that, in the meantime the matter will be given careful consideration, so that the members may be able to act with full knowledge and, that the plan may be fairly before them, we print the same in full herewith, (though we think the publication of just such matters, should be provided for by the Corporation).

It will be noted that the plan contemplates raising a large part of the necessary capital from persons desiring the water, for which they would receive an equivalent in the right to connect with the mains, and which is never to be repaid, (or, at any rate, not unless a less rate was later made to others in which event there should be a refund of the difference).

At the meeting on Thursday evening the trustees reported subscriptions on this basis, of $1725 and an estimated total cost of $3400. They believe that a further considerable sum can be secured from persons

who have not yet subscribed and also that there will be a great stimulus to building upon the streets upon which the mains are laid on account of the opportunity to connect with them and that those making new improvements will be very glad to make connection, and that their payments will furnish a large source of revenue from which to meet the obligations assumed.

The chief objection urged against the plan on last Thursday evening was that it was in violation of the constitution, which forbids the granting of franchises for performing public services or the incurring of any interest bearing indebtedness. It was also claimed that more money could be raised for a water-works system upon a plan which would not be objectionable in these particulars though no plan was given.

The COURIER does not believe the constitutional points raised to be well taken. The obvious purpose of the clause forbidding the granting of franchises was to prevent public services, in their nature monopolies from passing into the control of individuals or corporations to be administered for private gain. The authority given to the water trustees to build and administer this system, for the benefit of the people of Fairhope, is in no sense such a franchise, and, if it be contended that the securing of the debt incurred, by the water plant and its revenues, might lead to a franchise right accruing to creditors in event of default of payment, that can be guarded against by a specific statement in the obligations given to creditors, limiting them to the right to take and remove the machinery and mains.

The obvious meaning it seems us of the constitutional prohibition against incurring "bonds or mortgages or other interest-bearing indebtedness", is to prevent endangering the existence of the Colony by debts for non-payment of which its lands might be foreclosed upon and sold. That this has been the interpretation of this section, and not the matter of paying interest, is indicated by the fact that during the first year of the Colony's history the wharf certificates were issued with a 'bonus' of 25 per cent. equivalent to 25 per cent. per annum interest to those who got their certificates redeemed during the first year and 6¼ per cent per annum to those whose certificates ran four years, and also, that about the same time the plan was urged, and has been ever since, of getting friends to buy land and hold it subject to the Colony's privilege of buying at cost, plus six per cent. per annum interest. And by the adoption of the plan by which the boat was buiit, providing for the return of the money invested, with interest, but secured only by the boat.

While confident that the proposed plan is not opposed to the spirit of the constitution, the writer felt that it would be wise to secure an opinion from our attorney as to the liability of its being technically construed as a violation of either of the clauses mentioned, and so moved at last week's meeting.

The plan seems to us an eminently sensible and practical one by which this greatly needed public service can be secured at once, without any further draft upon the revenues of the Corporation than the $200 it is proposed to pay annually to the water trustees, which

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would be amply justified, if paid for no other purpose than the fire protection afforded, but which will, doubtless, be returned to the Corporation treasury, and more, from the increased land values accruing, and which will be credited as partial payments upon the system. The people who want the water are already offering over half the money needed which, while they get their equivalent in water uses, is an absolute donation as far as the Corporation is concerned. And the future payments for new connections will pay the whole of the balance in a few years.

It is of great importance that this work should be undertaken at once, for persons who are now ready to contribute toward a public system will otherwise have to devote the money they are now offering, to provide their own systems. A good water system, with our volunteer fire department, would reduce insurance rates materially. It would attract people accustomed to such a convenience and able to put up good buildings. We have now an excellent set of water trustees who have already given the matter much time and thought and are ready to continue to do so upon the plan proposed. A host of other reasons could be advanced why we should seize the opportunty now presented and secure the water works.

The COURIER does not believe a better plan, taking everything into consideration, can be proposed—which will get the water works *now*; but is very willing to be shown, and if a better plan is shown, will support it even more strongly.

It is a matter for the exercise of our best judgments and must not be the means of introducing any ill-feeling. The COURIER will yield cheerfully to the will of the majority even if it be for another plan or for no water works at all.

Plan for Securing Water Works.

(Submitted by Water Committee. Approved by members and Lessees December 11, and by Executive Council Dec. 12,1905.)

The undersigned, your committee appointed to consider and report a plan for securing a more adequate public water system for Fairhope, beg to report that having given the matter much attention and having had before us, both plans previously presented, one providing for a charge for connection with the mains from $50.00 for a house of five rooms. up, at the rate of $10.00 for each additional room, and with no charge thereafter for water and the other making no charge for connecting with the main, (further than bare cost of the same), and charging an annual water rental, we are agreed that it will be necessary to include the features of both plans in order to secure the necessary funds for the installing of a system and for its maintenance afterward. We, therefore, propose the following plan:

(1) That, to secure capital for covering as large a part of the cost of the system as possible, a charge be made for connection with the mains of $50.00 for a house of five rooms or less, and $5.00 for each additional room. Business houses or stores $50.00 for 1,000 square feet of floor space or less, and $2.50 for each additional 100 feet on first floor, and $1.25 for each additional 100 feet on second floor. Same being less than the cost of a far less satisfactory individual water supply, and to be considered as donated to the erection of the system, giving no further rights than that of a single connection for a building of size proportioned to the payment.

(2) That, so far as possible, these sums shall be made payable, one-half as soon as the contract is let for the pipe, and the other 50 per cent. when water is turned into the main.

(3) That those unable to pay as before specified, may pay in four or eight equal quarterly instalments, giving their notes with a mortgage upon their improvements or other satisfactory security for the deferred payments, with interest at 7 per cent.

(4) That all connections shall be subject to reasonable annual or semi-annual charge for water, to be determined after an investigation of the rates charged in other small towns having public water systems and designed to cover the cost of operating the plant, and provide for the repayment of any capital which may have to be borrowed for the erection of the plant.

(5) That, as it seems impracticable to secure sufficient capital to install such a system as is manifestly needed, if anything in this line be done, without borrowing some of it and as the constitution of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation forbids its incurring any bond or mortgage indebtedness that the water system be placed in charge of a Board of Water Trustees to be chosen by the Executive Council (subject to a referendum by the resident members and lessees who are subscribers), who shall have authority for that purpose to enter upon the streets and other lands of the Corporation, to incur such indebtedness as may be necessary in the securing of the system with the approval of the Council, and to secure the repayment of the same with interest by pledge of the water system and its revenues; to fix the charges for water with the approval of the Council, and adopt and enforce such rules regarding the use of water and payment therefore as they may deem necessary with the approval of the Council. The said trustees to turn the said system over to the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation as soon as the obligations they assume in connection therewith are satisfied.

(6) That at least $200.00 annually be appropriated by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to be turned over to the Water Trustees as partial payments upon the system. Obviously the details of the proposed system will have to be left for determination of the Trustees when selected, with the approval of the Council. We have, however, secured some figures which enable a fairly accurate estimate of probable cost to be made.

Signed: E. B. Gaston, Wm. Stimpson, J. J. Mogg, R. F. Powell, C. E. Littlefield, and Henry Borst.

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A good friend of Fairhope, Mr. W. L. Ross of Philadelphia, has been elected a trustee of the Public Baths Association of that city, to succeed the Hon. Charlemagne Tower, ambassador to Germany.

Mr. F. Burgdorff of Cleveland, one of Fairhope's staunchest friends, sends us three new names from his city, with his own renewal, and interesting gossip of reform matters there. He is anxious to come to Fairhope, but must first dispose of his property there, and finds that a hard thing to do.

Pay Your Poll Tax.

Remember that your poll tax must be paid befor February first to preserve your citizenship.

There will be a regular election the coming fall and no one knows what special occasions may arise when the right to vote in public matters will be greatly desired.

Fairhope's Future Bright.

The Fairhope Colony was never in better condition, or its prospects for the future so bright as in this beginning of the new year, 1906. Year by year it gains in stability and in public confidence, by obstacles met and overcome, and, well started upon its second decade, it gives every promise of a future more glorious than its past. Where once all its claims had to be taken on faith, now they are justified by experience. Wisely planned to provide most justly and effectively for the common good, it at the same time gives the fullest scope and encouragement to individual enterprise and initiative. Fairhope will grow and thrive for the same reason that water flows down hill—because it is the easiest way to go.

Warm Words from a Cold Country.

Rev. A. R. Mackintosh of Haines, Alaska, has our thanks for his expression of appreciation of the COURIER most happily expressed as follows:

EDITOR COURIER:

For a long time I have been intending to write you and acknowledge my appreciation of your conflict for the right in the Colony at Fairhope. I sincerely and greatly deplore the loss of the Steamer Fairhope, and would be willing to donate a small amount towards its replacement with another steamer. When I subscribed for the FAIRHOPE COURIER it was much smaller than now. I have made no addition to my subscription to equalize the enlargement you made upon it. I now enclose my subscription to the FAIRHOPE COURIER for one year only, and two of the Fairhope booklets, 20c; the balance to be the property of E. B. Gaston, individually ($ enclosed).

A. R. MACKINTOSH.
Haines, Alaska.

CHANGE IN STEAMSHIP LINES.

The expected has happened. The Bay Steamship Company, operating the steamer *Pleasure Bay*, has bought the steamer *James A. Carney* of the Eastern Shore Transportation Company, and the latter company will withdraw from the eastern shore trade.

Every one at all conversant with bay transportation business has known that none of the boats could make expenses, with the business cut up as it was and that one or the other must yield in a short time.

The move of the E. S. T. Co. in putting the *Dolive* in the direct Fairhope service was a very shrewd move in the game and, no doubt, was a strong factor in bringing matters to a focus.

The *James A. Carney* was withdrawn from the service on Thursday and the *Dolive* will be on next Tuesday.

By the deal the Bay S. S. Co., adds to its equipment the best boat of the Carney line, and will be prepared to give the people excellent service and it will only be by doing so, that they can hold the business acquired at such cost. The bay is an unmonopolizable highway, and any undue advance in rates or unsatisfactory service will inevitably lead to new competition. Just what Fairhope may expect from the consolidation we do not know. If it means that Fairhope is to be permanently made a "way station" on the route and rates are to be sharply advanced, the people will have a livelier appreciation than ever of what the steamer *Fairhope* was to them.

A QUESTION ANSWERED

The question was asked the writer at the water works meeting last week, when he was advocating the building of water works by means of subscriptions for connection with the mains and borrowing the balance, if he did not consider that the Single Tax would be sufficient to provide the public services desired by the people. Opportunity not presenting itself to reply at the time, we would like now to say that while we have unlimited faith in the tax on land values as the just and proper source of public revenue and the only tax which the public has the right to demand from individuals, we do not feel at all bound to the proposition that it will provide everything the people want, particularly where, as at Fairhope, the population is largely made up of people who have been accustomed to the advantages of public services usually found only in cities, and think they must have them here. We see no denial of the efficacy of the Single Tax, in advocating going outside it for capital to inaugurate public services which cannot, in their very nature, be built piecemeal from current revenues, but can only be economically and satisfactorily planned and constructed as a whole, and which must also necessarily be planned to provide reasonably for future growth. Nor in advocating the securing of the necessary capital by voluntary advances from those interested, or by loans, at interest, from others, to be repaid over a period of years by consumers of the service. This is simply a sensible and practical form of co-operation—particularly sensible and practical where the Single Tax prevents landlords absorbing the benefits — without co-operating themselves. Single Taxers everywhere are strong advocates of public ownership of public utilities, and, we are sure, they generally contemplate securing the same by borrowing the necessary capital and repaying it from the recipts, when established.

Land by the Quarter Inch.

Chas. F. Blank sends us the following press dispatch clipped from *Chicago Inter Ocean.*

Brooklyn, N. Y. Jan., 9.—A strip of land one-quarter inch in width has just been sold at the highest rate for real estate ever paid in Brooklyn and almost the highest in the greater city. The purchase price was $1,000, which figured out to a twenty foot lot, would bring the valuation up to the enormous amount of $960,000. The quarter inch was needed to perfect title to the plot.

And yet farmers are made to believe that because they own much *land* the tax on land *values* would rest most heavily on them.

The Yacht Fortuna

The hansome yacht Fortuna, belonging to Mr. H. B. Slaughter, Dr. Greeno's son-in-law, arrived from the Florida Coast on Friday evening, and remained at Fairhope until Sunday afternoon, when she went to Mobile. The Fortuna is a steel hulled stern wheel boat about 125ft long and 23ft beam, finished and furnished in most sumptuous style. She was built for the private yacht of a Chicago millionaire, who died soon after and was purchased recently by Mr. Slaughter. There was some thought of putting her in commission to run between Fairhope and Mobile, but it as it would have entailed heavy expense to remodel her upper works for the purpose and the hull was hardly suited either for the run, it was decided not to do so.

ROCKFORD PEOPLE COMING.

A party of nineteen, principally from Rockford, Ill., are due today at Fairhope and Montrose to spend the remainder of the winter. Among others will be Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Irvine and son, Mrs. Lucy Swain and Mrs. Edgar E. Bartlett and daughter of Rockford, Ill., who occupied one of Captain Nichols' cottages two years ago. Mr. Irvine has leased the Rickarby cottage at Montrose and with his party will be Mrs. Wagner and daughter of Chicago and Mrs. Dr. McCall and son of Grand Rapids. Mr. Bartlett has secured an option on the Hutchinson home at Montrose and the Robinson house at Fairhope, and upon the arrival of the party a decision will be made between the two houses. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Taft and two daughters, Miss Swingley and Mr. Elliott Bartlett, also of Rockford, will accompany Mrs. Bartlett and Mr. E. E. Bartlett will come south about Feb. 1st.

Temporary accomodations have been arranged for at the Fairhope house.

Another large party of Rockfordites is contemplating a similar visit to Fairhope the coming month, and Mr. Bartlett, who is an enthusiastic believer in the future of Fairhope as a winter resort for Northerners, makes the assertion that before many years a goodly number of Rockfordites will regularly spend their winters on our shore.

Notice to Road Hands.

By ruling of the county comissioners, all persons liable to road duty in Baldwin county may, by paying three dollars into the county treasury on or before February first, be exempt from road duty during 1906. But such payment will not be accepted in lieu of work after February first.

The entertainment committee of the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department will give a "Komical Koncert" at the hall next Wednesday evening. An exceptionally amusing and entertaining program with numerous original features, will be presented. The admission will be 15 and 25 cents. Proceeds for the benefit of the department.

INFANT CHILD OF MR. AND MRS. MATHISON DIES OF BURNS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathison, two of our most zealous Fairehopers, who came all the way from Oregon to join us here have the sincerest sympathy of the entire community in the tragic death of their baby girl Rose. She was playing in the yard on Sunday afternoon with the other children, when a fire in the grass started from a burning stump, crept up to her unoticed, and set fire to her clothes. Her screams brought the other children to her aid, but the parents were within doors and did not hear the cries at once and before the fire was extingushed the child was badly burned. As the burns were almost entirely upon the back and limbs and the child was a very strong and healthy one, it was at first thought that she would surely recover; but death came early Thursday morning. The funeral will be held today.

Local and Personal.

Dr. Bailey, our visitor from Lorimor, Iowa, and Mr. W. M. Gilmore, of Point Clear, were exchanging wartime reminiscences the other day and discovered that Dr. Bailey was the very man to whom Mr. Gilmore surrendered at Fort Blakely. Numerous instances of the battle and surrender, were recalled by both the gentlemen and came back to their minds as vividly, they declared, as though 'twere yesterday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church will meet at Mrs. A. H. Mershon's on next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, and all ladies, whether members of the society or not, and especially visitors, are cordially invited to attend. Gentlemen are also invited to come at 4 o'clock for a ten-cent lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Baldwin welcomed a baby girl since the last issue of the COURIER.

Miss Myrtle Stearns has succeeded Miss Gaedchens, (now Mrs. Eugene Lawrence) as operator at the Baldwin County Telephone Company's central office.

A quiet wedding at the home of Captain Joseph Lawrence, on last Sunday evening, united in marriage, Eugene Lawrence, the Captain's second son and Miss Mamie Gaedchens.

Vernon Thompson of Meridian, Miss., one of our Fairhope boys for several years, is visiting friends at Fairhope and Volanta. He has grown almost beyond recognition since they left here.

The COURIER office was favored with a visit on last evening from one of the Colony's wholesouled friends, Mr. F. H. Herdrich of Chicago, and a party of his friends, including his brother, Hy. A. Herdrich, Messrs. Julius Lehman, Charles Adler and Gust Ackerblom, all of Chicago. Mr. F. H. Herdrich was here about two years ago and was much pleased with the improvements made since his former visit. He insisted on the gentlemen all having the COURIER sent to them to keep them posted on Fairhope and to be sure that they did, paid for their subscriptions himself. The party will spend a couple of days in this vicinity and will then go on to Cuba.

IMPORTANT LADIES' MEETINGS.

On next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock the V. I. C. will meet with Mrs. Powell. It is the date for the annual election of officers, and it is hoped that there will be a full attendance.

Also at 2:30 at the same place the members of the Henry George Club are called to consider the report of the committee appointed to draft a letter calling for subscriptions for the new Library building.

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Mr. Elmer Atkinson of Minneapolis, a cousin of Dr. Clara Atkinson, arrived on Monday evening and will be her guest for a short visit.

The Council completed the revision of the rent assessment in line with the instructions of the members and lessees meeting, on Tuesday evening.

Our spring and summer goods are arriving daily. You are most cordially invited to come and inspect same. Keep your eye on our show window. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Miss Maud Scott of Battles, daughter of Dr. Scott, who recently purchased Dr. Hall's drug business, is a fine elocutionist, and is organizing some classes in elocution at Fairhope.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Sisson, Mr. and Mrs. Burnham, and Miss Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. Sumner, and Mr. Stowell, went up to Daphne on the Pleasure Bay Tuesday and spent the day there.

Mr. I. Lancaster will address the Progressive League next Sunday on "The Determination of Wealth." Prof. Bellangee and Mr. Wolf will act as critics. The following Sunday E. Q. Norton will speak on "Liberty."

One of the largest and jolliest crowds of the season attended the Christian Endeavor "Poverty Party" at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Mershon, on Wednesday evening. The costumes in which the guests came arrayed were "fearful and wonderful to behold." The fines imposed by the judges were the source of much merriment.

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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Dr. Rowe is enjoying a visit from his mother, Mrs. M. E. Rowe of New York, who arrived on Saturday evening and will remain untill April or May. The Doctor is getting his house painted and his pigeon colony is getting busy quite a number having nested and a few squabs have been hatched already.

We understand that Mr. E. S. Ross will decline to be a candidate for re-election to a place in the Council, as he finds his business interferes so much with his attending Council meetings regularly; so some other good Single Taxer will have to be considered for his place.

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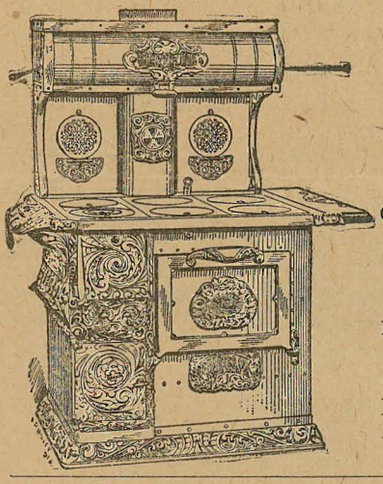
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WATER WORKS REFERENDUM.

Partial Agreement Reached—Another Referendum Called for Next Monday Evening.

The water works referendum on last Monday evening passed off very pleasantly, an end which was probably contributed largely to by an informal conference of a number of those holding different views on the subject prior to the meeting.

Mr. Gaston stated at the opening of the meeting that while he heartily favored the plan to be voted upon, and, if the vote were to be taken at once, would vote for its adoption, he would much prefer to vote for a plan less acceptable to him, if a substantial agreement could be reached upon it; that he believed such a plan could be formulated, and that he hoped a full discussion of the whole matter would be had with a view to an agreement before the vote was taken upon the printed ballots. This seemed to voice the sentiment of the members and as the result of the discussion which followed, motions were made and prevailed to modify the plan under consideration by making the charge for connection with the mains an even $50, regardless of the size of the building connected, and to change the plan for securing the money required for the system, beyond the amount realized for connections, so that instead of authorizing the water trustees to borrow the money at interest, pledging the system and its revenues for its repayment, the Corporation would solicit the needed capital as advances, without interest, for which it would issue receipts or certificates receivable for water rents, or for connections with the mains.

With the understanding that with these changes the plan would be generally supported, the vote was taken upon the plan as stated on the ballots, and the same rejected, thus clearing the way for the agreed compromise action.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft a committee, consisting of Messrs. Bellangee, Gaston, Mogg and Lyons, was appointed to revise the plan in line with the changes agreed upon, and with instructions to have their revision printed in the COURIER of this week, and also to file a petition with the secretary for a referendum upon it on next Monday evening.

The committee met on the following evening and revised the plan according to its instructions, and the same is submitted herewith, and will be voted upon by the members on next Monday evening.

REVISION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The undersigned, appointed by the members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, at the referendum meeting, January 22nd, 1906, to revise the plan for securing a water works system in harmony with agreements reached at the said meeting, beg to report the following revised plan:

(1) That, to secure capital for covering as large a part of the cost of the system as possible, a charge be made for connection with the mains of $50.00 for each residence or business building served therefrom.

(2) That, so far as possible, these sums shall be made payable, one-half as soon as the contract is let for the pipe, and the other 50 per cent. when water is turned into the main.

(3) That those unable to pay as before specified, may pay in four or eight equal quarterly instalments, giving their notes with a mortgage upon their improvements or other satisfactory security for the deferred payments, with interest at 7 per cent.

(4) That all connections shall be subject to reasonable annual or semi-annual charges for water, to be determined after an investigation of the rates charged in other small towns having public water systems.

(5) That for capital required beyond what is realized from connections as before provided, the Corporation will issue water certificates receivable from bearer on future connections or water rents.

(6) That a board of water trustees be selected by the Council, to execute the provisions of this plan, with the approval of the Council, and to continue at its pleasure; and that work be begun upon the system at the earliest practicable date.

J. J. Mogg,
T. P. Lyon,
E. B. Gaston,
J. Bellangee.

Good Roads Meeting at Bay Minette.

Dr. Greeno, president of the Baldwin County Good Roads Association, was in Tuesday and gave us a very interesting report of the meeting of the association at Bay Minette last week. The attendance was not large, due somewhat, no doubt, to a little misunderstanding as to the date.

A constitution and by-laws for the government of the association were adopted, and President Greeno and Mr. Ira B. Jones, secretary, were unanimously re-elected, a deserved tribute to faithful and efficient service on the part of these officers. Mr. Geo. W. Burns was elected vice president, and a member of the committee named from each voting precinct in the county.

Secretary Jones read a letter from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, offering to send an engineer and good roads expert to Baldwin county to give a practical exhibition of improved methods in road building, if the county would furnish the help in the way of men and teams required. The county commissioners, who were in session on the same day, formally accepted the proposition, and on motion of Mr. G. W. Burns of Bay Minette, it was decided to have this demonstration made at Fairhope, a recognition of the importance of Fairhope and of its zeal for good roads, which will be heartily appreciated by our people. The date for this demonstration will, of course, be subject to the action of the department of agriculture in signifying a date convenient for its experts.

Dr. Greeno also made a plea before the commissioners for a liberal appropriation for the Fairhope-Silver Hill-Robertsdale road, and secured an assurance of $400, with a possibility of securing a further sum under certain circumstances.

From A Texas Friend.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

Enclosed find $1 money order to apply to my subscription to the COURIER.

Though the price for so small a paper seems high to a non-resident who is not so much interested in the strictly local features, I find the paper worth more than the dollar to me. Besides, it is our duty to uphold your worthy hands in the initial effort to demonstrate the Single Tax—especially of myself in my native state.

I wish I were able to canvas the whole state for subscriptions to the COURIER. You ought to have 100,000 subscribers.

We Single Taxers must organize, so as to do something. We must get a move on us. There's lots to do that can be done that we have not done. Fact is, we have dropped behind in organized work. One reason is our claims look so reasonable that we think they will run themselves. We must move up out of that notion.

Now, an organization need not necessarily be by convention. Let some one—say A. Freeland of Mount Pleasant, Tenn.—write suggestions for the best propaganda work; then through referendum by letter agree upon a "Forward, March!"

What say you?

Say, do not let dull times discourage you Fairhopers. When such times reach your town you will find they have reached others. It is a common thing for near-sighted people to attribute hard times to local management. They will curse you out, then pull out—go further and do worse. Let your joy go with them—and if need be pay their freight to Mobile, if they will agree to stay away.

Again—if you can stand any more gratuitous advice—never surrender the authority of your association. If you do you are goners. A lessee, under present conditions, cannot be a citizen in a political sense. He is a wayfarer. Until he is naturalized by meeting requirements, he is a foreigner sojourning with you, and cannot have a vote in the management of your affairs—nor should he have, any more than should a foreigner to the United States have a right to burst up the government. You open your door fairly, and all are privileged to enter equally—or to go on.

If others object to your methods they can try their own somewhere else.

There is no town in the United States that equals Fairhope for enlightenment, democracy, brotherly love and fraternity, and as such may expect jolts by outsiders- and repulse them, too.

Yours for Truth,

Amarillo, Tex. J. L. CALDWELL.

Some Questions Answered.

Would you consider it a proper thing to come from Wyo. to Ala. so late as April as we may be delayed till then. Answer through the COURIER.

Yours very truly.

Otto, Wyo. Ila W. Coutant.

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Ozark, Ark. JAMES B. HARRISON

Answer: Any one can take up land at Fairhope and hold it by paying the rent upon it whether he uses it or not. There have been two or three instances where parties were able to get others to pay them back some of the rent they had paid, to secure the transfer of a lease; but this was simply because our rent was too low at the time. We do not know of any one who has made any profit from the holding of land, and certainly there will be no chance for the land speculator if the Colony adheres faithfully to its policy. Certainly, if the Henry George theory were applied throughout the county it would do away with speculation in land

The "Howland-Fels Library."

EDITOR COURIER:

All friends of Fairhope will rejoice in the generous offer of Mr. Fels to give a new library building to the town.

Allow the suggestion of a name for it: The Howland-Fels Library.

The nucleus of the library was the fine private collection of Edward Howland, containing many valuable classics and rare copies of English and French standard works. Mrs. Howland has generously given this collection, as well as her own writings and many books which have been presented to her personally. She has zealously cared for the library and has ever had its interests at heart.

Now Mr. Fels offers a suitable housing for it. What more appropriate, then, than to commemorate in the name of the first givers of the books and the giver of the building, and call it the "Howland-Fels Library"?

A Grateful Reader.

Christian Compliments Courier and Mr. Pilcher

Mr. Geo. W Christian, of Greenville, Ill., who with his wife, was a guest of Rest cottage last winter and has since been a reader of the COURIER, writes:

While we can not yet be with you in Fairhope, yet we enjoy in a way the treats of being there by reading the COURIER while sitting by a hard coal fire with nature's ermine blanket of snow covering every thing out side. Please compliment Mr. Pilcher for us on his toast to Fairhope. It is simply fine, and such smooth and well rounded sentences with which he expresses himself.

I want to congratulate you upon the winter resort number of your paper. It was certainly an interesting and profitable issue and nicely gotten up.

Kindly give our regards to all enquiring friends and let us extend to you and all the Colony our deepest sympathy for you in your heavy loss of the little steamer that gallantly rode the waves and was so useful, and the pride of all your people. May it be only a ripple in your prosperity.

LECTURES BY COL. DANIELS.

Under the auspices of the Society of Christian Endeavor, Col. E. Daniels of Washington, D. C., will give Six Lectures at the Christian church in Fairhope, Ala. The first lecture will be Monday evening, Jan. 29. See bills for particulars.

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Are We Blowing a Bubble?

We are indebted to Mr. A. Freeland of Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., for the following clipping from the *Nashville American*. the same evidently referring to the instance of increase in Mobile land values, cited in the COURIER recently and republished in *The Public:*

The *Mobile Register* reports the sale of a tract of land in the suburbs of that city at a price which represents an increase of 2.600 per cent. within a few years. The *Springfield Republican*, in noting this sale, says: "It is a time of great prosperity and advancing valuations in the cotton sections, as well as elsewhere in the country —in fact, not for many years have the cotton planters been so favorably situated as now. This advance in Mobile real estate, however, will recall a fact commonly employed to illustrate the extent of the inflation preceding the panic of 1837, and of the resulting shrinkage in valuations. The assessed valuation of Mobile real estate in 1831 was $1,294,810, and in 1337 it had risen to $27,482,916, an increase of some 2,000 per cent. That, however, was a general valuation, while the present case covers a special sale only. Of course, there has been nothing like such an increase in the valuation of real estate there as indicated by this special case, or as took place between 1831 and 1837. The country is blowing a great speculative bubble, but it is hardly comparable with that of 1837. Mobile real estate after the panic of that year fell in valuation from above $27,000,000 to $8,638,250 in 1845." Let us hope we shall have no repetition of bubble blowing. But who shall say we shall not?—*Nashville American*, Jan. 18, 1906.

The *Mobile Register* resents the *Republican's* imputation that the south, or at any rate Mobile, is blowing any speculative bubble. Said yesterday's *Register.*

There is no speculative bubble forming in Mobile. A sound basis underlies increase of valuation. This is indicated in the demand for stores and residences, which at times within the last few years exceeded the supply. People coming here from other cities to live find difficulty in obtalning vacant houses and vacant store property is at a premium. Rents have been advanced in some instances 300 per cent. in the business district within five years, and as tenants retain their leases under the increase, it is evident the increased business of the city justifies the higher valuation of property.

We can point to increases in commerce, manufacturing, general trade and other factors tending to development, with an accompanying increase in population drawn from all parts of the United States, as the causes of property appreciation, and reference to data showing the great development of Mobile as a seaport and as a trade center which the Republican can obtain, will arouse the conviction that there is no speculative inflation here and that a retrograde movement is impossible.

The COURIER is glad to certify that conditions in Mobile are such as to justify a rapid increase in land values, but in Mobile, as everywhere else, along with the increasing demand for land for use goes an increasing speculative demand which tends ever to overtake and anticipate the demand for use, and which is at least one of the most potent causes of panics. The generally conservative character of Mobile's people, and her extraordinary advantages of location are greatly in her favor, but that not only the south, but the whole country is blowing a speculative bubble which will burst within a very few years is in our opinion certain. History will inevitably repeat itself in this respect, as it has done, at comparatively regular intervals in the past. Like conditions must produce like results.

Annual Meeting of V. I. C.

The Fairhope Village Improvement Club held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. R. F. Powell on Thursday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. R. F. Powell; vice president, Dr. Clara E Atkinson; secretary, Miss Gooding; treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Gaston,

The treasurer's report showed a balance at the beginning of 1905 of $28.08, to which was added during the year a net amount of $101.28, a total of $129.36. The disbursements were $118.20, leaving a balance on hand Jan. 1, 1906, of $11.16. Of the $118.20 disbursed, $73.75 was spent on the school, in desks, painting, curtains, etc.; $35 on the hall for labor and paint (the latter being still on hand), and $9.45 for sundry items. The V. I. C. has put in a good year's work and is one of our most useful organizations.

Editor Has Adventure

The editor went to Mobile on Wednesday and got down to the wharf in the afternoon just in time to see the Pleasure Bay leaving. As we had about concluded we would have to remain over night in the city, Dan Thomas, seeing our plight, told us that Mr. Marshall Carney and Mr. Hansen late clerk and mate of the Dolive were just above getting ready to go over to Fairhope in a sailboat. We rushed up there only to find that they too had just gone, but a gasoline launch captain offered to overhaul them for a reasonable consideration, and we lost no time in getting under way. The sail boat, however, had gotten a bigger lead than was counted on, and with a stiff fair wind was bowling along at a great rate. It is questionable if we could have gotten within hailing distance had not Mr. Carney, unfortunately for him but fortunately for us, lost his hat. As he and Mr. Hansen brought their boat up in the wind to try and recover the hat we were able to run up on them. This was well out in the bay, and, as the waves were rolling, it took some little agility to make the transfer, which, however, was safely accomplished. The captain of the launch then kindly recovered Mr. Carney's hat for him and we were soon

under way again. With the good north wind, we were able to lay a straight course for Fairhope, where we landed just as the Pleasure Bay was leaving Daphne. So the last was first.

The enrollment in the Fairhope public school has reached nearly 100. Thirty new single seats and desks of latest pattern, were received and put in place this week. It is already clear that another room will have to be added to the building before the opening of another school year.

We have received Vol. 1, No. 1, of *The Equitist*, published at Pasadena, California, by Mr. and Mrs. Brokaw, formerly of the National Single Taxer and later residents of Fairhope for a time. Mr. and Mrs. Brokaw are able thinkers and writers and we wish them success in their undertaking.

Dr. E. J. Brown of Minneapolis renews his subcription and says "I hardly have time to read the COURIER but am glad to have it and other good missionary literature on my waiting room table." This is an excellent idea for professional men to have good reform literature on their tables where parties waiting to consult them can have access to it.

The COURIER is glad to have again represented in its advertising columns the Amzi Godden Seed Company, of Birmingham. This excellent house was one of the early advertisers in the COURIER, but has been out for a few years. It is one of the largest dealers in seeds in the South. Its *Southern Trucker's Guide*, offered free in its ad, is a publication of much value, telling what, when and how to plant in the South, and everyone interested in farming or gardening should send for a copy.

Local and Personal.

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Mr. and Mrs. Beasley are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Miss Daisy Belle Beasley, of Chicago, who arrived this week.

Mr. Jos. Keller has been having quite a time with rheumatism--very annoying to him and reflecting somewhat upon our climate.

Mr. Fred Hethershaw of Des Moines, who came here at the time Mr. De La Mare did and has since owned the property around the church, is here for a visit.

If you don't see the two Dutch fellows in the road just leave your orders at Mershons' or Creswell's and they will be filled promptly. Plenty of good dry wood on hand.

Mr. W. G. Gelink of Birmingham, who made quite an extended stay here, last spring and made many friends, came in again last evening. He is at the Fairhope House.

Mr. and Mrs. Ainley and two children of Des Moines, arrived on last Friday evening, and are occupying a portion of Miss Lee's cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Ainley spent considerable time at Fairhope years ago, but in has been four years since their last visit.

The editor and wife, Dr. Atkinson and Mr. W. H. Gaston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mogg at dinner on Thursday. The charming home and the genial hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Mogg, were greatly enjoyed. We understand that others of their friends have been likewise favored.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Berglin have been entertaining the following friends this week: Mr. Herman Natzka, Mr. Will Radlaf and Mr. Hohman, of Spencer, Wis., and Wm. Robertson, of Dalton, Ill.

The meeting and tea of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mershon, on Wednesday evening, was a very pleasant affair and largely attended. Mr. and Mrs. Mershon have one of the most charming homes in town, and the arrangement of the rooms is such that it is admirably adapted for receiving a large company.

Mershon Merchandising Company Improvements.

The Mershon Merchandising Company, (succesor to Mershon Brothers) is being compelled by increasing business to still further increase its facilities for taking care of the same. The partition has been taken out east of the stairway between the main room and the feed and oil room, extending the former about thirty feet and new counters, shelving, nail boxes, etc, put in. The driveway which ran through the building, has been done away with, the same having been floored and added to the general ware room which was immediately beyond it, one side of which will be a receiving room for incoming goods and the other will be the place where goods will be sent out to the delivery wagons. The large shelter shed on the east has also been extended the full length of the building and another large shed is being built on the west, which will shelter the delivery wagons while they are loading. The Mershon Company is doing an immense business and doing it in a way that holds every customer and constantly attracts new ones.

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Card of Thanks.

To our many kind Fairhope friends who rendered us such generous and thoughtful assistance and gave us such assurance of their friendly sympathy in the tragic loss of our little girl, Rose, we wish to extend our most hearty thanks. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathison.

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Komikal Konsert.

Every one who attended the "Komikal Konsert" under the auspices of the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department on Wednesday evening, got the full worth of his money—and there was a fine house too, the receipts being about $36. The Firemen's entertainment committee knows how to arrange and present an attractive program.

The excellent Fairhope Band was on hand and played a number of very enjoyable selections while the audience was gathering. The audience was called to order by Fire chief Mr. E. D. Brann, who spoke of the aims and importance of the organization, called attention to the equipment already secured consisting of ladders and buckets conspicuously displayed, and the need of further apparatus, for the purpose of securing which the entertainment was being given and others would follow. He also gave the fire alarm signals which had been agreed upon and which were struck on a big steel triangle, which will do duty for the present in lieu of a bell.

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FIVE STROKES, north of the Wind-mill toward Bell's and Fredericks'.

SIX STROKES, south of the business center in the vicinity of Mathew's, Crosbie's, Dyson's, etc.

The further exercises were then taken in charge by the vice president, Dr. Borst and the following program presented.

PART ONE

—

Piano Duet ..... Selected
Mrs. J. M. Pilcher and Miss Hazel Pilcher

Song and Chorus.....
..I'm Gwine to My Ole Kentucky Home
Mr. A. M. Dealy

Mandolin and Guitar Duet..... Selected
Misses DeCoudres and Swanson

Vocal Solo.....The Sentinel Asleep
Mr. E. B. Gaston

Vocal Duet..... Starlight
Misses Bessie Littlefield and DeCoudres

Cello Solo.....
Mr. Curt Anacker

Solo..... .....Selected
Mr. E. S. Ross

Mrs. J. M. Pilcher, piano accompanist

PART TWO

—

PLANTATION PLEASANTRIES
by the
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CAST OF BAD CHARACTERS

Uncle Veucher Dubbs....Dr. G. A. Sheldon
Aunt Dizly Ann.....Mr. J. M. Pilcher
Gadabout Gideon.....Mr. A. M. Dealy
Car'line Cottonwool .....Mr. Wm. Dealy

During the Pleasantries the Feegees will introduce gags, instrumental music, etc., and three of Dr. Sheldon's original songs.

Opening Song....De Washwoman's Lament
Messrs. Pilcher and Dealy

Song..... The St. Louis Tickle
Mr. Wm. Dealy

Song ..... De Boggville Breakdown
Dr. Sheldon

Song.....De Judgment Horn
Feegee Four

Song, Down Where the Sweet Potatoes Grow
Mr. A. M. Dealy

The program to conclude with ghost stories and the appearance of a real ghost.

The great contrast between part one and part two of the program added much to its effectiveness. The musical numbers of part one, were all well rendered and much appreciated.

The "Phunny Feegee Four" proved themselves fun makers of the first order and kept the audience convulsed with laughter the most of the time. The originality of their work was a great feature. The Dealy Brothers were equally at home with song, speech, or foot- work. Mr. Pilcher as Aunt Dizly Ann, was funny in every word, look or motion and Doctor Sheldon's original coon songs, were equal to the best.

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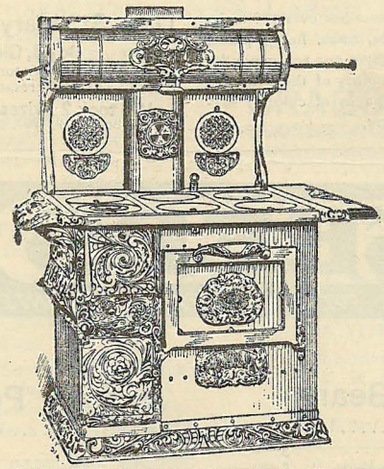
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Sudell Contrasts Banquets.

In a letter published in the Newcastle (Del.) *News*, of Jan. 20th, Mr. Harold Sudell, a former resident of Newcastle, now living in Philadelphia, compared a board of trade banquet held at Newcastle shortly before, with the Fairhope banquet and anniversary celebration.

"At this banquet to," he said, "the speakers dipped into the future, and pictured the Fairhope that is to be. But there was a difference between the picture they drew and that drawn by the eloquent speakers at your banquet. They saw a great and fair city on the bluffs overlooking Mobile Bay, with magnificent public buildings, many and spacious parks, and with public utilities in a profusion and splendor, such as is now unknown anywhere. And there was no poverty nor slums there. This was because 'the profit of the earth was for all', and did not go, as elsewhere, to build up Astor-like fortunes, unearned by their possessors. Think you, could your speakers have drawn any such pictures of the Newcastle they had in their mind's eye? And if not, why not? Because they knew that our present land and taxation policy would work in Newcastle as it has in every other great city, building upon the one hand tremendous fortunes, and on the other hand causing the direst poverty. And yet we make no change in this policy."

Annual Corporation Election.

The annual election of officers of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation occurred last evening and resulted as follows:

For president, F. L. Brown was re-elected, by 37 votes out of a total of 43.

For vice president, Wm. Stimpson was re-elected by 27 votes out of a total of 41. (Mr. Stimpson also received 7 votes as superintendent of public health.)

For secretary, E. B. Gaston was elected to succeed G. W. Wood by 33 votes out of 48 cast.

For trustee, Mrs. Ada Graham was elected to succeed C. E. Littlefield (resigned) by 24 out of 47.

There was no election for superintendent of public health and for superintendent of industries, no one receiving a majority of the votes cast. Another election will be held in two weeks, as provided by the constitution, to fill these vacancies.

Interesting reports were presented by the secretary and the trustees, which will be given in our next issue.

A Lecture on Russia.

A large audience enjoyed a very interesting lecture at the hall, on Tuesday evening, by Dr. Louis Edelman, of Mobile. The subject was "Conditions in Russia," upon which the speaker was especially qualified to talk, having at various times, and as lately as a year ago, visited that country and studied conditions at short range, and with the eye of a student. Dr. Edelman is a very interesting gentleman, a native of Austria, broadly educated and widely traveled, at one time United States consul to an Austrian city, now located in Mobile.

In the introduction to his lecture the doctor stated that he had to go to Europe to hear of Fairhope, though he had lived in Mobile some years prior to going abroad. He heard a lecturer on the Single Tax at Berlin and meeting him after the lecture, and the speaker learning that he was from Mobile, he was at once asked about Fairhope, and had to confess ignorance. He then determined to embrace the first opportunity to visit us.

The following composed a little party who dined with the doctor at the Curtis Restaurant before the lecture: Messrs. and Mesdames Freeman, Pilcher, Gaston, Trenholme; Prof. Bellangee and Dr. Rowe.

It was expected that Mrs. Edelman, who is a very fine musician, would accompany the doctor and give some selections on the piano, but having unfortunately hurt a finger so that she could not play, she did not come. The doctor however, promised us that at a not distant date he would bring her over and she would give us a piano recital either on a Sunday afternoon, at the Progressive League hour, or in the evening.

Col. Daniels' Lectures.

Colonel Daniels is giving a very interesting and instructive course of lectures at the church, illustrated with beautiful stereopticon views—of which he has an extraordinarily full and fine collection. The first lecture of the course, given on last Monday evening, was on "The Wonders of the Heavens." On Wednesday evening the subject was, "How the Earth is Builded and Furnished." To-night the topic will be, "The Story of the Rocks."

The other lectures of the course and the dates will be as follows: Monday, Feb. 5, "The Life History of the Earth;" Wednesday, Feb. 7, "The Advent of Man; His Development and Destiny;" Friday, Feb. 9, "Ancient Egypt," with views of the faces of the Pharaohs as they were taken from their tombs. The course is being given under the auspices of Y. P. S. C. E. of the church, and is purely a "labor of love" on the part of Colonel Daniels, who hopes to make it the beginning of a permanent and valuable educational work for Fairhope. The church, with its sloping floor and high ceiling is admirably adapted for the display of the views, which add so much to the interest and educational effectiveness of the lectures.

The admission is only nominal—fifteen cents for adults and ten cents for children—and the whole of Fairhope should turn out to hear the remaining lectures of the course.

Now for the New Library Building.

The ladies of the Henry George Club are sending out this week 3,000 copies of the following circular letter:

We are sure that it will not be necessary that they should be at the expense of sending copies personally to the readers of the COURIER, but that each will consider its publication here as an appeal directly to him, and govern himself accordingly.

TO THE FRIENDS OF FAIRHOPE AND THE SINGLE TAX:

GREETING:—

To most of the friends of Fairhope and the cause it represents, it is known that one of our greatest attractions, as a place of residence and resort, is the large Free Library, the nucleus of which was so kindly donated by Mrs. Marie Howland, who has also cared for it and housed it in her limited cottage, until, like the fabled camel, it has usurped nearly all the rooms, and it is becoming a question as to which shall have the right of way and compel the other to seek more adequate quarters. The Library now numbers about 2,600 volumes and we are assured that we would receive many valuable additions had we a safe place to put them.

An Academy of Science and Art has been organized here to promote the study of the things that most closely concern life and furnish wholesome entertainment and instruction. To such an institution Col. E. Daniels, of Washington, D. C., now here, offers a valuable scientific apparatus, which cost several thousand dollars, and an extensive collection of specimens in geology and natural history. This material would place at Fairhope the facilities for practical scientific instruction possessed only by the best colleges. It would become the nucleus of what we hope to make here the best Collection of Natural History of the South on the Gulf Coast.

To properly care for these we should have a building that is practically fire proof—the present one is a wooden structure—and it should be of sufficient size to contain a lecture room capable of seating several hundred people, a committee room and a reading room, beside the rooms for the Library and Collections, and should be so planned that it can be added to at any time.

The day for regarding this Colony as an experiment has evidently passed, and now, in the early years of our second decade of existence, we feel the confidence of an assured success and desire to move forward in our chosen field to greater and greater use fulness. Never in our history have there been such assurances of loyalty from our friends as we are now receiving, and never before so many desirable people coming here to help in the work so firmly established; and aside from the Single Tax itself we are sure nothing attracts people more than our educational advantages.

It has been the policy of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to ask for funds but for one purpose, viz: to buy land; but Mr. Joseph Fels, who has contributed so largely to the land fund, seeing our need of a better Library building when on a recent visit here, has taken the initiative by donating $1,000 toward this purpose if we can secure the remainder of the needed funds and have the building completed within the current year.

By common consent the problem of housing our Library and Academy of Science and Art has been laid upon the Women's "Henry George Club." Knowing many will esteem it a privilege to help on a work in which they can have a part in no other way, we here present the case to our friends, asking for such pecuniary aid as they may be willing to give as a free-will offering to the cause so dear to us all. If each one receiving this letter will make a donation according to

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A Worthy Philanthropy.

Kind friends are interesting themselves in helping Mr. and Mrs. George Hansen to get up a little cottage of their own on a couple of Colony lots they have applied for just west of Mr. Stradling's. Mr. Hansen, who is a man of more than ordinary intelligence and was quite a skilful gardener as well as a mechanic, has within a few years, lost his eyesight entirely and the burden of support has fallen wholly upon his wife, with such assistance as their young son George can give. Mrs. Hansen is a competent woman, who finds plenty to do in Fairhope, and she thinks, and rightly, that if they can get up a small home of their own in a convenient location, they can get along nicely. We understand that about $30 in subscriptions, payable in money, have been received, beside a large amount payable in work. Any who have not been called upon to help in this worthy effort should hunt up either Mrs. Jefferson or Mr. Barnhart, who have the lists in hand and volunteer.

One cheering assurance in such an effort in Fairhope is that no part of the subscriptions will go directly or indirectly to land speculators, but that all will go directly to the purpose for which it is designed.

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C. E. LITTLEFIELD.

Yesterday one of the semi-monthly land-seekers' excursions was due in Mobile, and one of the largest crowds of the season was expected. Through the enterprise of the Mershon Merchandising Company, A. M. Dealy & Co. and the COURIER, assisted by a few others, Messrs. Arthur and Will Dealy were sent to Mobile to get in touch with the excursionists, put them next to the advantages of Fairhope, and endeavor to get a number of them to visit our town while in this section. The COURIER donated one hundred copies of the handsome winter resort issue for the purpose. A "boosters' club" should be organized to look after just such ways as this, and others, for advancing Fairhope, and every live man in town ought to be a member of it.

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C. J. Buell, of Minneapolis, renewing his subscription to the COURIER, added a dollar for the Library.

Mr. Harold Sudell, of Philadelphia, sets the good example of sending along the name of a new subscriber with his renewal.

Baldwin county farmers, who can possibly do so, should attend the Cane Growers' Convention at Mobile on February 7, 8 and 9.

G. R. Weikert, of Detroit, secretary of the Direct Legislation League of Michigan, renewing his subscription, adds that of a friend.

"Of course I want to renew my subscription to the COURIER. * * I still cherish the hope that I shall some day become a member of the Association."—WALTER H. BEECHER, Norwood, Ohio.

A subscriber to the COURIER who remitted 26c in stamps, requesting discontinuance, neglected to sign his name. If this meets his eye, will he not please supply the omission?

In a dispatch from Montgomery dated January 27th, it was stated that in three counties of the state not a single poll tax collection had been reported by the tax collectors up to that time.

Fairhope offers no promise of "snaps" or speculation of any kind. Nothing but equal opportunities to all. Those who are attracted by such a proposition will be welcome. Those who are looking for "cinches" will go farther—and probably fare worse.

The *Baldwin Times* of last week said that "by actual count 127 northern homeseekers and settlers arrived here last week and went to the lower end of the county over the B. M. & F. railroad. This did not take into account the large number that went to Mobile and crossed the bay."

"Do I want the COURIER? Why of course I do. Am looking for it every week." So says Chas. Nelson of Brooklyn, renewing his subscription and adding fifty cents for the paper to a friend in Iowa.

Governor Jelks was a Baldwin county visitor recently and was quoted as being much impressed with the heavy northern immigration to the county. He was down along the line of the new Bay Minette and Ft. Morgan railroad, but did not get over to Fairhope.

Prof. C. G. Laurence, superintendent of the public schools, of Canton, S. D., writes us that he is preparing for a debate on the Single Tax, and asks for information regarding our success in the application of the Single Tax principle, which we have taken pleasure in furnishing.

The friends of public ownership have been greatly elated over the collapse of the opposition in the Chicago city council to the plans of Mayor Dunne. The ordinance favored by the mayor looking to municipal street car service at the earliest possible moment, was passed by a strong majority and will be submitted to the people at the election in the spring. The former referendum vote upon municipal ownership leaves no room for doubt as to the result.

The tremendous victory of the liberal party in England, one of whose cardinal policies is the taxation of land values has attracted the attention of the world. Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, the new premier, received the largest majority in the history of English politics. He has made some very radical utterances upon the land question. Just what practical progress will be made in land reform in the near future remains to be seen, but the question is to the front in England and destined to remain so until it is settled right.

Kiefer Declines Office.

Mr. Daniel Kiefer of Cincinnati, the well known single taxer and ardent Fairhoper, was tendered the appointment as purchasing agent for the city by Mayor Dempsey, but declined. In a statement made by Mr. Kiefer on the subject, as reported in the *Cincinnati Commercial* and reproduced in *The Public*, he said:

"No, I cannot see that it is my duty to accept the position of city purchasing agent. Some capable person can be found among those who need the salary. It is distressing enough to see the army of place seekers, many of them in their mad struggle for jobs ready to cut each other's throats—and all unconcerned as to the distress of those whom they will displace; many of the deserving ones of necessity must be disappointed. I shall not add to their disappointment or to their distress by crowding anyone out. Besides, why should I take public office when I have retired from my own business to devote myself to other business that I have at heart? Is it in the nature of things that competition for employment should become more and more bitter; that wages should tend to a bare subsistence, and that those willing to work should look in vain for the opportunity? When men see that a tax on industry makes living high and opportunity scarce; that a tax on land values would open land, cheapen rent, multiply opportunity, there will not be twenty men seeking one job,

as is the case at the City Hall today. I had rather get the initiative and referendum, and after that the Single Tax, than to have all the jobs in the state. I think I can best serve the cause of economic betterment by keeping my name off the city pay-roll."

Water Works Plan Carries.

The water works proposition as published in the COURIER of last week, was approved by the members of the Corporation at the referendum meeting on Monday evening, by a vote of hver three to one. The Council will doubtless proceed at once with the execution of the plan thus approved by the members. The trustees before appointed will probably be continued in charge of the work under the new plan—and we are sure no better selection can be made.

E. Q. Norton Addresses Progressive League.

Mr. E. Q. Norton, of Daphne, addressed the Progressive League on Sunday afternoon, his subject being "Liberty." Mr. Norton made an excellent address, making it doubly effective by direct application to our laws and politics in nation, state and county. It was effective also in bringing out an interesting and animated discussion, participated in by many speakers. Much of Mr. Norton's attention, and that of the other participants, was directed toward the subjects of the poll tax, road tax, equal suffrage and medical legislation. There was a good attendance, there being 65 adults present by actual count, a good turnout in a town the size of Fairhope for an afternoon meeting. A rising vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Norton at the close, for his address.

The Henry George Club's Premium

With the gratification felt by the Women's Henry George Club, of Fairhope, over their award of first prize for their program of study, from the state fair, at Birmingham, was mingled a natural curiosity to know how much and what kind of competition they had to meet. In the course of a very pleasant call by Mrs. Comings and Miss Lyon upon Mrs. Erwin Craighead, of Mobile, vice president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Alabama, they learned that the competition had been quite sharp, several of the city clubs of the state having entered programs, and, further, that there was quite a general impression that the Henry George Club's program had been prepared by a professor of the Chicago University. While this was quite a compliment to the ladies, in a way, it was not an appreciated one, for they had no assistanoe from any source, and naturally wanted the credit which was due them. Mrs. Comings was recently in receipt, however, of a letter from Mrs. J. B. Reid of Birmingham, who stated that she had not known of any such impression. She added: "I must admit, as an officer in a federated club, being chagrined that our august body had been outdone, but was entirely willing to let honor fall where it was due, and knew of no imputatton of any more skillful help than your own."

C. P. Betts of Jacksonville, Fla., along with his renewal, puts another dollar to excellent use by sending the COURIER three months each to four friends.

Local and Personal.

The Mershon Merchandising Company has gotten out a very handsome illustrated prospectus, in two colors, the work of the COURIER job office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Braam are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Z. Ellyson of West Liberty, Ioa. Mrs. Braam being a great niece of Mr. Ellyson. They have been spending some time at Citronelle of which town their son is postmaster.

The editor and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross of the Fairhope House, at tea, on Sunday evening. This popular hotel is excellently conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Ross, assisted by Mrs. Ferguson, and no pleasanter place can be found for a stay on the gulf coast.

Col. Daniels went to Citronelle last week to attend the civil war veterans' reunion (both federal and confederate), the only one of the kind held regularly in the United States, it is said.

Mr. James H. Wright of Newark, N. J., arrived on Wednesday evening and is investigating conditions with a view to locating. He finds Fairhope beyond his expectations and contrasting very favorably with anything he has seen in the South.

The ladies of the Henry George Club met at Mrs. Powell's yesterday to send out a lot of the circulars soliciting subscriptions to the Library fund, and the husbands of a number of them joined them at lunch.

Mr. G. M. Bancroft has about completed arrangements for building a cement block house on his twenty acres of Colony land beyond the sawmill. Mr. Bancroft's faith in the agricultural possibilities of Baldwin county has not abated a particle and he proposes to help demonstrate what can be done with the soil here.

The following composed a party who took an excursion to Spanish Fort on one of the Smith launches from Mobile, on Wednesday: Messrs. and Mesdames Sisson, Oliver, Sumner, Lewis, W. S. Baldwin; Misses Stowell, Sellers, Betts, and Burnham; Messrs. Bancroft, Corbett, Knowles, O. M. Stearns, Simanton, and Downey. The day did not open auspiciously and a number who intended to go backed out when they saw the white caps rolling, but those who did go reported a delightful trip.

The dog poisoners have been doing a wholesale business about Fairhope the past week. A half dozen Fairhope dogs have either come home poisoned to die, or failed to return at all, and a valuable cow belonging to Postmaster Oswalt, died presumably from getting poison thrown out for dogs. This is the work of a few sheep owners, who should be entitled to protection for their flocks against worthless and uncared for curs, but who have no right to run a muck against all dogs, and endanger the lives of other valuable live stock and even human beings as well. Such reckless disregard of others' rights is likely to find retaliation, which, as sheep owners are very few and dog owners many, is likely to result most seriously for the former.

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Banner patterns at Call's.

The Ahrens cottage is being painted.

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Mr. Gelink is seriously considering the matter of applying for a lot, putting him up a little cottage and making this his head, quarters.

Colonel Daniels addressed a large congregation at the A. M. E. Zion chapel (colored Methodist church) on last Sunday, and greatly to their edification.

Mr. Robac reports his trade showing a very encouraging increase since the first of January. He has added a room to his building on the west for handling feed and other bulky materials, and has also secured him a horse and wagon, so that he can deliver goods when desired.

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Mr. N. D. Landes and wife (formerly Miss Myra Lawrence) came down from Hurricane, in their naptha launch "Lauretta," for a few days visit with their relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Baldwin have enjoyed a visit during the last ten days, from Mr. and Mrs. B. Simanton, of Falls City, Neb. Mrs. Simanton is Mr. Baldwin's sister. They left yesterday morning.

Mr. Norris J. Shupe, after a pleasent vacation with his family here has returned to his work in Chicago, where he is in the legal department of one of the large railroad companies.

FOR SALE—Improvements on Fairhope Ave. near Brown's mill; 5 acres colony land good fence, bored well with pump, new neat cottage; household goods, cow and doultry. Cheap if taken at once. Wm. Zass.

Messrs. Eber Jefferson, G. W. Wood and Captain George Lawrence, have formed a partnership to engage in the concrete block business, which will be conducted in the former Fairhope Lumber Co's shed near the end of the wharf.

Mr. Richard Murray of the well known stevedore firm of Murray and Peppers, of Mobile, and manager of the Bay Steamship Company spent a couple of days in Fairhope this week with his wife. It was Mr. Murray's first visit to Fairhope and he seemed very favorably impressed with our town.

Captain Geo. Lawrence is feeling well enough again so that he took a trip to Mobile this week going over on the "Good Luck" and returning on the "Minneola" with a miscellaneous lot of freight. The "Good Luck" he charterd to Mr. Jefferson's friends Montague and Brinkman who were over here recently.

Mrs. C. S. Whipple, of Weeks Bay, her friends, Mrs. Billings, of Marquette, Mich., Mrs. Foote, of Saint Paul, Minn., and Miss Minnie Stevens, and Mr. Ezra P. Kinne, of Weeks Bay, were Fairhope visitors on Tuesday, and while here Mrs. Whipple renewed their subscription to the COURIER, of which they have been readers for several years, subscribing first when they were living in Tennessee.

The most of the Rockford, Ill., party mentioned in our issue of two weeks ago as expected to come to Fairhope got sidetracked at Montrose much to our regret, but we cannot of course expect ALL the nice people to come to Fairhope. Captain and Mrs. McDermaid, however, are with us again occupying their pleasent cottage on the bay front and will probably have one or more of their sons to come down and stay a while with them a little later. The Captain was a caller at the COURIER office Monday.

Arts and Crafts.

Classes in leather carving, wood carving, wood work, metal work, book binding, basketry, raffia work and embroidery, are meeting regularly at the Industrial School. A class for school girls and boys meets on Thursday, at 4 p. m., and Saturday at 2 p. m. Students are registering daily, and only two more members are needed to reduce the tuition to $5. Gentlemen as well as ladies are admitted to these classes. Visitors are always welcome.

The regular Monday afternoon meeting (2 to 5 o'clock) for work will, for the present, be held at the Arts and Crafts headquarters. Miss Lyon requests that all members be present at the meeting next Monday, Feb. 4.

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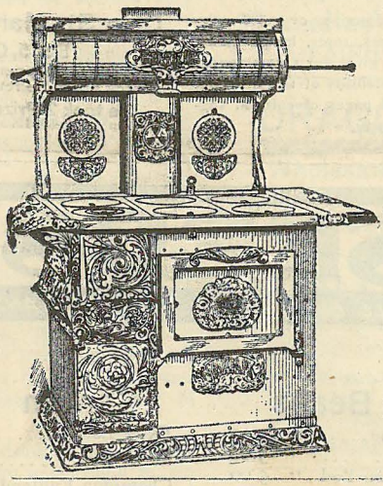
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Fairhope a Great Success.

The Opinion of M. G. Brink.

EDITOR FAIRHOPE COURIER:

I leave Fairhope with many regrets. My stay of two months with your people has been the happiest of my life. I went there with a kindly feeling towards its people. I expected much of hospitality and friendship and received full measure and more. I believe that nowhere else on earth is there such an ideal democracy. Fairhope is a great success. It demonstrates that society can be happy without its two greatest products —millionaires and paupers. We largely make the conditions under which we live; we receive generally what we give. If we give kicks we receive kicks. If we give the thought and hand of friendship and brotherly ove we receive the same.

We hear much of nature's beauties, of pine clad plains, of beautiful sunsets and continuous green of the tropics; but what are they without that fellowship that makes one feel that he is one of God's people and equally entitled to enjoy the bounties of nature with other beings? What pleasure to behold a beautiful structure or landscape owned by another? Any resident of Fairhope may thank heaven he was not born a king. There is nobody there living off the labor of others. There are no subjects for charity. The magnificent millionaire, the flower of our civilization, does not bloom there. Involuntary idleness is not a condition there.

I believe the standard of intelligence there is higher than anywhere else in the world. The Colony *is* a decided success. Each person's success depends on the energy of the individual. Each seeks to get something from another only by giving something equal in return. One's prosperity does not mean another's adversity. Success is mutual improvement.

I see no reason why Fairhope should not become a great educational center.

Wishing you continued success I am very gratefully yours, M. G. BRINK.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 2, 1906.

Lincoln Steffens Coming.

Mr. Comings has had a letter from Lincoln Steffens, who wants to come to Fairhope to study our progress, and likely write up an article for *McClure's*, on our success as a social experiment. But as he is engaged on a work of great importance he cannot yet set the day when he can come.

Lincoln Steffens has won national and world-wide repute by his series of articles on municipal corruption, in *McClure's*, and which are now put into book form under the suggestive title "The Shame of the Cities," in which he has uncovered probably the worst story of shameless political corruption that has ever been told, yet all of it true to life. It has been a marvel how he could unravel so much that was supposedly securely covered by immaculate respectability.

In one of his late articles showing up the grand career of the Christian (Christ-like) Mayor of Jersey City, he has also shown his ability to appreciate a real statesman when he finds one. We shall anticipate his coming with much interest, and will take no little pride in showing him the difference between putting the "unearned increment" into public benefits, or into the pockets of landlords, and we have no fear but that he will see it plainly.

The Winter Single Tax Review.

The winter number of the *Single Tax Review* is at hand, replete with interesting special articles and news of the movement, with Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Lawson Purdy, Frank C. Wells, Henry George, Jr., Louis F. Post, Ernest H. Crosby and Hon. Robt. Baker as editorial contributors, and special articles by O. R. Trowbridge, W. A. Douglass, Chas. H. Ingersoll and others.

Referring to the Fairhope controversy the editor acknowledges receipt of articles from Mr. Norton, Mr. Ettel, Mr. Cope and Mr. Frank L. Brown, which "the writers," he says, "will appreciate the reasons why we refrain from publishing them. * * * It must be apparent that to continue this discussion indefinitely is to thresh old straws." An article from our late visitor, Mr. Buscher, he promises to publish in the spring number, giving in the same issue opportunity for reply by some qualified Fairhoper.

Where Did They Get It?

Republican newspapers point with pride to the fact that during 1905 Andrew Carnegie "gave away" $14,000,000, while John D. Rockefellow "gave away" $11,000,000. This is all very interesting.

Every dollar these gentlemen have "gave away" has been brought regularly to public attention through the columns of the daily press, but the more interesting explanation would be, "where did they get it?"

"Upon what meat did this our Caesar feast that he has grown so great" as to be able to "give away" these vast sums of money?—*Bryan's Commoner.*

In again assuming the duties of secretary of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, Mr. Gaston desires to express his warm appreciation of the trust reposed in him by his fellow Fairhopers, and his purpose to serve them to the best of his ability.

Opinions differ as to the reasons for Fairhope's prosperity, but *the fact* no one denies.

Council Proceedings.

Council met in regular session on Monday evening, the fifth, with Messrs. Bancroft, Call and Patterson present, Pres. Brown presiding.

Minutes read and approved of meetings of Council Jan. 15, Corporation Jan. 22 and annual election of Feb. 1.

Following reports of officers presented:

Supt. of Public Services reported net receipts of wharf as follows: Week ending Jan. 13, $14.07; Jan. 20, $17.33; 27, $11.66; Feb. 3, $19.96.

Supt. Lands and Highways: Work self and others cleaning streets, $1.40; surveying and cleaning cemetery, $1,20; W. P. Hoopes clearing road east of Dealy's, 75c; Supt. and others grading and bridging on Fairhope ave., near line of Secs. 16 and 17, $15.85.

Amounts as per Supt's report allowed; also the following bills:

S. H. Comings, putting gas in hall,	$ 50 05
J. A. Patterson, cost and charges, one storage battery, for telephone,	5 07
Mershon Merch. Co., bal due	4 04
Fairhope Improvement Co., moving fence on three sides Molyneux place and clearing streets $24.00, less wood taken from streets, $8.25.	15 75
E. B. Gaston, printing ballots for 4 elections, $3.75; rent list, printing revising and printing again, $15.00; pub. report of com. to revise water works plan, $1.00	19 75

Committee on application of L. S. Massey, for privilege of erecting amusement pavilion on beach, (Wood, Bellangee and Gaston) reported, recommending granting the same by a contract similar to that entered into with Geo. A. Robinson for private wharf and bath house privilege—subject to a rental of $15.00 for the first year and an annual appraisement thereafter same as land rents.

The application of Mr. Massey was granted, subject to provisions recommended by the committee.

Mr. Blomquist enquired why the rent of his 20 acres was $2 more than any adjacent 20. Explained that it was because his land was the best.

Relinquishment of lot 8, blk. 2, div. 2, by Capt. J. McDermaid was granted, subject to payment of rent until date when possession of same was actually surrendered.

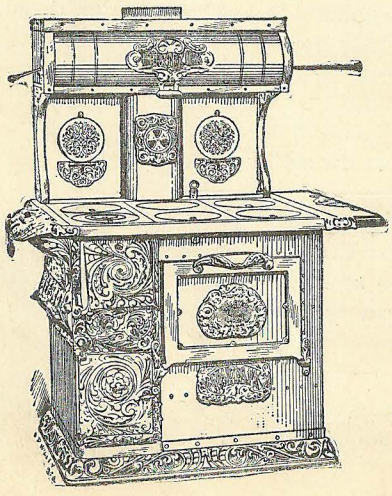
Following transfers of land approved: Mershon Bros. to Mershon Merchandising Co., lot 5, blk. 6, div. 1, (store lot); A. H. Mershon to Mershon Merch. Co., lots 9 and 10, blk. 6, div. 1; C. L. Coleman to Mershon Merch. Co., 150x182 ft., cor. Fairhope ave. and Section street; Fairhope Lumber Co. to J. J. Duintjer, lot 17, blk. 6, div. 3,—and relinquishment by Fairhope Lumber Co., of lot 18, same block and div.

Application of Mrs. Hanson for lots 1 and 2, blk. 28, div. 2, was granted.

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The matter of need of additional assistance in the school, was considered and same referred to school committee and Trustee Oswalt. It was also moved and carried that all pupils actually resident upon Corporation land, whether permanently or temporarily, be entitled to free tuition.

In regard to the communication presented at the annual meeting by the Leaseholders' Protective Union, inquiring what had become of a certain proposed amendment to the Constitution "o k'd by lawyers Webb and Rickarby and some of the prominent members of the Corporation, and referred by the annual meeting to the Council, Mr. Gaston said that he had received a communication from Mr. Webb regarding the same, but had considered it as simply a private matter. He had in mind to bring it to the attention of the members who had participated in the conference which probably led to its drafting, but from press of other matters had not found it convenient, but would do so at an early date. The proposed amendment was read as follows :

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ART. VII.

SEC. 4.—Upon petition of ten per cent. of the resident leaseholders in good standing, any act of the Executive Council relating to the disbursement of funds realized from rentals in excess of the amount necessary for the payment of taxes under the provisions of Article XV, shall be submitted, after at least twenty-four hours notice, to a meeting of leaseholders called for that purpose, at which meeting all leaseholders not in arrears shall have equal voice and vote, regardless of membership in the Association, and the decision of the majority at such meeting shall be final and binding upon the Association.

The water works trustees under the former water works plan were reappointed under the revised plan.

In the matter of the claim of Mr. Powell for $25, for money advanced toward the school-house, for which no order had ever been issued, it was moved and carried that on a written statement from the trustees, that the amount was due Mr. Powell, an order be issued therefor.

Proceedings of the meeting ordered published in the COURIER.

E. B. GASTON,
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It is claimed that in Allegheny county, Pa., alone there were killed and maimed in industrial pursuits, last year, 17,700 persons.

We expected to print this week the Secretary's annual report, but as the late secretary has been out of town all week, we have not been able to get hold of it.

A new Single Tax journal to reach our exchange table is *The Standard*, of Sydney, N. S. W., a neat twelve-page monthly the size of the COURIER, of which number one was published in December.

On account of the congestion in the school, arrangements have been made for the George Academy to take the highest two grades from Miss Clements' room, and she to take one class of fifteen pupils from Mrs. Sweet's room. The change will go into effect on Monday next.

According to Prof. Parsons of Harvard University the machine power employed in productive industry is equal to twenty-five to thirty man power for every man and woman in the country; yet the problem of supporting a family from one's labor is practically as difficult today as when men grappled bare-handed with nature.

According to W. G. Joerns, in *Watson's Magazine* for January, the government has given to railroads more land than was comprised in the original thirteen states; more than is contained in the entire solid south, leaving out Texas; more than the whole middle west contains—including Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota!

If ever anyone could afford to take criticism with equanimity it is those who are responsible for Fairhope. Not only do we know that our motives have been pure and our purposes righteous, but the results are and must continue to be the visible vindication of our purposes and policies. Those who try and fail may be excused for becoming bitter at criticism. Those who succeed can afford to smile at their critics.

At a special meeting of the Executive Council on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Bellangee was added to the water-works committee—by request of the committee. The committee met at Mr. Mogg's residence on the same evening and organized by electing Mr. Stimpson chairman and F. W. Rose secretary, and appointing Mr. Bellangee a special sub-committee to secure subscriptions, outside of those made locally for connections with the mains. The committee is going to get right to work, and we hope to see "dirt flying" within a few weeks.

In Mr. Norton's address at Fairhope a couple of weeks ago, he emphasized the importance of reformers working along the lines of their agreements and turning their guns upon the common enemy, instead of against each other- an excellent suggestion. In the next issue of his paper following his address, however, his principal editorial is devoted to criticism of Fairhope. We think, however, we shall act upon Mr. Norton's first suggestion, and we only call attention to the matter here to suggest that those who are interested in his opinion regarding Fairhope may write for copies of his paper, issue of February second, and see what he has to say.

Single Taxer Wins Prize.

The COURIER congratulates Walter H. Beecher, of Norwood, Ohio (Cincinnati suburb) one of its good friends, on winning the second prize in the Cincinnati *Post's* "600,000 in 1910 contest." Mr. Beecher's paper entitled: "Practical Radicalism" was published in full in the *Post* of Jan. 27th. and was a most excellent presentation of the subject from the view point of the Single Taxer. From it we quote as follows:

The purpose of special privilege is to reap where it has not sown and gather where it has not strewn. If, then, you would set free the forces of nature in human society you must abolish special privilege. In a measure Cincinnati can do this now. Railroad rates can be forced down. Franchise grabbers can be checked, if not thwarted, by a determined move toward reduced tolls, enforcing of charter stipulations and ultimate public ownership.

Best of all, the grabber of city lands can be made to let go his hold. I say "best of all" because, if you would infallibly gain a larger population, then the first question you must answer is, how liberally are you going to provide room for them? If you want new homes, new business and new toilers here, you must encourage them to come. You must make it easy for them to find room.

True, Cincinnati has within her borders now ample room for five times her present population, but if even an increase of one-fifth of our present population were to come to us in the next year, there is only one set of interests here now that would certainly benefit by it, and that interest is represented by the owners of the ground. More than this, and vastly worse, too, every additional thousand to Cincinnati's population now means an increasing rent rate, higher prices for dwelling and business sites and a stronger tendency to narrow the margin between the cost of living and the earning power of the wage worker. In other words, as we are going now, an increase in the population means increasing uncertainty and anxiety in the struggle for existence for those who are already here. If the method of taxation and land tenure now in force should be maintained for the next four years, no greater calamity could befall the mass of our citizens than to insure an increase of population to 600,000 during that time.

Mr. E. C. Wolcott of Warren, Ohio,—and Fairhope—is with us again for awhile, having arrived last evening.

Local and Personal.

Rev. Mr. Hinkley, who speaks at the Christian church on Sunday, arrived on Wednesday. He is stopping at the Fairhope House and will be pleased to meet any of his friends.

"Frenzied Finance" has just arrived from one of our most generous donors of books, who usually asks that his name be suppressed. So many have wanted that book! I will say to them that I will be particular to give it out in the order of their applications if they will send in their names. M. HOWLAND, LIB.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Colman of Kalamazoo, Mich., were recent Fairhope visitors, guests of their old friends, the Comingses, at "The Gables." They had the quite common experience of hearing Fairhope freely criticised on the boat coming around the shore, but had all their false impressions effectually dispelled by personal investigation, and were greatly pleased with our town.

The "tail end" of this week's cold wave in the North struck us, but very lightly, the thermometer not reaching freezing; but we had rain with the cold, making it quite uncomfortable. Today, however, is again bright and balmy, and spring is near at hand. The yellow jasmine is beginning to bloom about the bay front and along the gulleys.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

DEAR FRIENDS ALL:—Some hint Mr. Gaston gave you of the reason why I am so long silent. I will repeat, lest some do not yet know—I am translating a work from the French that requires not only all the time that I can spare from housework, club-work, garden and editorial work,—to say nothing of correspondence and the work I ought to do as one of the officers of the Corporation—but a great deal of time that I really *cannot* spare; and so I judiciously neglect all that I can—even my blessed garden. But tonight I am going to say a few words to those who are kind enough to look always in the COURIER for these letters.

First let me tell you of the delight I am taking in this work I am putting into English. It is *La Cite Chinoise*—literally, the Chinese City; but that so inadequately translates it that I am, as the boys say, "laid out cold" on the first word. It is in reality the Chinese communal, family village which has endured the test of fifteen hundred years. The whole book is a revelation. I am impatient to see it printed and in the hands of the people. It will not please all. Certainly not those whose passion is wealth—silk and fine raiment, gorgeous palaces, and menials to do their bidding. I mean people who can enjoy such things in a world of disorder, crime, and wretched poverty. But those who care for the fate of the people; who long to see them happy in their homes—millions of happy homes where now there are comparatively few—these will read the book with absorbing interest to see what lesson, if any, that strange people have for us.

The great surprise will be to learn that the Chinese are grappling with the great questions of the times—even with the land question, and that they have one tax and *one only*, and that this is on the land; moreover, it is not a heavy tax, but very light. Each cultivates but little land as a rule, and intensive culture has reached a very high degree of perfection. Mountains are terraced from the level to the summit, and the plantations on the steps are so carefully tended and irrigated that, according to our author, no parquetry or mosaic is more beautiful or more artistic. There are over 500,000,000 of people in China, and as their ambition is almost without exception to live in their own homes on their own inalienable little domain, and to build up new families as the highest duty to the *immortal whole*, the *universal-Man*; humanity, or the great *Solidarity*, the "*Gen*" in Chinese—they are of course a nation of millions of homes, and so, if the Single Tax there is a small tax, when multiplied by millions it amounts to a revenue that enables the government to meet its public expenditures.

No one wishes to say that "all is well" in China. There are evils that the people are grappling with; but to say that in the home life of the *Cite Chinoise*, in their perfectly functioning and inexpensive judiciary, as well as in many departments of government—since they are all built on the family system—they have something to teach us. According to them, "the family is a little democracy," and the state a larger family. China is really great, and in no way does she prove i more signally than by those imperial commissions to this country and others to study the workings of our institutions. Especially are they studying our educational system, and have been since the first young Chinese came to graduate from our colleges. University degrees are destined to supplant the hard literary examinations in the Chinese civil service. The influence of the old *literati* will pass into the hands of young China, educated in the best modern schools.

One of the imperial commissions is especially charged by the empress to examine and report on the provisions made by occidental nations for the higher education of women. Miss Addams' work, "*Democracy and Social Ethics*," made a strong impression and permission was asked to translate and publish it in China. I would like to know something of a work so honored. This library should have a copy.

* * * Yes, we are to have a new fire-proof library building. You read the appeal of the Henry George Club in the last COURIER, and you will wish to have even a *little hand* in the work. When we lay the corner stone we must honor the day. We shall write Mr. Thomas M. Owen, president of the Alabama Library Association, to be with us, for he is much interested in our efforts. I wrote him asking instruction as to the organization of our Fairhope Library Association, and for constitution of the Alabama Library Association. I have just received the first. The constitution will come later. Now, some of our friends think there is no hurry about the formation of the organization to take up the library work. But there *is need of getting on a working basis very soon*. The Library Association will have to do all, or nearly all, the work of getting the new library into actual existence. All can work in this association who really want to help, and can work harmoniously with the Council.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Banner patterns at Call's.

"Elsemere" double woven tip silk gloves, 50c a pair at Call's.

The Robinson house on the bay front is receiving a coat of paint.

A fine new line of umbrellas at Mershon Merchandising Company's.

The Pleasure Bay had a large passenger list for Fairhope on Sunday morning.

A fine new assortment of brilliant enamel ware at Mershon Merchandising Co.'s.

Jewelry? Yes, a fine new line in new show case at Mershon Merchandising Co.'s.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creswell on yesterday, Thursday, morning.

Mr. Marshal Carney, late of the Dolive, was a Fairhope visitor from Sunday morning to Tuesday.

The prepared mince meat at Mershon Merchandising Company's makes the finest kind of pies.

"Chicken-Hawk Cholly," Dr. Sheldon's popular coon song, now on sale at A. M. Dealy & Company's.

The Henry George Club will meet with Mrs. Gaston on next Thursday afternoon. All ladies are invited.

Mr. Jos. Ash, an old friend of the editor and the Mershons, dropped in unexpectedly on Wednesday evening.

If you are interested in the new co-operative store, send for circular to Mershon Merchandising Co., Fairhope, Ala.

For wood and posts, promptly deliverd, see Reimer Poortstra or leave orders for him at A. M. Dealy & Company's.

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Captain and Mrs. Foster are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, who arrived early Sunday morning.

Miss Martha Wood of Grand Rapids, Mich., arrived last week to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. C. L. Coleman.

The Beckner cottage is up and enclosed, and is going to be a very nice addition to the improvements on "Church" street.

The Fairhope House is now offering the enjoyment of its superior accommodations at very moderate rates by the week or month.

It is reported that Captain Passo expects to put a new boat in the eastern shore trade, running direct between Mobile and Daphne.

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G. A. Williams is back in these parts again for a while after an absence of a year and a half. He finds great changes in Fairhope of course.

Chas. Campbell of Cambridge Springs, Pa., with his wife, is visiting Fairhope and will probably remain until April. They have rooms in "The Gables."

We have a few high-class White Wyandotte cockerels to spare, In fine condition for breeding this spring. Cheap, quality considered. Stuart Yarnelle.

Mr. A. J. Wolf has moved into the little cottage built on his lots just west of Mr. Littlefield's for his own use and is pushing the two double cottages he is also building.

Mr. and Mrs. Sisson and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, winter visitors, left on Tuesday morning. They expect to visit Biloxi, Pensacola and other coast towns before going North.

Mrs. Walton and daughters, Misses Gertrude and Ida, of Forest City, Arkansas, are guests of the Fairhope House, intending to stay a week or more. They were over on the Sunday steamer a couple of weeks ago.

F. W. Rose will address the Progressive League on next Sunday and will speak upon "Immigration." He will, no doubt, give an interesting and instructive address and should have a good audience.

Mr. C. B. Sheldon, living a few miles east of Fairhope, is very much in favor of the proposed improvement of the Silver-Hill Robertsdale road and thinks the farmers out his way would subscribe liberally in work toward the same.

The old DeLaMare barn has been cut in two and one half moved south and east to the rear of Mr. Powells house lot where it has been remodeled into a nice barn, and the other moved back a little on the same lot and remodeled.

Dr. Bailey, one of our winter visitors has been quite ill for the past two weeks, but is reported to be improving nicely now. We regret greatly that the pleasure of his visit should be thus marred and hope he will soon be himself again.

"What a nice clean place this is," remarked a lady, one of a party of strangers coming up from the boat one evening recently. There is room for improvement in this respect but we are sure Fairhope will compare very favorably with other towns.

The Rev. Willard H. Hinkley will speak at the Christian church on next Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours. Subject in the morning, "The Second Coming of the Lord," and in the evening, "The Divine Inspiration of the Word." A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Massey have fixed up the waiting rooms at the Cafe in most neat and attractive style. There are easy chairs, curtains at the windows, etc. Drop in and make yourself comfortable while waiting for the boat. Incidentally you can refresh your "inner man" with a variety of drinkables and eatables if you desire.

Arts and Crafts.

In connection with the meeting for work from 2 to 5 o'clock on Monday aiternoon, there will be a business meeting at 3 o'clock. Every member of the society should be present at these meetings. At 3:30 on next Monday Miss Lyon will give a short talk on the financial aspect of the Arts and Crafts movement. These talks on some phase of the work will be a regular feature of the Monday meetings. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. W. E. Sweet's brother, Mr. Fred C. Sweet, who visited him here a little while back, returned this week to remain. He is a mechanic, and has been over at Muskogee 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.

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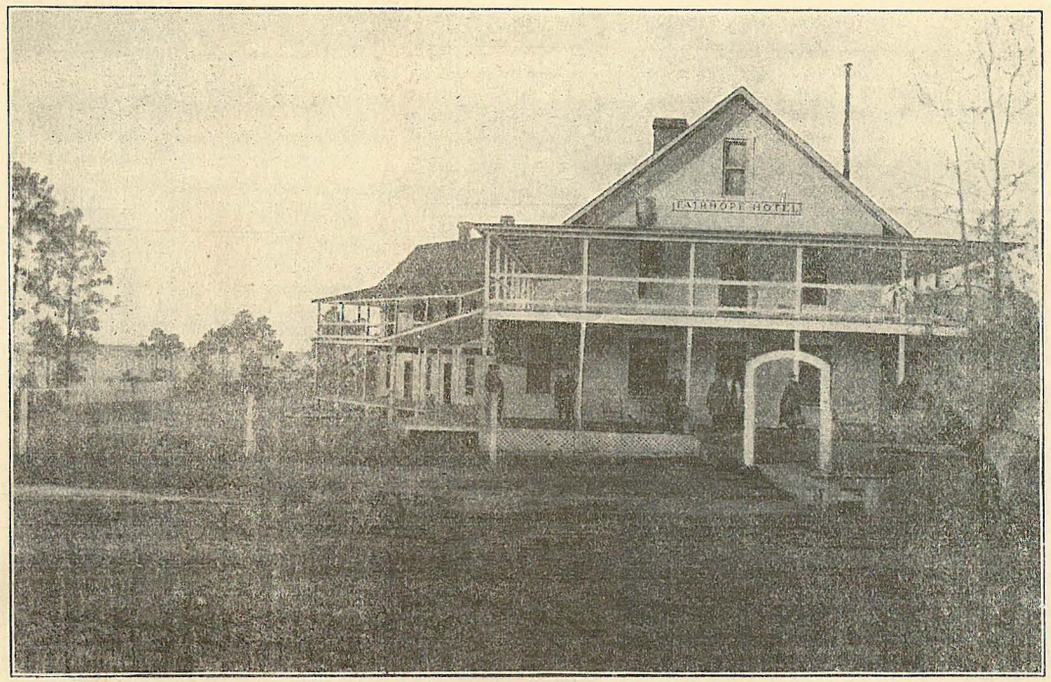
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THE SECOND ELECTION.

Remaining Two Officers of Corporation Elected.

The second election, held under the the provisions of the constitution requiring a second election to be held in two weeks to vote for officers failing of election by a majority vote at the regular annual election, was held last evening.

The first question to come up was that of the construing of the constitution relative to candidates who might be voted for. The trustees ruled that not only were the names of the candidates receiving the three highest votes at the previous election the only ones which might appear upon the official ballots, but the only ones which could be voted for. The members took a contrary view, by a large majority, and a motion that "the instructions of the constitution, relative to the preparation of 'official ballots,' shall not be construed to prevent the members from nominating and voting for any candidate they desire, at any election," was passed by a vote of nearly three to one.

The election was then proceeded with and resulted in the election of F. W. Rose, Superintendent of Public Health, and Fred. Mathison, Superintendent of Industries.

A number of proposed by-laws, prepared by the trustees, were read, and were ordered printed in the Courier, for getting them fairly before the resident members, with a view to acting upon them later. They will appear in the next issue.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY OF FAIRHOPE SINCLE TAX CORPORATION.

During the year 1905, one member of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation passed from earth: Mrs. Louisa Southworth, at Cleveland, in May. Eight members were received by transfer and eleven new memberships. Of these nineteen, nine are married, making the present number of members 103.

The De La Mare and Fels tracts have been added to the Colony, making the amount of land about 1,540 acres. Payments have been made on the White tract; but they have not been completed, and it is not yet deeded to the Corporation. They ought to be completed soon, for our option expires next April.

During the year 1905 the rents paid amounted to $2,293.93. The wharf brought $1,193.15, and cost $515.36 for repairs, leaving a net revenue of $677.79. The Treasurer reports the receipts for the land fund to have been $362.55, and reports only one payment of $25.33. Much more than that was paid for land during the year, and it is evident that the receipts and disbursements for land did not all pass through his hands. Payments were made on the Fels, De La Mare and White tracts, which were not included in the account of the land fund. The school is credited with $118.97, most of which ($112.46) was the repayment by Mr. Dinkins of money advanced while he was teaching and awaiting his salary from the county superintendent. Receipts from miscellaneous sources brought the sum up to $4,209.03.

The payments made during the year amounted to $4,129.52. $812.75 were paid for the school, but as $118.97 were repaid by the school the cost was $693.78, including payments made for the school house. $383 were paid for salaries, $333.45 for the telephone, $305 for work on the highways and lumber for bridges. The wharf cost $515.36 for repairs. $905.93 were paid for taxes, of which $265 were on the Corporation's property, and $640.93 were refunded to tenants. $848.70 are reported under the head of sundries. This must include payments for land, since the following payments, known to the Secretary to have been made, were not in the Treasurer's reports to the Council:

About $150 for the De La Mare tract: to-wit, a balance of about $50 on Mr. Powell's membership, and his daughter's membership. This may not be on the Treasurer's books at all, since no cash nor scrip was used, nor any warrant drawn. I would suggest that the Treasurer's books would be more complete if a warrant signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President was required for all payments, except the wharfinger's commission. If that had been done in this case the Treasurer would have entered the exact amount as received on membership and paid for land, and the warrant would have been his voucher for the payment. Typewriting and legal fees on the deeds were $6.30.

$100 were paid on the Fels tract, of which $22.04 were due on Mr. Fels' membership, and a warrant issued for $77.96.

At least $275 were paid by Mr. Bellangee on the White tract, besides the $25.33 recorded.

The balance in the treasury at the end of the year, $74.18, belongs to the land fund.

The rents assessed for this year are:

Division 1	$1129 82
" 2	450 00
" 3	133 00
Section 17, containing Division 4,	591 16
" 16	221 50
" 15	130 00
" 22	17 50
Total	$2672 98

The Corporation owes on the wind mill.	$ 164 00
On money advanced for the school house	128 75
On outstanding warrants	152 82
Total	$ 445 57

Leaving about $2,200.00 available for use this year.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

Taxes	$ 950 00
Highways (if road to Robertsdale is built)	500 00
School	400 00
Telephone	125 00
Waterworks	225 00
Salaries and postage	400 00
Total	$2600 00

This year's revenue from the wharf cannot now be estimated with any accuracy; nor have we any means of knowing now what will be received from other sources.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. WOOD, Secretary.

A Friend Sends Seeds.

Mr. Fred Deverall has sent to the writer a lot of tree and shrub seeds from Tompkin's Park, Fort Green Park and Prospect Park, Brooklyn, including seeds of the red and white English hawthorne, Norway maple, sycamore maple, a beautiful perennial flowering vine, etc. He says:

"The red and the white English hawthorne would make a fine hedge about your place in a few years. In Tompkin's Park we have some hawthornes 25 or 30 feet high that are very much admired. The hawthorne ought to do well in Baldwin county. The white has the most beautiful perfume, but the red makes the greatest display. If I ever have a place down there, I'll have a row of Norway maples and sycamore maples on the street and the place surrounded by red and white hawthornes, so that when I got old I would have something nice to look at. I would not bother trimming them, but plant close enough to make a hedge. The Norway maple would bloom first, then the sycamore, and then the hawthorne, giving my bees their dinner for some time. In the same way I'd see that they got their dinner the year round, even if I had to send them down to Smith's syrup place. In that case, however, I suppose I might be accused of receiving stolen goods, for I certainly would treat the bees like landlordism treats the landless—I'd take all but a bare living. The Norway maple is my favorite maple. It is strong and is rarely bothered with insects or locusts. The perennial vine (seeds) I send is a beautiful thing. I forget its name for the moment. It, when in bloom, spreads a most delicious perfume at the main entrance to Prospect Park. It has thousands of small white flowers."

We will be glad to apportion these seeds out among those who call for them.

To Observe Washington's Birthday.

A movement has been started to have a grand observance of Washington's birthday at the Hall, an invitation having been issued to the public, especially Federal and Confederate veterans, to meet at noon and enjoy a real old-fashioned camp-fire. Army rations will be issued, and drum and fife will furnish martial music.

A splendid program is being arranged to follow the dinner. The camp-fire committee will meet tomorrow, Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock, at Dr. Greeno's residence, to complete the arrangements.

Camp Fire Committee:—Messrs. and Mesdames H. C. Oswalt, P. K. Dealy, W. S. Baldwin, G. M. Bancroft, L. S. Massey, Dr. and Mrs. Hail, Col. and Mrs. Daniels, Dr. G. A. Sheldon.

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This is a consolidation upon which the whole community is to be congratulated, and under it we believe the cement building industry is destined to speedily take rank as one of the most important in Fairhope.

Afro-American Editor Single Taxer

The *Detroit Informer* is an Afro-American paper ably edited by Frank H. Warren, an ardent Single Taxer. In the issue of February 10 he makes a strong plea for the adoption of the Single Tax in Liberia, whose finances are, it appears, in a deplorable condition, to remedy which a variety of suggestions, mostly foolish, are being made. In his argument Mr. Warren says:

The one tax that will be found not to be burdensome, easily and inexpensively collected, and which leaves production absolutely unhampered, is the scientiffc per centum tax on the site value of lands.

The government that first adopts it in its entirety will be so successful in commercial growth and in eliminating involuntary poverty from among its citizens that in the course of time the whole world will come to adopt it. In her undeveloped state Liberia may easily adopt the scientific method of taxation adduced by the late Henry George without interfering with any great conflicting and long established interests and thus build up the purest civilization known to the world, and with a race of black men.

In the same issue appears the following advertisement, which may be of interest to some of the COURIER readers:

"WANTED—1000 Negro Single Taxers to emigrate to Africa in 1907. Must have means of sustenance for one year. Address, with stamp, *The Detroit Informer*, 188 Randolph St., Detroit, Mich.

The Mershon Merchandising Company is adding a room 12x18 on the west side of its building, for the convenience of its lady patrons, especially those from the country. It will be fitted up with rugs, easy chairs, toilet facilities, etc., a place to rest and "primp" and care for the babies—and will doubtless be greatly appreciated by their lady patrons.

Library Building Fund Contributions.

The following contributions to the new Library building fund have been reported to the COURIER. These in addition to the Jos. Fels subscription of $1000:

F. I. Dupont, Wilmington, Del	$10 00
C. J. Buell, Minneapolis, Minn	1 00
Daniel Kiefer, Cincinnati, O	5 00
I. L. Schoen, St. Louis,	25
Total	$16 25

Follower of the G. O. P. Elephant Sees the Light.

Mr. W. B. Chapman, of Washta, Iowa, in the course of an interesting letter, says: "I am a farmer of firm faith in the Single Tax and pray for the success of Fairhope. * * * I was a member of the Iowa General Assembly when you were working on the Colony plan, and remember seeing you and Mr. Bellangee at the state capitol and thinking you were both harmless cranks. I was then a faithful follower of the g. o. p. elephant."

"Land has become quite high here and is passing into the hands of the few. We shall soon have a system of landlordism fastened upon us with all its train of attendant evils. The generation now coming on is hopeless of getting a foothold and is pushing on west and north for cheaper lands. The land hunger is upon the people."

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E. A. Miller, of Seattle, writes: "Mr. Wolf's letter was very welcome to his friends (of whom he has many) here in Seattle."

The solicitude of a few Single Taxers lest the Single Tax should be at all credited with the growth of Fairhope, is surprising.

"I enjoy keeping track of your experiment, believe in it, and hope you may have great success."—S. R. CHILD, Esq., Minneapolis.

Mr. W. W. Wiles, of Toledo, Ohio, one of the COURIER's readers and a zealous Singie Taxer, has our sincere sympathy in the recent loss of his wife, who was in full sympathy with him in his ideas regarding land reform—a bond of sympathy which does not, unfortunately, always exist between reformers and their wives.

L. E. Wilmarth, the well known Single Taxer and New Churchman, of Brooklyn, says: "The COURIER is always a welcome messenger of tidings from the Fairhope Colony, the progress and development of which I am watching with great interest."

Mr. Bellangee informs us of the receipt of a letter from Mrs. Helen M. Gougar—who has a national reputation as a lecturer on temperance and woman suffrage, but is also very much interested in economic reform—saying that she contemplates a West Indian tour, and may return via Mobile and visit Fairhope. We very much hope she will do so.

The *Sunday Press* of Albany, N. Y., republished the letter of A. J. Wolf, recently published in the COURIER, which was evidently handed to the *Press* by Mr. John J. Murray, one of the COURIER's subscribers at Albany. This should be a suggestion to other friends as to how they can assist in giving publicity to Fairhope and helping the Single Tax cause in general.

H. M. Gary, of Paterson, N. J., one of the Colony's good friends, says he "would like to see the circulation of the COURIER doubled," congratulates loyal Fairhopers on their safe handling of the Fairhope ship, and adds: "I have such confidence in the Fairhope plan that, had I the means, I would buy all the land in Baldwin county, outside of Fairhope, and turn it over to the Colony."

Mr. Ira B. Jones has disposed of his interest in the *Baldwin Times* and will leave at an early date for his former home in Pa. The COURIER was favored with a pleasant call from Mr. Jones this week. We regret very much to lose Mr. Jones from the ranks of Baldwin County Newspaperdom. He is a most agreeable adversary when circumstances seem to compel opposition, a public spirted citizen interested in all progressive measures for the common good and has mantained the *Times* at a high standard of excellence for a (so-called) "country weekly." Mr. W. C. Dinwiddie succeeds Mr. Jones as editor of the *Times*.

Land Ownership a Hindrance to Security of Home Possession.

How common is the expression: "But I want to own my own land," indicative of the common feeling that *ownership* is necessary to security of possession. Yet that the present system of private land ownership is a dismal failure so far as giving to the people security in the possession of homes and farms, is disclosed by every census report, showing a constantly decreasing proportion of home and farm-owners, and a corresponding increase in tenantry. Note in this connection the letter of Mr. Chapman, quoted from elsewhere in this issue, testifying to the fact that the rising generation in Iowa is being forced away from its birth-place, to the north and west in search of land. In the meantime the lucky early settlers—whose own early years were filled with unnecessary hardship and deprivation because of land speculation—are moving into the towns to live more or less luxuriously upon the labor of others. The Single Tax, or the Fairhope plan for applying its fundamental principle, insures security of possession and increases the profits of land *use*, while at the same time, by eliminating the profit of mere ownership, it keeps the land open to the rising generation.

Single Tax Wins in Another Debate.

Prof. C. G. Lawrence, superintendent of the Canton, S. D., public schools, to whom we sent, at his request, Fairhope literature for use in preparation for a debate on the Single Tax, writes us that though the literature arrived too late to be of service, the debate, which was held in the court-house there, resulted in a victory for the Single Tax. He says: "The affirmative side, which upheld Henry George's theory, won out and I was fortunate enough to be on the winning side. I wish to say that from my study of this question I have become a firm believer in the justice of the Single Tax system, and I am glad to learn that Fairhope is such a good practical demonstration of its justice and practicability."

Increased Prices of Lumber Due to Increased Prices for "Stumpage."

The rapid advance in lumber prices is one of the features of industrial conditions, especially in the south. The Mississippi legislature has taken cognizance of it and only last month passed a resolution declaring the advance was due to manipulation of the market, and had reached a point where it restricted the building trade of the state. A committee was appointed to discover if a lumber trust existed in the state. The

Southern Lumberman commenting on the situation, attributes the increase to the "unequalled prosperity" the country has been enjoying for the past eight years, and says: "The pressure for lumber on the yellow pine and hardwood mills is so strong, and the cost of stumpage having within a very short while advanced from 100 to 1,000 per cent., they have also been forced to put up prices frequently and quite suddenly. If the millmen had realized the rapid advance in cost of timber they would have begun to advance lumber prices long ago, and have done so gradually; but they waited too long, and were compelled to make such radical advances as to frighten some people."

The *Mobile Register* commenting upon the subject cites the increased prices of timber, lands and stumpage—which is another term for land values—and says: "If the millman has to pay more for the uncut timber, he has a right to charge more for his lumber," which is, of course, true.

There are some instructive lessons to be learned from these facts.

First--That the sawer and consumer of lumber are both virtually at the mercy of the land monopolist, in the guise of a land or timber owner, who profits by the necessities of the public, without giving any effort of his own in return; and

Second:—That land monopoly interferes with the natural course of trade, which tends always to an equilibrium of supply and demand, and is certain to bring about abnormal conditions which will invite disaster. An increased demand for lumber will tend to increase the price, which will tend to increased production, which will call for more labor, which will tend to raise wages, and so on indefinitely, all men sharing in the benefits of increased wealth production, until we come up against an increased demand for timber land—which cannot be increased to meet the demand. This would be evil enough if the increasing value of timber land were taken for the public, but when it is permitted to be taken by the few owners of timber land, enriching them without effort of their own and depriving the actual manufacturer of lumber of the natural stimulus to greater endeavor to supply the demand of increased prices, a "long train of evils" is ushered in.

This is another of the influences contributing to the "blowing of that bubble" which is certain to burst with disastrous results—as has been the case at frequent intervals in the past.

The Cane-Growers' Convention at Mobile last week was a very instructive and profitable gathering. Among those who attended from this vicinity were Col. Daniels, George Knowles and E. Smith. Colonel Daniels was invited to address the convention, which he did, upon the subject of "Industrial Education." That the Colonel made a notable impression upon the convention was evidenced by the space given his lecture and comment upon it by the Mobile papers and the strong resolution in favor of industrial education adopted by the convention. The Colonel, on his part, pronounced the convention the ablest and most progressive body of men called for a similar purpose with which it was ever his pleasure to meet.

Mr. Powell Lectures on Fairhope.

Mr. Powell writes us that such interest was manifested at his meeting at Philadelphia on Sunday evening, Feb. 4th, when he spoke upon Fairhope under the auspices of the Henry George Club, that he could hardly get away to go home after adjournment.

Mr. Chas. D. Ryan, secretary of the club, also writes us:

"We regard this meeting as in every respect a very successful one. Mr. Powell's lecture is both entertaining and instructive and is very interesting to Single Taxers. It is not only an accurate and well presented account of "the only Single Tax community in America," but is as well a sound exposition of the principles that Fairhope is to prove.

"The attendance was 113 persons, many of whom were, if we judge rightly, not Single Taxers. Many became very much interested in what Mr. Powell had to say and many questions were asked, for each and every of which questions Mr. Powell gave what appeared to be perfectly satisfactory answers."

Regarding Another S. T. Conference.

A number of inquiries have been received regarding another "Single Tax Conference."

There is such a conference in perpetual session at Fairhope to which friends of the movement have a standing invitation, and which they always report finding interesting and instructive; but we are also trying to arrange a special gathering of Single Taxers for the latter part of this month or early next month. We have written to a number of Single Taxers of national reputation who have announced their intention of visiting Fairhope, asking if they could not name definitely the date when they could and would do so, that we might make it the occasion for extending a special invitation to all Single Taxers to meet here at the same time. We hope to have something to report in the next issue.

We would now, however, call attention to the special opportunity to visit Fairhope cheaply, afforded by the Mardi Gras excursion rates to Mobile and New Orleans, which will be in force on all roads leading south from Feb. 25th to 28th, inclusive, and with return extending into March, particulars of which may be learned at any railroad office.

Miss Herring Talking Fairhope in Chicago.

In a letter just received from Miss Alice G. Herring, who is now in Chicago. She says:

"Saturday evening I attended a class at Clarence Darrow's office, which meets every week for the study of 'Progress and Poverty.' When they discovered that I was from Fairhope, everyone was eager to hear all about it, and I was just as eager to tell them all the good things I know of Fairhope—and that took a long time. Two young men declared their intention of coming down to spend their vacation next summer. I also take lunch quite often at the Washington restaurant, on Wabash avenue, where the Single Taxers have a long table, around which they gather to the number of about twenty, every noon. I find a good many among these 'elect' who need instruction about Fairhope."

Of her own return to Fairhope, Miss Herring says "I expect to be with you early in March, and I assure you no one can be sorrier than I am over my delay."

Our old friend and former Fairhoper, Henry Schakel, has run up against one of the experiences which is likely to happen to any man working for another "out in the world." A strike, in which he had no part, has ended, with a reduction in wages down to the point of a bare subsistence.

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V. I. C. meets with Mrs. Powell next Thursday at 3 P. M.; all ladies interested in the advancement of Fairhope are invited to be present.

Mr. S. E. Gooding returned on Saturday evening from his stay of about eight months in New York, and will be here probably until April.

Mrs. Otto was in on Monday with a twig from a peach tree in full bloom. There are a number of peach trees coming out in bloom, a little prematurely we fear.

We have a few high-class White Wyandotte cockerels to spare, In fine condition for breeding this spring. Cheap, quality considered. Stuart Yarnelle.

The local W. C. T. U. will occupy the Progressive League hour at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and Dr. G. A. Sheldon will deliver an address upon "Non-alcholic Medication."

Rev. J. H. Simons, pastor of the Madison ave. Congregational church, Chicago, will preach in the hall, Fairhope, on next Sunday (18th), at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. All are invited.

The Dr. Mershon cottage, one of the neatest on Fairhope avenue, is being further improved in appearance, by refreshing the "trim" giving virtually the effect of an entire coat of new paint.

A congenial party who have been guests of the Fairhope House for some time have gone house-keeping in one of the Nichols Cottages. The party includes: Mr. and Mrs. Flinn, Mrs. Walton and daughters, and Mr. Gelink.

Mr. and Mrs. Beatty and their daughter who have been here for some weeks coming from Citronelle returned to Citronelle this morning, for a short stay prior to returning to their home in Illinois. They were greatly pleased with Fairhope and are very likely to come again.

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A very pleasant valentine social was given by the Christian Endeavor of the Christian Church and their friends by Mrs. Unger at her pleasant cottage on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Ila Coutant and five children, and her brother Mr. S. R. Woodard arrived on Monday evening all the way from northen Wyoming to make their home at Fairhope. Mr. Coutant will come along a little later.

All those who agreed to contribute to the building of a cottage for Mr. and Mrs. Hanson are requested to leave the amount subscribed with H. C. Oswalt, at the post office, before next Tuesday.

MRS. E. W. JEFFERSON.

Mr. N. G. Prester of Chicago, was an over-Sunday visitor with his friends, the Stites, and on Sunday evening sang two delightful solos at the church. He is one of the chief clerks in the Chicago post office and could only get a brief leave of absence at his busy season.

Mr. Carlson has had in place for several weeks his eight horse power gasoline engine, which is to drive the machinery in his planing mill, but has been greatly annoyed by the failure of other machinery to arrive. The same has been shipped however and its arrival is now daily expected.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian church wishes to extend a vote of thanks to Col. Edward Daniels for the most excellent course of lectures which he presented for the society to the public, also to Mr. Arthur Trenholme, for his kindness in assisting with the stereopticon. Mrs. Bertha Mershon, Pres.

Mr. Joseph Ash of DesMoines left for his home on Tuesday morning after a pleasant short stay, the guest of his old DesMoines friend, Mr. A. H. Mershon, during which he became so enamored of Fairhope that he is determined to return and bring his wife with him with a view to remain if she is as well pleased as he is.

Charles and Albert Stearns have joined Mr. Miller at Pensacola, though their families are still here. Charles was here from Sunday to Wednesday morning. He reports work plenty in Pensacola, and was also offered a good job in Mobile, and they may come back to Mobile, which we wish they would, for they would perhaps in that event, continue to reside here.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess were made happy recently by the arrival of their son, Geo. G. Burgess, a young man who has been in San Francisco, for some time. He has secured employment in Mobile, with R. O. Harris Grocery company, and having their two younger sons employed in that city it is probable Mr. and Mrs Burgess will move over there soon.

Arts and Crafts.

The afternoon meeting from 2 to 5 is open to all members for work. At 3 o'clock there will be a business meeting; at 3:30 there will be a short talk by Miss Lyon on some phase of the Arts and Crafts movement. Wednesday afternoon will be devoted to basketry, hatmaking, and the lighter forms of work. Thursday, all day, is devoted to leather work. Friday afternoon the embroidery class meets. Children's classes meet Thursday after school and Saturday afternoon. Instruction is individual. Students may begin at any time.

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Water Works Under Way.

A special meeting of the Executive Council was held on last Friday evening, at which the new councilmen, Messrs. Rose and Mathison, took their seats for the first time.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the plans of the water works trustees, and the same were presented, embracing the following:

A twelve foot brick-walled well at the foot of the bluff on the beach, (with points or strainers, extended from the bottom if necessary.)

A fifteen horse power horizontal boiler, and a double acting steam pump, with 4 inch suction and 3 inch discharge, with a capacity of 125 gallons per minute.

Mains as follows, approximately: 1,750 feet of 4 inch; 1,200 feet of 3 inch; 900 feet of 2 inch; 2,550 feet of 1½ inch.

Thirteen fire hydrants—4 on 4 inch mains and 9 on 1½ inch and 2 inch mains.

The main line of mains to be laid from the pump on the beach to a connection with the present tank at corner of Fairhope avenue and Section street, with laterals as follows: leaving trunk main at point west of livery stable, run across the gully to Littlefield's, Wolf's and Improvement Co's cottages on Bay View avenue; north from Fairhope avenue, on Bay View avenne, to Dr. Atkinson's, and east from Bay View avenue, on Magnolia avenue, to Gaston's; south, on "Church" street, from Fairhope avenue, 400 feet; south, on Section street, from tank to Carlson's mill, 300 feet; east of tank, on Fairhope avenue, 600 feet; in all a trifle less than one mile and a quarter.

The trustees estimate of cost totaled $2,283.90, and they stated that realizable subscriptions to the amount of $1,750 had already been secured, and they were confident of securing, during the progress of the work, the needed balance.

By a vote of three to two—Messrs. Bancroft, Patterson and Rose favoring the motion and Messrs. Call and Mathison opposed—the Council directed the trustees to proceed with the work on the plan presented.

Ground was broken on the system on Monday, the start being made on the well, which is located at the foot of the bluff, just a little to the north of the road to the wharf.

Fairhopers are not much for ceremony, and there was nothing to mark the beginning of this important undertaking, save a little posing by the trustees, and a dozen or more interested spectators, for a photograph by Mr. Arthur Dealy (which will probably appear a little later in the COURIER.)

The well is twelve feet in diameter, inside measurement, with an eight inch wall of brick laid in cement, and resting on a 6x8 inch wooden shoe. It is only about six feet to water at the point selected, and the wooden shoe was put in place on Tuesday afternoon in time to get several courses of brick laid before quitting time.

The well will be sunk by taking out the sand beneath and building on to the top as it goes down to as great a depth as can be easily reached, and it is confidently believed will furnish an ample supply of water. If it will not admit water fast enough to supply the pump without lowering the water level so that the sand will likely run in, it will only be necessary to sink a number of points, like that in use at the up-town well, to sufficiently increase the water admitting surface, and these points can be multiplied indefinitely.

The present tank will be utilized for the present for a reservoir, and the pump and windmill for such service as can be gotten out of them—which will be very considerable—and when the level in the tank gets below a certain point, the pump at the beach will be started and run until the tank is again full. It should fill the tank alone in one hour.

A Comparison.

A very interesting and instructive comparison is afforded between the local revenues and expenditures of the towns of Citronelle and Fairhope.

In a supplement to the Citronelle *Call* of February 2 is given a report of receipts and disbursements of that town (incorporated) for the last six months of 1905, and at our request, Mr. Thomas of the *Call*, sends us a like report for the period beginning March 1 and ending June 30, 1905; the two thus covering ten months, or five-sixths of a year. Having no figures for the other two months we think it fair to add one-fifth to secure an approximate statement for the year.

The year's revenue on this basis would be $1,545.63. This sum was derived from "taxes, fines and licenses" (proportions of each not given). The "fines" are penalties imposed by the mayor, as a civil magistrate, upon violators of the law. The "licenses," we take it, are license taxes upon businesses and occupations, which Citronelle imposes in common with most Southern towns.

According to the report of Secretary Wood, given in our last issue, the receipts of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, expended for the benefit of the people of Fairhope, for the year 1905, from its two principal sources of revenue, were as follows: Land rents, $2,293.93; wharf receipts (less both wharfinger's commission and cost of repairs), $677.79, a total of $2,971.72. Fairhope's revenue was therefore nearly twice that of Citronelle, though the latter claims about three times the population of the former. If from the revenue of Fairhope is deducted the total taxes paid the state and county during the year, $905.93, there is left $2,065.79, or still one-third more than the revenue of Citronelle, left for local expenditure. But the amount paid for

state and county taxes should not be deducted, for it was as truly expended for the public benefit, as any other portion of the revenue, and the citizens of Citronelle, on top of the amount paid their town government, had their own state and county taxes to pay.

The following few items of comparative expenditure are also interesting:

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Some will, of course, say that "if Fairhope had so much more revenue proportionately than Citronelle it means that the burdens of the people were proportionately greater," but this is not true. To make a comparison of the gross burden upon the people of the two towns there should be added to that paid by the people of Citronelle for public purposes, the undoubtedly vastly greater amount that was paid to the holders of Citronelle land in the shape of land values created by the whole people, but collected by individuals, which burden the people of Fairhope were entirely freed from.

This comparison is made "without prejudice" to Citronelle, which is unquestionably one of the best and most progressive towns in the South. Its policy is simply that which generally prevails—and prevails because it suits the present judgment of most people. Fairhope exists to demonstrate what it claims is a better way, and the advantages of that better way can best be presented by comparison.

Now for the Water Works.

Elsewhere the COURIER reports the inauguration of work on a public water system for Fairhope. In the opinion of the COURIER this is the greatest need of Fairhope to-day, and we hope that all who are interested in Fairhope, both at home and abroad, will put their shoulders to the wheel and help carry it to a speedy and successful conclusion in the true Fairhope way. The plan for financing the undertaking is not just that preferred by the COURIER, but it has been approved by a majority of the resident members of the Corporation. A signally wise selection of water trustees has been made, men of excellent judgment, forceful and thoroughly devoted to the interests of Fairhope, who may be relied upon to protect its interests and financial standing, and utilize the means placed at their command to the very best advantage, and every loyal Fairhoper should take hold with them and lift every pound he can.

The trustees report the subscriptions up to this date totalling $2,070. The water certificates provided for in the plan are ready for issuance in convenient denominations, and subscriptions are invited in any amount from $1.00 up, for which certificates will be promptly issued and acknowledgment made in the COURIER.

We publish elsewhere a statement to the members of the Corporation by Messrs. Call and Mathison, explaining their position in the matter. We regret that the gentlemen felt compelled to oppose the original plan for

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securing the water works—which would have kept the Corporation wholly free from liability—save for the $200 annually which it was to appropriate; but we think that their fears are not well founded of the Corporation incurring any dangerous liability by proceeding on the present plan under the management of the water trustees.

As to their argument for beginning the work of construction at the present well and first laying mains therefrom, we would say that the general concensus of opinion, so near as we are able to find, is that the *first* question to be solved is that of an adequate supply of water. We doubt if *one* of the parties subscribing for a right to connect with the mains would consent to let his subscription stand if compelled to rely upon the present well for his supply. Again, the persons near the present water supply are the ones least interested in the proposed new system, for they already get the benefit of the present well free of cost, by going to the well after their water. A further reason for beginning with the well at the beach is that the materials for it are already at hand, while the cast iron pipe which will connect with the present well and tank, will probably be the last item of supplies to be delivered.

We think these reasons amply vindicate the judgment of the trustees in beginning with the new well.

Statement of Messrs. Call and Mathison.

TO THE MEMBERS OF FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION:

At a meeting of the Executive Council, held Feb., 16, the water-works trustees were instructed, by a vote of three, to proceed with the construction of the Water-works as provided in their plan, beginning work on the well at the beach.

We, the undersigned, voted in the negative and at the regular meeting of the Council, held Feb. 19th, requested that our vote be recorded and that the following reasons for so voting be spread upon the minutes of the meeting. The request that the vote be recorded was granted, but the second request was refused and the speaker, Mr. Call, was called to a poi nt of order the chairman so ruling, but afterwards reconsidering his ruling.

REASONS.

The estimates of cost of material and construction now amount to $2383.90, providing for smaller mains and pump than at first proposed. The total subscriptions amount to $1720.00, one-half of which is due when the pipe is ordered and the balance when water is turned into the mains, *but*, it is further provided that these payments may be made in eight quarterly installments, and the first one-half, amounting to $860.00, cannot be counted on in full.

Of the estimated cost $696.50 is for well, pump and boiler, and the labor on same, leaving the balance of the first one-half and all of the second one-half, amounting to $1023.50, *which may be in deferred payments*, to meet the expense of pipe and labor, estimated at $1687.40. Supplies for the system must be contracted for in the name of the Corporation, and any failure to pay for the same, through inability to secure further contributions, collect amounts already subscribed, or otherwise, will make the Corporation liable for the debt, a load that it cannot at present bear.

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If the purchase of pipe is kept within the limits of the funds subscribed, less cost of well, boiler and pump, and expenses connected with same, and work of laying the mains is begun at the beach, the mains will not reach far enough uptown to supply the majority of the subscribers with water and will leave the business section without any further fire protection than it now has, and furthermore, contributions cannot be collected from such districts, as the mains will not reach them and subscriptions are made on condition that the mains pass the lots of the subscribers.

For the foregoing reasons we deem it advisable to begin work at the present well, laying the same mains as are proposed by the trustees, but deferring the erection of a pumping station until the mains are completed, thereby giving some service and protection from the tank until enough funds are subscribed to warrant the cost of such pumping station.

We address this communication to the membership, not as opponents of a water system, but as opposed to the method of beginning construction which may involve the Corporation in financial difficulties, and to define our position in the matter. Respectfully,

FRED MATHISON,
WILLIAM CALL.

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Mrs. L. Twining, of Des Moines, whose subscription to the COURIER was first secured by a friend, Mr. Bellangee, we think, in renewing says: "I have grown to like it very much and should miss its coming."

Mr. Jas. Malcolm, formerly editor of the *National Single Taxer*—associated with Mr. Hampton—now at Buffalo, N. Y., renewing his subscription adds: "Your weekly grist of news is interesting to me. I am glad Fairhope is true to the Single Tax, and that it gives no indication of degenerating into a compromise with landlordism."

Geo. P. Rowell & Co., publishers of Rowell's Newspaper Directory, report in *Printers' Ink* for February 21, 1906, that of the "about 24,000 papers and periodicals catalogued in their Directory only one in four make any claim to issue so many as 1,000 copies regularly." But three publications in the state of Wyoming are credited with issuing 1,000 copies regularly. The issue of the COURIER has not fallen below 1,400 in eighteen months, and has averaged for the last year about 1,575 copies weekly.

We are indebted to Col. Thomas Holland of the Salvation Army, for interesting pamphlets regarding the army's farm colonies in Colorado and California. From none of them do we get a clear idea of the exact terms upon which the colonists are placed upon the land. In one we note that "improved land which was selling five years ago at from $20 to $30 per acre is now selling at from $50 to $100." Upon the question as to who gets this increase in value and the increasing values which will come in future years, the individuals who do not create the values or the community which does, will depend the genuine success and permanence of the army's work. If the individuals who get in early are allowed to profit from the necessities of increasing population, the very conditions which the army is seeking to relieve in taking the homeless and workless from the city slums out upon the plains of Colorado and California, will be perpetuated there simply with a new set of victims, and no amount of charity or piety will avail.

Our New Officers.

Time and space last week did not permit us to say anything personally of the new officers of the Corporation, elected the evening preceding publication day of the paper. Mr. F. W. Rose, the new superintendent of public health, is "new blood" both in the membership and officiary, but his interest in and sympathy with Fairhope dates practically from its beginning. He is a thoro-going Single Taxer, who came with his family, to make his home with us, last fall after being here with his wife in the summer to investigate for himself. Mr. Mathison is another thorough-going Single Taxer, whose interest in Fairhope antedated his actual coming to reside with us, by many years. Both, we are sure, will make excellent members of the Executive Council, will have the interest of the Corporation fully at heart, and can be relied upon to hew closely to the Single Tax line. A curious coincidence is that while Mr. Rose came to us from Piedmont, W. Va. near the Atlantic coast line, Mr. Mathison came from a Pacific coast state, Oregon, both drawn by their common interest in the fundamental purpose underlying Fairhope. It shows how cosmopolitan is our population.

Good News from New South Wales.

We have received word by letter, dated 11th November, from Mr. J. R. Firth, of the Sydney Single Tax League, to the effect "that the state government has passed through the legislative assembly a local government bill providing for local Single Tax pure and simple. All rates to be levied on unimproved value of land and on nothing else. There is no limit to the rate: it may be 1d., 2d., 3d., or 1s. in the £ on capital value, just as the local councils think fit. The upper house (the legislative council) is now considering the measure and we have great hopes that it will be law this year." The Premier of New South Wales (the Hon. J. H. Carruthers) is pledged to stand or fall by the principle of taxing land values.—*Land Values*, Glasgow.

Not Charity but Justice.

When England's Princess Royal opened the "King's Labor Tents," erected under the "Church Army," a charitable institution, there were cries of "Curse your charity!" Commenting upon this incident in *Land Values*—London and Glasgow—Mr. Harry Llewellyn Davies said:

What wonder is it that some of those who witnessed the opening of the "King's Labor Tents" cried out in the bitterness of their hearts—"Curse your charity!" Probably they had not reasoned the matter out, but we incline to think they dimly realised the situation from painful experience, and felt conscious of its grotesque absurdity. How comes it that these men are powerless to earn their own living? How comes it that, in the richest country the world has ever seen, they are starving? It seems incredible.

Science has placed it within the power of each man to force ten times as much wealth from nature's storehouse as was possible 100 years ago. Does any one declare now that nature is exhausted? Capital is abundant and crying out to be used; the unemployed fund shows it. Labor is idle and crying out to use capital; the unemployed show it. Why, then, cannot the unemployed employ themselves?

What is it, what can it be, except that the door to Nature's storehouse is closed. It is tightshut by land monopoly. We do not want to open "King's Labor Tents"; we want to open the door to natural opportunities.

This is what our benevolent friends ignore. They seem willing to do any thing and every thing for the unemployed, except this "one thing needful." The key is ready to hand to open the door; it only wants turning. Let those who prefer to do justice before giving charity, study the taxation of land values.

Planing Mill Machinery Received.

Mr. Andrew Carlson received this week the balance of his machinery and is busy now getting it placed and connected up with the gasoline engine which will drive it and which has been in place several weeks. The machinery includes a planer and moulder—which will make flooring, ceiling, and moulding of all descriptions, and dress timber on three sides simultaneously; a combination rip and cut-off saw with boring attachment; band saw; swinging cut-off saw; hand planer; shaper or friezer, and lathe with 18-inch swing and adjustable to any length. The machinery is all of latest design, right from the factory of J. A. Fay and Eagan Co., of Cincinnati, whose name is guarantee of their perfection. Mr. Carlson will be ready to "do business" in a very few days.

A large number of picnickers and visitors came over on the Pleasure Bay last Sunday morning, the larger portion getting off at Fairhope. It was a beautiful day, perfectly comfortable for roaming the beach and lunching out of doors.

It is reported that Captain Fred Passo—late with the Eastern Shore Transportation Company--has secured the steamer *Caloosa*, which will be at once thoroughly overhauled and then placed in the Eastern Shore trade. We understand that Captain Passo expects to run the *Caloosa* direct to Daphne; but if such is the case, we do not see how it can be hoped to make the venture a success, for Daphne already enjoys direct service by a better boat. A much better proposition would be to run direct to Fairhope, which now has no direct service.

Mr. Louis Prang the well known art publisher (retired), Single Taxer and donor to Fairhope Library, is now in Nassau, Bahamas, W. I., and will probably visit Fairhope, early in March, en route to Los Angeles, according to advice received this week by Mrs. Howland.

Messrs. Dillenbach and Smith, of Denver, both in renewing their subscriptions to the COURIER, take occasion to make very complimentary references to their fellow-townsman, Mr. T. P. Lyon, now with us, and we hope to remain.

Reunion of the Blue and Gray.

The reunion of Federal and Confederate veterans of the civil war on Washington's birthday was a very enjoyable occasion. Despite the short time given for preparation and the fact that there were also blue and gray reunions on the same day at Mobile and Bay Minette, a good audience was gathered in the hall when the meeting was called to order at noon by Rev. A. E. Shupe.

Dr. H. S. Greeno, in an eloquent welcoming address, briefly reviewed the causes leading up to the great struggle and extended a cordial greeting on behalf of Fairhope to the assembled veterans and friends. It had been hoped to have a Confederate veteran respond to the welcome, and Col. Saffold Berney, of Mobile had been invited to do so, but on account of a meeting of his own camp he was obliged to send a letter of regret, which was read by Secretary Oswalt, and Dr. Geo. A. Sheldon, son of a Confederate veteran and himself a veteran of the Spanish-American war, was called upon for a response, which he gave in a very enjoyable manner; after which Miss Maud Scott, of Battles, gave an exquisite rendition of the spirited poem "Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg."

Adjournment was then taken for dinner, which occupied undivided attention for about an hour, a long table being spread in the open air, on the north side of the hall. Pork and beans, hard tack (or the nearest approach to it obtainable) and coffee, being the chief reliance as in soldier days, but with a good many toothsome etceteras, which were not so easily obtainable then.

About two o'clock the meeting was called to order again and an excellent address made by E. Q. Norton, of Daphne. Editor Gaston, who was detained at the second table, only heard the concluding portion, but is assured that all was excellent, as he knows the latter part to have been.

After Mr. Norton's address five minute talks were made by the following: C. Stowell, J. C. Finklea, J. McDermaid, George Lewis, W. S. Sumner, H. F. Landis, George Knowles, and Col. Daniels, Rev. Shupe presiding and introducing the speakers in a graceful and entertaining way.

So far as we were able to get the names, companies and regiments of those present they were as follows:

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A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coleman at "Ingleside" on last Friday, the sixteenth instant.

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Mr. Bert Sellers returned to the Sellers' home in Iowa this week, to look after their farm interests there. The balance of the family will remain some time yet.

W. J. DeLaMare our former townsman, writing from Roblin, Manitoba, (and renewing his subscrption to the COURIER), says that they are all doing very well there, and like the climate better than they anticipated. It was only 48 degrees below zero the 22nd of last month, the average winter temperature being from about 10 degrees above zero to ten below. Mr. DeLaMare continues very much interested in Fairhope and is also interested in the Single Tax in general having lately subscribed for the Canadian Single Taxer, so as to keep posted in the progress of the cause in Canada.

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Mr. J. B. Barber of Anna, Illinois, a reader of the COURIER for many years, arrived on Wednesday evening and is looking our town over.

Our jolly and popular Fairhoper, Mrs. Mead, arrived on Thursday evening from Chicago, to remain indefinitely, and received a cordial welcome from her many friends.

For the convenience of Messrs. Van Bavel & Koopman and their many patrons, orders for wood from them may be left at the COURIER office until they establish their wood-yard in town, which they will do soon. They have plenty of good dry wood on hand and deliver promptly.

Mrs. Kennish, an old Illinois friend of the Sweet and Strattan families, is visiting them for a few days. She and her husband were at Pensacola for some time and she dropped off to visit Mobile and her friends here for a little while, while he went on home. She is much pleased with both Mobile and Fairhope.

Mr. S. S. Mann has returned to Gladbrook, Iowa, for a few days. He recently visited our friends, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bingham, at Biloxi and found them happy and well. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and Mr. ahd Mrs. Sisson are located next door to the Binghams.—Fairhope Cor. Item.

Mrs. J. F. Schindler arrived on Thursday evening with three children, from Cleveland. They are occupying the pleasant up-stairs rooms in the new cottage on Magnolia avenue which Mr. Bellangee is building for Miss Richards, of Ft. Edward, N. Y. They expect to remain until June.

Word was received by telegram on Thursday of the serious illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Soesbe, at Des Moines, of "Mother Williams," mother of Mesdames N. and A. H. Mershon and C. E. Littlefield. At her advanced age, 82, great fears are entertained that the illness may terminate fatally.

The pupils of the Fairhope public school will give, under the direction of their capable teachers, a Washington's birthday entertainment at the hall, this evening. There will be a small admission, ten cents, for the benefit of the school. The children can be relied upon to give a very enjoyable entertainment and will, no doubt, have a crowded house.

Fairhope has a distinguished visitor, in the person of Mrs. Alice B. Stockham, of Chicago, a lecturer and author of renown, who will be the guest for a few days of her friends the Comingses. On Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Stockham will lecture at "The Gables" to women only, and on Sunday afternoon she will speak before the Progressive League upon her visit to Count Leo Tolstoy, at his Russian home.

A delightful party was given by Dr. and Mrs. Borst, on Tuesday evening, in honor of Mrs. Borst's sister, Miss Annie Bertelson. The following guests were in attendance: Misses Beckner, Burnham, Stowell, Gertrude and Ida Walton, and Zurhorst; Mr. and Mrs. Flinn; Messrs. Arthur and Will Dealy, Downey and Marcelline. Progressive Hearts was the order of the evening and the first prize, Booth Tarkington's "Conquest of Canaan," was won by Mrs. Flynn.

The new cottage for the Hansons is being pushed right along now. It will be 16x24, a story and a half, with a lean-to kitchen.

Robert Mc Dermaid joined his parents, Captain and Mrs. Mc Dermaid, here. A daughter also same this week, it being her first visit here.

Mrs. Anna B. Hail, left on Tuesdsy with her little son Kenneth for a lecture tour in Alabama and Georgia, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

The "Fairhope Concrete Works" (Messrs. Jefferson, Wood & Lawrence), is now duly installed in its new and very convenient quarters near the wharf.

Rev. J. H. Simons, the Congregational minister who spoke at the hall last Sunday, will continue his services there for several Sundays, we understand.

Arts and Crafts.

The society has moved its headquarters into the Exchange building where the work will be carried on as before. New pupils will be received at any time.

On Friday evening, Mar. 2, Mrs. Comings will give some "Reminiscences of Famous Buildings and Works of Art" illustrated by stereopticon views, at the Christian Church.

Miss Lyon spent a day in Mobile this week arranging for the sale of articles made by the members of the Arts and Crafts Society. It is hoped that all of the members will be present at the Monday meeting to help in fillling orders.

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Dr Geo A. Sheldon gave an instructive address at the hall on last Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., the occasion being in the nature of a Francis E. Willard memorial service. His subject was "Non-Alcoholic Medication."

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Radical Talk by an Assessor.

Prof. Bender, a candidate for assessor at Johnstown, Pa., talks in the following radical way to the voters of his district, as reported in the Rochester, Pa., *Commoner*:

I beleive the rightful source of revenue is land value. This value in Johnstown, or any other progressive community, is produced by the mere presence of the community. But under the law at present on our statute books we are compelled to raise revenue from improvements as well as from land value. * * Every dollar of tax on improvements tends to increase the cost of living. A tax on a house makes it harder to obtain houses; a tax on a merchant raises the price of his goods to the consumer. But a tax on the vacant lot does not increase its value or make it cost more to the one who wants to use it. THE MORE IT IS TAXED THE MORE THE OWNER WANTS TO LET GO OR IMPROVE IT. As a mere owner he is of no use to the community, but as an improver he is. By our present system of assessments it is made easy for one to hold land out of use, which is bad, and hard to put land to use, which is good. Why make it easy for the forestaller, the speculator, and hard for the merchant, the contractor, the teamster, the home owner? Why favor the man who, as a mere owner of vacant land, is a public nuisance, and hinder the user of land, who is a public benefactor? Is it reason? Is it common sense? Is it justice?

Water Works Situation. More Referendums. Way Now Clear.

Another referendum was called on the water works matter—in fact two of them—but both were set for consideration on the same evening (Monday).

The first petition stated that while the people had voted upon the general financial plan they had not passed upon the detailed plan of the trustees, and asked for a vote upon the question, whether the same should be approved.

The second petition called for the submission of the following question: "Shall the board of water trustees be instructed to proceed with the construction of a system of water works along the line of their proposed plan with this modification, that no expense be made or obligation incurred for machinery until funds are actually in hands for the laying of mains and the connecting of the same with the tank?"

There was a thorough discussion of the questions before the vote was taken and the result was that the first was carried by 28 to 13 and the second lost by 30 to 8, being a very strong vote of confidence in the ability of the trustees and the Council to deal with the various practical problems connected with the putting in of the system, as well as a protest against any further interference or delay.

The meeting was almost a model of the kind, the best of order and good feeling prevailing. While waiting for the votes of some sick members, for which a committee had been sent, N. O. Nelson, who was an interested spectator, was called upon and gave a very encouraging and entertaining talk. Mr. Folmer, of Bromley, who was also present, expressed his high appreciation of Fairhope and his gratification over her rapid development.

Work on the well, which was stopped on Saturday morning, when notice of the referendum petition was received, was resumed on Thursday.

Before Mr. Nelson left the water works trustees had a consultation with him and secured from him a most liberal proposition to furnish all the material needed—his company being large dealers in just such materials—accepting such sums thereon as could now be raised and waiting for the balance until the same could be collected for new connections with the mains—and without interest.

This, with word received on Wednesday evening, by telegraph, from President-Manager Powell of the Fairhope Improvement Company, that his company would "carry" those who would have to take advantage of the quarterly payment plan for paying for the connection rights, has cleared the way so that there is nothing now to prevent pushing the water works to an early finish.

Important to Farmers.

A friend in Detroit sends us a copy of *The State*, Columbia, S. C., with a marked article entitled "E. M'Iver Williamson Revolutionizes Corn Growing in the South," which we wish every Fairhope farmer might read. We have not space for the article in full, but will file it where anyone who desires can come in and read it.

Mr. Williamson claims to grow on light, sandy uplands in South Carolina, from 50 to 125 bushels of corn to the acre. In 1904, he claims to have made, with $11 worth of fertilizer to the acre, an average of 84 bushels to the acre, several of his best acres making as much as 125 bushels. The essential feature of Mr. Williamson's method is to correct the tendency of corn (most pronounced in southern latitudes) to go to stalk, and direct the energies of the plant to the formation of ears instead. To accomplish this he dwarfs or stunts the stalk growth by withholding all fertilizer until the corn is nearly ready to tassel and then applies his fertilizer when it will go chiefly to the production of the ear.

Under this method the stalks should not get, he says, more than seven to seven and a half feet high, with ears near the ground. This dwarfing of the stalk permits planting much thicker than usual, and is also especially favorable to the growing of a good crop of cow peas between the rows, planted when the corn is laid by; another essential feature of his method.

The New Church Messenger contained a very nice account of the recent visit of Rev. Willard H. Hinkley to Fairhope.

Proposed By-Laws.

The following are the proposed by-laws for the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, submitted at the special election on the evening of February 15th. They should be qualified by the resolution passed at the same meeting, that "the provisions of the constitution relative to the preparation of official ballots should not be construed to prevent the members from nominating or voting for any candidates they desire at any election."

ARTICLE I.

Sec. 1. No measure shall be considered as adopted by the Executive Council unless it shall receive in its passage three (3) affirmative votes.

Sec. 2. The superintendents of departments and the presiding officer of the Council shall be entitled to a fee of 50c for each Council meeting attended.

Sec. 3. All transactions of the Council shall be published in the Courier after approval of the minutes by the Council.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. To the end that the election of officers shall be deliberate, the names of all candidates to be voted for must be printed on the official ballot, as provided for in Sections 4 and 5, Article 7, of the Constitution.

Sec. 2. A copy of the official ballot shall be published in the last issue of the Courier previous to the general election.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. All residents on lands of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, not in arrears, shall receive from the treasurer passes for themselves and family entitling them to free foot wharfage, which passes shall be good for a period of six months, beginning April 1st and Oct. 1st.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. Each copy of the Courier, not containing minutes of the Council, shall contain a full directory of the officers of the Corporation, and bring the report of donations to the Library up-to-date.

ARTICLE V.

Sec. I. A full set of books of accounts shall be kept by the secretary, showing all financial transactions and obligations of the Corporation, and also all warrants drawn on the treasury.

Sec. 2. All funds belonging to the water works department shall be kept for the exclusive use of that department.

Sec. 3. Membership fees and all moneys contributed for the purchase of land shall constitute a fund for that purpose, and shall not be otherwise used.

ARTICLE VI.

Sec. 1. These By-Laws may be altered or repealed at any referendum meeting of the members, notice of such intended action having been previously published in the Courier.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Dear G:—Did you see my last "Letters" in which I said when mentioning "*La Cite Chinoise*," the book I am translating from the French, that the Chinese have Single Tax? Well, it is too funny! From several correspondents I have had letters assuring me that I must be wrong: that it cannot be that the Chinese are so far advanced. Now the truth is that they are farther advanced in very many very essential things; but I meant to say that they had Single Tax only in the sense

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You would think that with that small tax, not on land values, except that poor lands, low lands, etc., are taxed less, the rest according to area, that the Chinese could not have any public works to speak of. Well, the fact is that a small tax on 400 millions of people makes quite a tidy sum; and then the government will not let the people own the land, but only the usufruct thereof, the theory being that the land belongs to the collectivity; therefore the revenues of the government are increased by the entire proceeds of the mines, at least as far as they are worked; also by the monopoly of salt. Both of these are land, and not being the product of labor, they think they should go to benefit the people, by saving them that much of the tax for support of the government. You see there is more Single Tax in China than most people would believe. As to public works, the irrigation system of China, our author says, with its thousands of leagues of fine stone masonry, has been the marvel of centuries. But he is most struck by the terracing of the mountains from the base to the summits, supporting those terraces by strong masonry, and making the soil of those terraces equal in fertility to the splendid lands of the plains. He says that every little brooklet that flows down the flanks of the mountains is arrested at least twenty times on those terraces to water the plantations on them.

Arts and Crafts.

The regular Monday meeting will be held as usual next Monday. Business meeting is at 3 o'clock.

Plans have been made to throw the Arts and Crafts room open, free to all members for work, Mondays and Tuesdays. Members are urged to come to the room for conferences on work, to take orders, and to keep in touch with what the director is doing for the society. Miss Lyon has arranged to place work for sale in Mobile, and as soon as members respond she will place work in other cities of the South and in the North.

Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and all day Thursday and Friday, will be devoted to new members and those who wish to take up special class work.

Albert Stearns has come back to us from Pensacola and Mobile. He had steady employment at good wages there, but thinks—and rightly, we are sure—that he can make more net money here as well as work for himself and be at home with his family. He is going to do what he has long had in mind—which the way has just opened for—run a general repair and job shop, mending harness, shoes, tinware, chairs and other furniture, etc., etc., and has secured the building on the main corner just vacated by the Arts and Crafts Society, where he has plenty of room both for his business and residence, and in the most favorable possible location. We believe he will do well and render a service which will be greatly appreciated by the public.

Mr. Daniel Shepherd addresses the Progressive League on Sunday afternoon.

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Mrs. Comings' Lecture Postponed.

On account of stormy weather the lecture of Mrs. Comings for the benefit of the Arts and Crafts is postponed to next Wednesday. This lecture will be on the subject, "Masterpieces of Art and Architecture," and will be profusely illustrated with beautiful stereopticon views. It will be a rare treat.

We are losing two of our Hollander families, those of Pete Smit and Charles Goor, hard-working people whom we hate to lose. The Smits go, we understand, to some point in Illinois, where Mr. Smit has relatives who own considerable land and can and will be of material assistance to him. The Goors, we believe, go back to New Jersey. Neither is leaving on account of dissatisfaction with the Colony, but because they think they can do better in a material way—which we greatly doubt.

Mr. and Mrs. Heinlein and Mr. Sterling, of Freeport, Ill., are at The Gables, and expect to remain several weeks. They are just back from a tour of Cuba.

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Bolton Hall writes us that he hopes to be down about March 15, but has no definite plans.

We are promised a visit during this month from another of Fairhope's ardent friends, Thos. P. Craig of Colorado Springs, Colo., who will be accompanied by his wife. Mr. Craig also hopes to meet Single Taxers here from other parts of the country during his visit.

Mr. W. W. Wessell, General Superintendent of the Southern Illinois Construction Co., East St. Louis, Ill., was a pleasant caller at the COURIER office on Wednesday. He visited Fairhope about seven years ago and was very complimentary over the growth of the place since his former visit.

No better time for people in the north to visit Fair hope than during March. Spring will be "wide open" with us, birds singing, flowers springing, and trees leaving out, while the weather north is liable to be extremely disagreeable. We hope to see many of our friends during this month.

Among the members of the labor party recently elected to the English parliament there are, according to the *London Daily News*: "13 ex-pit boys, miners and factory hands, 3 compositors, 4 carpenters, 3 grocers, 2 mechanics, 2 stonemasons, 2 longshoremen and railway men, a blacksmith, an ex-newsboy, a farm hand and so on."

Miss Herring again writes from Chicago: "I am newly surprised every day by the uncommon interest shown in Fairhope wherever I go. Last night at a dinner of the 'Hobby Club,' at the Windsor-Clifton hotel, I remarked that I was 'going to Fairhope soon.' Instantly everyone within hearing was alert and I was obliged to make a speech on Fairhope." Miss Herring will arrive in Fairhope on next Sunday morning.

The editor claims one of the best—if not the best—gardens in Fairhope. We have been having from it practically all winter, radishes, lettuce, turnips, mustard greens and onions, and now have beets large enough to eat, which have been in the ground all winter and are now coming on rapidly. With plenty of eggs from our hens and milk from two fresh cows, and our garden, we find the "problem of existence" for a family of seven considerably simplified, and then think of the "fun" we have seeing and helping things grow. It beats golfing or automobiling all hollow

The *Standard*, Sydney, N. S. W., of January 15, 1906, quotes Mr. George Fowlds, member of the New Zealand Parliament, as saying that in twelve towns which had adopted the "rating on unimproved values" policy, an approach toward Single Tax, the increase in population from 1897 to 1903 averaged 25 per cent., while in twelve towns, as nearly alike as could be found, but which had not adopted this policy, the increase had only been 4 per cent. Mr. Fowlds' own town, Grey Linn, (not included in the towns from which the comparison had been made) had an increase of 123½ per cent.

That the editor of the *Mobile Register* is able to think clearly upon economic matters, on occasion, is evident from the following, taken from an editorial criticism of a recent article by Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes, on the subject, "Are Great Fortunes Dangerous?"

"It is not the liberal or extravagant expenditure of their continuously expanding incomes by multi-millionaires that looms up as a great evil, but the great economic derangement under special privileges created by unjust and unwise laws making these extravagances possible, which gives concern to thoughtful men. Neither working men as such, nor the great body of consumers are misled by such extravagances, for they regard them simply as undoubted symptoms of an economic malady produced by violations of the fundamental laws of trade.

Local and Personal.

Capt. McDermaid has surrendered "lot 8, block 2, div. 2," a beautiful lot on the bay front, lying between his and the Gass cottages, and the same is now open for application.

Mr. C. F. Blank proposes to relinquish the lot just to the west of his new cottage, occupied by the Pilchers; a very desirable lot, and the only one now open on Magnolia avenue.

The address of Dr. Alice B. Stockham, before the Progressive League, on last Sunday afternoon, on "My visit to Tolstoy," was listened to with much enjoyment by a large audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry, of Detroit—friends of Mrs. Frances R. Riley, of that city, who visited us last winter—have returned from a trip to New Orleans, where they witnessed the Mardi Gras carnival and are at The Gables.

Mr. Empire Stites and family were agreeably surprised by a visit, on Wednesday evening, from two old friends, Messrs. W. H. Bocker and Geo. Parsons, of Kalkaska, Mich. Both were much pleased with what they saw of Fairhope.

A Visit from N. O. Nelson.

We have just enjoyed greatly a visit from the famous N. O. Nelson, of St. Louis and "Leclaire." Mr. Nelson came in unannounced on Friday evening and remained until Thursday morning. Mr. Nelson has been much interested in Fairhope for years, in fact ever since its organization. He expressed himself as

much pleased with conditions at Fairhope, his verdict being the usual one of our friends who come to visit us; "more people and better improvements" than expected. Mr. Nelson attended the Progressive League meeting on Sunday afternoon, at which he spoke very briefly, after the lecture of Dr. Stockham, and was also an interested visitor at the water works referendum meeting on Monday evening, and gave us a very interesting and instructive talk while we were awaiting the votes of some sick members for which a committee had been sent out.

Elsewhere we report Mr. Nelson's meeting with the water works trustees and his liberal proposition on furnishing the materials for the system, though the idea of business was the furtherest from his purpose in visiting us. He also attended a meeting called by the Henry George Club, on Wednesday afternoon, regarding the library building matter, at which he pleased and encouraged the ladies greatly by a subscription of $100 toward the new building. We understand that he has also shown an encouraging helpfulness toward other laudable efforts being made here.

Of even greater satisfaction to Fairhopers than his financial aid, is the feeling that prompted Mr. Nelson to these acts. He constituted himself an investigating committee of one, while here, mingling with all classes of our people, renewing an old acquaintance with Mr. Norton, at Daphne, and making every effort to post himself fully on conditions as they exist. His taking hold with us as he has is the best evidence that the result of his investigation was to convince him of the genuineness of the Fairhope effort, and its solid basis for future development.

It would not be at all fair to him to convey the impression that there are not features in our plan which he thinks might be improved upon, for he made us suggestions which have been and will be further considered, but we are sure he feels that Fairhope is in safe hands and that it is an effort deserving the encouragement of all Single Taxers.

Washington's Birthday Entertainment.

The first public performance of the Fairhope school children in a long time was the Washington's birthday celebration, given at the hall on last Friday evening, and which reflected great credit upon the children and their excellent teachers.

The hall was crowded to the doors when the curtain rose on the pupils massed on the stage for the opening chorus, and presenting a charming picture. The twenty-six numbers given on the unique hand printed and decorated programs, which were supplied the audience, may have caused some to fear that the program would be tediously long, but such was not the case. So excellent was the management and so promptly did one number follow another, that the program was concluded by a little after nine.

It would be impossible for the COURIER to give due credit to each individual deserving it, so we will not venture to specify any of the excellent numbers. The sight of such a crowd--nearly 100—of bright and beautiful girls and boys was itself an inspiring one, and one of the best auguries for the future of our community.

Our school this year, under the direction of Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet, is perhaps the best we have ever had, and it is now still further added to by the George Academy, under Professors Braam and Chapman, to which Miss Clements' highest class has been transferred. Miss Maud Scott, of Battles, also has some classes in elocution.

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From Thomas M. Owen, valuable Pamphlets of the Dept. of Archives and History :

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From Mrs. Ross for Mr. Williamson :

American Diplomacy, John B. Moore, and Life and Speeches of Thomas Williams, by B. A. Konkle. Two vols.

From R. L. A. :

Frenzied Finance, by Thomas W. Lawson.

From E. B. Gaston for A. A. Wiley :

Memorial Addresses on the Life and Character of Charles W. Thompson.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Banner patterns at Call's.

The third of the Wolf cottages is going up rapidly now.

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Sixty-five passengers to Mobile from Fairhope wharf on Monday morning, and 123 on Tuesday morning.

The revenue cutter Winona anchored off Fairhope pier for a day or more recently, and was visited by many.

"Chicken-Hawk Cholly," Dr. Sheldon's popular coon song, now on sale at A. M. Dealy & Company's.

Please note that orders for wood of Van Bavel & Koopman are to be left at the COURIER office—not elsewhere.

Any one wanting an experienced man for garden work, etc., drop a postal card to Wm. Monschan, Fairhope, who will call.

George Cain has secured the tract held for some time by Mr. Stimpson, just opposite Dr. Borst's, and is building thereon.

Mrs. Unger is expecting her husband next week. He will be accompanied by a niece and her child and perhaps other friends.

Mrs. Frank Brown and children went over on Monday morning to Mobile and remained with Mr. and Mrs. Page until Wednesday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Littlefield on next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. Clara Atkinson will present a paper on "Giving that helps and giving that hurts."

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Miss Frances Gaston was relieved of her pocket-book (one of the Lieker Fairhope souvenir books) and a small amount of money at Mardi Gras.

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The Littlefield residence and the Artificial Stone works have been connected with the Corporation telephone system, and a number of others contemplate putting in telephones soon. The advantages of the Colony free telephone service are becoming more apparent every day and we predict that it is going to be one of our most appreciated features.

Mr. Peter Anderson, of Warren, Pa., arrived late last week, with a view to making his home with us. He is a good Single Taxer and warmly recommended by that other well known Single Taxer of Warren, Mr. A. G. Beecher. He is greatly pleased and will no doubt decide to remain and send for his family soon. At present he is employed by Mr. Coleman.

Mr. Jos. H. Williams, brother of Mesdames Allie and Maggie Mershon and Mrs. Littlefield, arrived on Friday evening to take a position with the Mershon Merchandising Co. His family will join him here in a short time. This means the acquisition of an excellent new family, coming under circumstances most favorable to their becoming satisfied and permanent residents.

Mr. Empire Stites has sold his neat cottage and other improvements in Fairhope to Mrs. Ila Coutant, our late arrival from Wyoming, who is to take possession about the middle of the month. The prospect was that this would mean the loss of the excellent Stites' family, but later indications are that such may not be the case. Mrs. Stites and the sons think they would rather return north to live, but Mr. Stites is very well satisfied with Fairhope and has steady employment with Superintendent Littlefield of the Mershon Merchandising Company's cement building department, and he may let them go north while he remains behind awhile. If so, we are quite sure they will be glad to come back within a few months.

Mrs. Lenora Curtis was taken suddenly and seriously ill on Monday with a well developed case of appendicitis, and her condition has been a cause for great alarm to her family and friends. Her physician, Dr. Sheldon, advised an immediate operation, but to this Mrs. Curtis would not consent, electing to take her chances without. We are very glad to report that at this writing she is very much improved and the prospects are excellent for her early recovery. Her illness necessitated the temporary cessation of the restaurant business, but bread has been furnished as usual. Mrs. Curtis has the sincere sympathy of a host of friends who have admired the pluck and enthusiasm with which she grappled with the problem of a home and a livelihood here, and who pray for her speedy recovery.

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J. A. Folmer of Bromley, Baldwin county, who is deeply interested in Fairhope, has held a lease of 7½ acres of ground for two or three years and looks forward to coming here to live soon, was an interested visitor at the water-works referendum meeting on Monday evening.

Our loyal Fairhoper, Mr. E. C. Wolcott, was obliged to return to his home and business at Warren, Ohio, and left on Monday morning. He felt amply repaid, however, even for his short stay, by the personal knowledge it gave him of the way in which affairs are going forward here.

Mr. C. P. Betts of Jacksonville, Florida, one of the COURIER'S readers, dropped in on us the last of last week rather unexpectedly, and was so pleased with Fairhope that he cut short his visit, leaving Sunday afternoon in order to get back home and arrange his affairs so as to come here to stay—which he hopes to do in April.

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Land Nationalization and the Single Tax.

In *The Public* for March third, Mr. Post makes clear the difference between land nationalization and the single tax, as follows:

They are different methods of accomplishing the same ends as to landed property. Underlying each is the moral principle that the right to land is equal, and the economic principle that land monopoly is the fundamental cause of the diversion of labor products from producers to non-producers. By land nationalization the government would take over ownership of all land, exacting ground rents in future for private possession; and most land nationalizers would in some manner compensate land owners for relinquishing their titles. But the single tax, making no formal change in land tenures, would tax land fully according to its market value, leaving valueless land, however useful, as an open and untaxed common. Both the single tax and land nationalization would make land values the sole source of public revenues, though by different methods.

Technically speaking, therefore, Fairhope is along the line of land nationalization, the method of the land nationalizers being the only one through which immediate results can be had in collecting land values for public use; though it is also entirely proper to call it a "single tax colony," as its purpose is the same, and the land reform movement is recognized by that name in this country.

Advantages of Intensive Culture.

Perhaps that portion of the work on China, "The Chinese City," which Mrs. Howland is translating for Mr. Fels, which is of the greatest practical value, is that treating of the methods of intensive culture as practiced by the Chinese. By Mrs. Howland's kind permission we give a few pages, as follows:

The processes of intensive culture are too well known for me to give the time to describe them. There is one, however, which should be specially mentioned: it is transplanting in this way. In a well-lighted corner of the garden, fully exposed to the light and sheltered from the violent winds by the walls of the house, they choose a little bed and fill it with rich mould if the soil is not already very rich, and so dispose it that it can be covered with sashes or matting when plants require it. In China this last condition is unnecessary except in the northern countries where the winters are long and cold. In these beds, thus prepared, the seeds are sown broadcast, and thickly; and when the plants have reached a certain development they are taken up and transplanted where they are to finish their growth and ripen their fruit. A part of their existence is thus passed on a small surface of a few yards. The time they are to occupy a large space is therefore so much shortened, and thus the same field can carry many harvests in the same year. This, essentially, is the object of transplanting or rather of the system of which this is one of the operations.

It is well known that a plant is, in general, more vigorous in proportion to the number of times it has been transplanted in its youth. Its pivotal, or tap root, has been obliterated and replaced by a multitude of horizontal roots which give it more solidity, in the first place, enabling it to stand violent winds better, and then the new roots, being near the surface, can give the plant more nourishment from the fertilizing materials afforded by air, water, and fertilizers supplied by man. A transplanted plant ramifies leaves and branches more vigorously, and these aerial ramifications are more numerous. Then if the plant is sufficiently isolated to permit easy approach to it that it may be given all the care it demands—and this is what the system does—there are no miracles that one may not expect. From a single grain of wheat cultivated under such conditions the plant has produced as many as sixty heads; stools of alfalfa have produced twelve and fourteen heads instead of one.

Plants grown in nurseries ramify with difficulty if left there too long. They have a tendency to become pale and delicate. To combat this the Chinese never fail to *praliner* their seeds, that is to soak them just before planting, in a bath of fertilizer. Absorption takes place by endosmosis and fortifies the cotyledons which give the young plant its first nourishment. It then comes up more stalky and vigorous. The roots are also dipped in such a bath before being set out. If these precautions are not neglected, one may safely transplant rice and wheat when six or eight inches high. This does not prevent the ramifying of the collar, that is shooting from the foot of the plant. Instead of preparing their own plants for planting, the Chinese of the north often have their plants sent from the south.

The promises of intensive culture were not exaggerated, but have been made more than good since it quintuples not only the harvests of the same field, but the products of the same harvest. And morever it economizes the seed. For two and a half acres a few quarts suffice instead of fifty-five gallons. This is not all. If by intensive culture an acre produces as much as ten or twenty by ordinary culture, the surface to be worked being less extended the carting is less and a less number of working animals is necessary. It is the same with the implements of culture, already simplified by the use of water. Add to the implements cited a watering-pot and a dibber, and the list is nearly complete; and this is not one of the least advantages of intensive culture. Nor is this all. Dispensing at will the water and the manure constantly at hand, one can understand that the Chinese cultivator troubles himself little about rotations of crops, alternation of crops, and in general all that system providing for the resting of the earth after exhausting it, and of exhausting it after having allowed it to rest. All that ruse, all that science are useless to him. In their stead are his justice and his devotion. Because he is just toward the earth the earth is without caprices for him. For centuries the same fields bear twice a year the same crops: rice and wheat; the other plants are at least as exhausting; they succeed each other at intervals of six weeks; and after each one man finds his land as brave and as docile as before. Because he is devoted to it he possesses it as none have ever done, as never lover possessed his mistress.

G. H. Taylor of Rocky Ford, Colorado, one of the COURIER readers, contributes some very spicy and interesting articles to the Rocky Ford *Tribune* under the title "Chile con Carne."

"THE BAMBOOZLE SCHOOL."

Our Whole Civilization Founded on Graft.

Every Single Taxer should read carefully the two leading reform articles in the current issue of *McClures*—one by Miss Tarbell, the other an expose of the costly and expensive "School of Bamboozle" the railroad trust is running in all the large centers, to fool and hoodwink the people in regard to the railway problem now so much up for discussion.

It seems from this expose, that is set forth so clearly and concisely by Ray Stannard Baker, that the railways have set about putting their polluting hand on all the local interior papers of the whole country, and filling them with misleading articles and information—that misinforms—to influence "public opinion" against any attempt at rate control by the government.

It is a little startling to read how the railroad combines first rob the public of millions, and then use a portion of this fund stolen from the people to corrupt the sources of information and thus try to perpetuate their robbery, through a blinded public opinion, that the President had hoped would support him in his mild mannered suggestions for reform of abuses that have become so glaring.

To the Single Taxer, or reformer of any intelligent school, this is all but a natural and inevitable incident in a civilization like ours, founded as it is on the monumental graft of taking the free gifts of nature to all and for all, for the exclusive benefit of the few. This fundamental graft of land monopoly explains all the lesser grafts, and makes the "School of Bamboozle" of the tricky railway managers as strikingly ludicrous as it is infamously corrupting. S. H. Comings.

Council Proceedings.

The Council met in regular session on Monday evening and transacted considerable business.

Among the important items were the following:

The Treasurer reported a list of delinquent tenants who paid no attention to notices regarding their rents, and was instructed to place the accounts in the hands of Attorney Jas. H. Webb of Mobile for collection.

The treasurer was instructed to redeem no tax receipts unless the same distinctly state that they are for taxes on improvements and personal property held upon Corporation land, and the amount corresponds reasonably with the value of the same.

Five hundred dollars in water certificates was directed to be issued, and the president and secretary instructed to sign orders on the treasurer to cover the demands of the water-works trustees—signed by their president and secretary—during the progress of the work, but only to the extent of the water-works funds on hand.

Albert Stearns was made janitor of the hall, succeeding his father, and on the same terms.

J. W. Braam was appointed superintendent of telephones, and Mr. Gaston a committee to act with him, and they were instructed to extend the telephone service as desired, where it could be done without cash outlay by the Corporation.

A number of bills were allowed and transfers of land approved.

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I am glad to see from the COURIER that those who stand for the faithful application of the philosophy of Henry George are sufficiently strong to hold the fort in Fairhope. In the principles which are embodied in the policy of this Colony, I can see the beginning of the fulfilment, on the ultimate plane of every-day life, of the prophetic words: "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5), and therefore I feel that the polity of Fairhope is more nearly in harmony with the doctrines of the New Jerusalem that have been revealed by the Lord, than is to be found elsewhere on earth at the present time. For "politics are the operative principle of the soul, and as are the politics of a nation (or community) such is the soul or religion of that nation" or community.

Respectfully yours,
F. L. HIGGINS.

Don't hesitate to recommend your friends to come to Fairhope. They are sure to be pleased.

Mrs Comings lecture on "Masterpieces of Art and Architecture" which was postponed from last Friday on account of bad weather, was given on Wednesday evening of this week, though the weather, even worse than on the former set evening, seriously interfered with the attendance, which was regrettable, for both the lecture and the purpose for which it was given were deserving of a good audience.

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"I couldn't do without the Courier. It is most welcome every week."—Albert H. Jackson, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Powell writes of plans for a "greater Fairhope" up in Maryland, of which fuller particulars will be forthcoming later.

Fairhope is to have a system of water works and in doing so it takes the lead of Baldwin County towns. Success to you Fairhope.—*Baldwin Times.*

County superintendent of schools, Mr. J. S. Lambert, and the pedagogues of the county are holding a three days' institute at Daphne this week.

Mr. Fels in a recent letter strenuously objects to having anything more at Fairhope named after him. The "Howland-Fels Library" suggestion does not therefore meet his approval. He tolerates "Fels Avenue," but that is about the limit.

Mr. Charles F. Blank, who sent some time back for a couple of Henry George's works, writes that he has read them with great interest and "feels very much of a Single Taxer." They hope to be back here next fall and send regards to their friends.

Mr. A. Segin, of Memphis, Tenn., has our thanks for two new subscribers and order for 50 cents worth of booklets. We still have a number of the booklets, and they make an excellent presentation of Fairhope's principles, policies and accomplishments. You had better send for some.

One advantage of Fairhope policy to residents upon Corporation land became apparent this week when the public school closed—the public fund being exhausted—but the school continues at the expense of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation and free to children residing within the Colony

Fairhope has started to build a water works system the source of water supply to be from a 12-foot in diameter well, sunk at the foot of the bluff just north of the road leading to the wharf, with an engine to force water thro mains through the town. Water lot of pluck those Fairhopers have.—*The Standard.*

The *Pitsburg Dispatch*, of March 4 contained a very well written writeup of Fairhope from the pen of W. Frank McClure of Ashtabula Ohio. It occupied about a half page and had illustrations of the business center, Mogg residence, school house and steamer Fairhope.

The purchase of the site of the old Battle House in Mobile, by a syndicate, chiefly of Mobile men, who will erect thereon a magnificent ten story hotel, was reported in the Mobile papers on Sunday. The purchase price for the bare site is reported at $200,000. Note what an obstacle to be overcome before this important undertaking could be even positively planned for.

Henry Franke, of New York, who lately visited us, writes of his safe return home, and expresses his thanks to the people of Fairhope for their kindness and hospitality. "They are the best people I ever saw," he says and "too much cannot be said of Fairhope and her people." We enjoyed Mr. Franke's visit and hope he may come again.

The Courier is glad to announce that the prospect is excellent for another steamer to take up the direct Fairhope-Mobile service, inaugurated by the lamented steamer *Fairhope*, and which was so important a factor in the development of our town and tributary country. We are not at liberty to announce particulars at this writing, but something may be expected to "drop" in a very short time along this line.

Mr. J. B. Barber, of Anna, Ill., left last week, after a short visit, greatly pleased with Fairhope, and will, in all probability, return later to make his home here. While here he had the pleasure of having a party of a half dozen of his Illinois friends, who came down on the train with him, come over to visit Fairhope on his recommendation, and also become quite enthused over it, liking it better than any place they had seen.

The materials for the water-works have all been ordered. The big well has been put down something over three feet into the water, and as the water is coming in beyond the available means for pumping it out, the work will probably be suspended until the boiler and pump are placed, when they can be brought into requisition to help keep the water out, while an effort is made to sink the well a few feet further.

Mr. Charles Newburgh of Washington, renewing his subscription to the Courier, adds: "Permit me to impress you with the necessity of going ahead with your water-works as soon as possible, for a fire in one of your frame houses during a high wind might lead to a ruinous conflagration of a large part of your town." We appreciate the importance of the water-works and are going to push them right through.

Plans are being made, with good prospects of realization, for a summer normal school for teachers here, to continue about six weeks, and concluding before the semi-annual examinations of candidates for teachers' certificates, in July. If these plans are consummated,

Mrs. Marietta L. Johnson, our former much appreciated teacher, and one of the best normal instructors in the country, will come down from her present home at Barnet, Miss., to assist.

Not a Gold Brick?

A New York friend sends us a copy of the *New York Times* marked to call our attention to an article entitled "Libraries and Gold Bricks" from which we quote as follows:

To his own satisfaction, at least, one of our correspondents proved yesterday that, however it might have been with other towns, Patchogue did not acquire a "gold brick" when it accepted a Carnegie library. It seems that Patchogue had an ill-housed library on which it was spending $600 a year when Mr. Carnegie offered—by request, no doubt—to provide a $10,000 building if the town would provide a site and agree to appropriate $1,000 a year for books and maintenance. The offer was accepted, and now according to our correspondent, the town has, at an additional expense of only $400 a year, a fine library that has much advanced the value of real estate in its neighborhood. "Anything of a gold brick character about that?" he asked exultingly. Perhaps not, but one cannot help noticing how lightly he passed over the cost of the site, and the fact remains that the town is burdened with a fixed charge of $1,000 a year for something of which it apparently felt able or inclined to buy only $600 worth.

The *Times* editor called attention to "how lightly its correspondent passed over the 'cost of the site;'" but how lightly he also passed over the more important matter, it seems to us, that the building of the library had "much advanced the value of real estate in its neighborhood" and that this increase was not reaped by the town of Patchogue, whose library gave rise to it, but by the land owners in the vicinity—who in all probability contributed the least toward it. And isn't this something of a "gold brick" swindle, or worse?

Mr. Daniel Kiefer, of Cincinnati, writes us that he was just ready to start for Fairhope, expecting to meet Bolton Hall here, when he got a telegram from him announcing that he could not start until the 18th. It is possible that this will cause us to lose Mr. Kiefer's visit altogether, but we sincerely hope not. He has long been one of Fairhope's staunchest friends and we want him to see the progress made since his last visit, as well as to meet him again.

Nowhere are the natural conditions more favorable for intensive agriculture than in Fairhope, and nowhere is a land policy pursued so adapted to encourage it. There is not a lot in Fairhope from which there might not be raised, with thorough and intelligent cultivation, all the vegetables which could be consumed by the average family, in addition to allowing plenty of room for home and door yard, and all necessary outbuildings —and this source of healthful food supply and elevating employment is all but ignored.

Captain John Foster left on Monday morning for Philadelphia and New York, where he goes, backed by Mr. H. B. Slaughter—son-in-law of Dr. Greeno—to purchase a steamer to put into the Florida coast trade out of Mobile. Captain Foster is familiar with this trade, having run in it both on the *Josephine* and the *Alpha*. The many friends of the Captain and his family will be glad to hear that this will not mean their loss from our community, for the family will continue to reside here, and as the Captain's vessel will be in Mobile a couple of days every week, he will be able to be with them frequently.

Major R. W. McClaughrey, warden of the U. S. penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, who will be pleasantly remembered from his visit here several years ago, continues his interest in Fairhope, renewing his subscription to the COURIER regularly. Under date of Feb. 21, he writes: "I am still greatly interested in Fairhope, though I do not show it by visiting it; but circumstances have made it impossible. I am glad to hear of your continued prosperity and hope it may be *long* continued. Please give my regards to all the friends I once knew there." We hope the Major will find it convenient to visit us again before long.

Sanitary Progress, the monthly publication of the N. O. Nelson Company, for January, tells of the great time the stockholders of the corporation, many of their customers and friends had on the occasion of the "melon cutting" in January, when $108,778.02 was divided among the customers and employes. The Nelson company has gone a step beyond all other profit-sharing enterprises in sharing its profits with customers as well as employes. The former got about 4 per cent. on their purchases and the employes 16 per cent. on their wages. The company is now building a fine eight-story building with 135 ft. street frontage in St. Louis.

The real cause of the postal deficit is evident from the statistics of railroad earnings. Approximately one tenth of the gross earnings of the eight principal railroads of the country is derived from mail contracts. Their postal earnings for 1905 were approximately $45,500,000, out of gross earnings for the same period of $445,000,000. Does anyone believe that the mail transportation of these roads is one-tenth their total transportation service? Much more probable is it that the suppressed proofs of graft are true, and that the railroads, through connivance with postal officials, are robbing the government.—*The Public.*

When last elected, Mayor Tom Johnson, of Cleveland, Ohio, defeated William H. Boyd, a well known Cleveland lawyer. Mr. Boyd endeavored to make the voters believe that he was a greater reformer than the mayor. He was defeated. Now Mayor Johnson has appointed Mr. Boyd to a place in the solicitor's office where he will have a chance to fight for the reforms he was so insistent in demanding while he was merely a candidate. Mr. Boyd has said he will accept the place. If Mr. Boyd makes good the city will benefit thereby. Viewed from any point Mayor Johnson's selection was a good one.—*The Commoner.*

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Banner patterns at Call's.

The Mershon Merchandising Co.'s big store is being repainted.

Mr. Geo. N. Carr of Chicago, who owns some land in this vicinity, is here.

See Carlson about the metal shingles before you decide on the covering for your roof.

Butter is high. But the best of Butterine is only 20c per pound. Mershon Merchandising Company.

For wood and posts, promptly deliverd, see Reimer Poortstra or leave orders for him at A. M. Dealy & Company's.

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Late cool weather has retarded the ripening of straw berries but there are a few ripe now and there will soon be plenty.

See the concrete building blocks made by the Mershon Merchandising Co. before you decide on the material for your new house.

Captain McDermaid and son Robert went to Mobile on Monday, and returned with their handsome composite yacht to-day.

Mr. J. S. Huffman, manager of the Pine Lake Inn, a large summer resort at Pinelake, Ind., was a Fairhope visitor this week.

Mr. Blank writes that he has changed his mind regarding relinquishing one of his lots on Magnolia avenue and decided not to do so.

Mr. Trenholme is making scale drawings of the Littlefield cement block machines on commission from Mr. Fels, who wishes them sent to him in London.

Both telephone lines to Mobile were out of order this week, giving the people a chance to realize just how much of a convenience the service is, when in order.

Don't go to Mobile to buy your Oxfords; see our full and fine line just received; and keep your money in Baldwin county. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Dr. George A. Sheldon has moved his office from the Thompson building across the street into the former Gaston house, where he is very pleasantly and conveniently located.

Miss Winnie Patterson returned recently from a month's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, at Barnet, Miss., and her sister, Alice. She reports the Johnsons well and happy and still interested in Fairhope.

Dr. Mershon's barn has been moved from the lot west of his house onto the rear of the house lot, preparatory to putting a street through between Fairhope and Magnolia avenues. Baldwin & Bell did the job.

Yesterday was the date of one of the land-seekers' excursions, and a large crowd came over to this shore, Fairhope getting its full quota. The Fairhope House was full to the roof, and the Bayside Cafe and Curtis Restaurant, also cared for a number.

Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Gooding are putting out a lot of asparagus together on Mr. Bancroft's land. Mr. Gooding found asparagus one of the most profitable crops at Fruitdale and believes it will be even more so here. Those who have well-established asparagus beds here are having asparagus from them now.

See the new styles in spring hats at Call's.

A fine new line of umbrellas at Mershon Merchandising Company's.

The Zurhorsts are moving into their new cement block house on Fels avenue.

Mr. Will Sweet has secured a portion of the Ames five acres and will probably build thereon soon.

Subpoenas have been received in town for the spring term of the circuit court, which convenes at Bay Minette the latter part of this month.

Mr. Reel, of Chicago, who is improving a tract near the Manteuffels. arrived on Thursday evening.

Latest spring styles of overalls for gentlemen's wear. All the new colors and weaves. Be sure to see our display on the second floor. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Comings and Mr. and Mrs. Dorchester, of Fairhope, attended the teachers' institute at Daphne and report an unusally profitable session.

Among late arrivals registered at the Fairhope house were Mr. Beresford Prior and wife and Mrs. H. G. Adair of Chicago, Mrs. C. B. Zollinger, Vinton, Ia., and Mrs. Arthur Baxter, Estherville, Ia.

Mrs. Curtis was making an apparently rapid recovery from her attack of appendicitis, but was too eager to get around again, and as a result suffered something of a relapse. She is, however, again mending.

A party of northern people stopping for a time at Battles, and including Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Dalby of Osceola, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Parker, Griswold, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Leary of Faribault, Minn., were Fairhope visitors this week.

Another large crowd came over on the Pleasure Bay last Sunday, distributed along at all landings. This is the first year the boat has made the Sunday round trips during the winter season and the traffic has of late been quite encouraging.

Mr. Andrew Carlson's planing mill began active business on Monday and has been very busy ever since, getting out material to the order of local builders and improvers. Some of the handsomest flooring, ceiling, and other stuff ever seen on this shore is being turned out.

F. W. Rose will build a front 14x22, two stories on the former "Exchange Cottage" on Magnolia avenue and the material is being put upon the ground for it now. The present building will also be remodeled to some extent, and weather-boarded so that all will look like new.

Ms. and Mrs. N. N. Courson of Clarion, Ioa. arrived on Saturday evening only expeting to stay untill Monday morning but were so well pleased that they expect to remain a couple of weeks. Mr. Geo. Lewis who always constitutes himself an immigration agent, met them on the boat and was iustrumental in getting them to stop here.

The report of our selling our concrete plant is false. We are prepared to do business and make anything in concrete. Give us a call and let us figure with you. We are in the gravel pit and in the business pit also. We can save money for those contemplating building concrete houses, or on foundation blocks, chimneys, etc. Fairhope Concrete Works, Geo. A. R. Lawrence, manager.

Miss Ivy Powell has been on the sick list this week.

The Bayside Cafe served twenty-five dinners last Sunday.

Miss Lillie Gass and a party of friends were over last Sunday and took a picnic dinner at the Gass summer home.

Any one wanting an experienced man for garden work, etc., drop a postal card to Wm. Monschan, Fairhope, who will call.

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Two of our pleasant winter visitors who have failed of mention in the COURIER, are Mrs. Mitchell and her sister, Miss Brown, of Chicago, who have been at Dr. Atkinson's for several weeks. From former visits here they have many friends among our residents and visitors. Since their last visit they have suffered the loss by death of their other sister, Mrs. Mathias, also well known here.

L. L. Abbott of Chicago, who has made several previous visits to Fairhope, came in on Thursday's excursion and he and Mr. Arthur Mershon, President of the Mershon Merchandising Company, will go on to Havana tomorrow, Saturday. Mr. Abbott will probably spend some little time here after their return from Havana

Among the arrivals last evening were Mr. David Unger, his mother Mrs. Martha Unger, of Western Springs, Ill., and his neice, Mrs. Charles Hall Perry and her little son, of Lockport, Ill. Another friend of Mr. Unger, Mr. Nelson Perry, of Chicago, came over with them, but went back to Mobile this morning.

Mr. E. J. O'Connor—father-in-law of Dr. Q. J. Brown and one of our last summer residents—was over from Mobile early this week and while here concluded arrangements whereby he takes an interest in the Mershon Merchandising Company business and will take an active part in it, in connection with the cement block construction department. Mr. O'Connor is an extremely pleasant gentleman, with fine business qualifications and great faith in the future of Fairhope, and will be a great acquisition to the Mershon company. He will move over with his family soon.

New white embroidered shirt waists at Call's.

Everything on earth made and repaired at Albert Stearns' shop. Shoes, clocks, furniture, soldering, chair caning, etc. No matter what you have, bring it and I will fix it.

A. M. Dealy has sold his interest in the post office stationery and news store, to Postmaster Oswalt, and it will hereafter be conducted by himself and assistant. A nice little business has been built up and one which is a great convenience to the public. Mr. Dealy finds that confinement does not agree with his health and will devote his time to his photography, in which he has shown much artistic taste and met with considerable success.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. P. Craig of Colorado Springs, Colorado, two of Fairhope's most interested friends, arrived on Monday evening. Mr. Craig was a small investor in Fairhope wharf certificates in 1895, and last year, when Mr. Bellangee visited his town, gave his wharf certificate and some cash with it to the land fund. They are at the Fairhope House and expect to remain two or three weeks. We regret to note that Mr. Craig is having quite a time with an attack of rheumatism which struck him since his arrival, very annoying to him, and reflecting upon our vaunted climate.

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In 1851, at the World's Exposition in London, it became evident that English industries were not of such a character as to compete with those of France and Belgium. Prince Albert, always wise and thoughtful, set about a deep-reaching system of education that should correct the national defect and recover the prestige of British arts and manufactures. There began from this time a gradual rise in the taste of the English workman; from being an artisan pure and simple he began to be an artist. England has gone forward rapidly in the direction of producing works of taste, and her useful manufactures, heretofore made without much reference to beauty, have steadily improved in tastefulness of design and execution.

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Not the Work of Land Boomers.

A critic recently said that "the work of the land boomer was just as apparent at Fairhope as anywhere else in Baldwin county." But is this true?

"Land boomers," as currently understood, are those who boom the price of land in order to reap the increase. There are none such in Fairhope, because the increasing price does not go to individuals, but *from* them *to* the community.

Loyal Fairhopers are enthusiastic over their town and its opportunities, but having absolutely no immediate pecuinary interest in persuading anvone to locate here, there is an almost total lack of the efforts which are put forth elsewhere by interested parties to secure settlers. Indeed, the general attitude of Fairhopers, who come at all in touch with possible settlers, is of conservatism in stating conditions, that they be not held liable for the failure of people whose qualifications they do not know.

At other towns in the county, whose rapid growth has been cited in comparison with Fairhope, companies controlling large tracts of land keep forces of well paid agents constantly in the field, working people likely to be secured as land purchasers, with a personal solicitation and persistence like that of life insurance agents. Not only are the solicited given most exaggerated (to put it most mildly) stories about what they can personally do on the soil, but they are assured that the land they are solicited to purchase is certain to increase enormously in value, and if they do not decide to locate upon it they can reap a rich advance in selling to some later comer. These agents are passed back and forth free by the railroad companies, who profit from the travel they induce.

Fairhope maintains no such agents, secures no favors from the railroad companies, offers absolutely no hope to any one of getting anything without working for it. The charge therefore that the "work of the land boomer" is apparent in its growth is wholly unjustified by the facts.

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There is a sense in which its land policy, which is Fairhope's greatest strength, is also its greatest weakness. It does make it easier for men to get homes. It does encourage enterprise and improvement. It does secure much greater public revenue and public conveniences. It does eliminate the local land speculator. But, at the same time, it runs right at the outset against one of the strongest prejudices of nineteen-twentieths of mankind in forbidding private ownership of its land. And, to a world compossed chiefly of those who are not really looking for an opportunity to get what they earn, but for some scheme by which they can reap what some one else earns, it offers no hope whatever. Always bear this in mind when measuring the progress made by Fairhope.

Blowing a Bubble.

However it may be elsewhere in the south, Baldwin county is cerainly blowing a great land speculative bubble which is just as certain to burst with disastrous results as that anything thrown up must come down. The chief influences to this end are the large land companies operating east of Fish river. Having secured large tracts of land there at merely nominal prices—$1 to possibly $3.50 or $4.00 an acre—they have their agents working mostly among wage earners of the better grade in the northern cities, painting them most glowing and extravagant pictures of the charming homes and "easy money" awaiting them here, and resell the land to them at an increase of 1,000 to 2,000 per cent.

We are informed that an advance has very recently been made in lands between Fish river and the railroad, bringing them up to $35 an acre. The Courier has unbounded faith in the future of this county, and is eager for its settlement and development, but does not hesitate to say that such prices are wholly unjustified by present conditions, or even any reasonable prospects for the future, and are at least three-fourths speculative. On top of this $35 an acre, those who really intend to put their land to use will have to expend at least $25 an acre more, to cover fencing, clearing and breaking ready for cultivation, and the rudest kind of a dwelling, which will bring the cost, ready for use, up to at least $60 an acre, to say nothing of cost of fertilizer, running from $3 to $30 per acre more. Nobody can win out on any such a proposition. The result will be hundreds of disappointed and ruined families, who will have to be helped by their neighbors here and relatives in the north, and whose complaints will soon drown out the siren song of the speculators and give a set-back to Baldwin county, from which it will take years to recover.

The Courier has the sincerest sympathy for the real home-makers, who are the victims of this wild speculation, though we confess we have none for those, who are probably numerous, who are caught with the bait of a promise that they will be able to get twice what they pay in a little while from some later comer.

In this connection a comparison will be instructive between purchasing land at such prices and leasing from the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation. Equally as good—far better located land when everything is taken into consideration—roads, schools, society, churches, nearness to the bay, trading and shipping facilities, etc., is now rented by the Corporation at 35 cents an acre a year, which includes payment of taxes on the land and improvements upon it, free schooling, free wharfage, free bathing and the numerous other advantages accruing from the Colony plan.

Thirty-five cents an acre would be less than six per

cent. on $6.00. Six per cent. on $35.00 would be $2.10, or just six times the rent on the Fairhope land, with all taxes and other costs to pay on top of it.

Principles of Handicraft.

As promulgated by the Boston Society of Arts and Crafts.

1. Motives. The motives of the true craftsman are the love of good and beautiful work as applied to useful service, and the need of making an adequate livelihood. In no case can it be primarily the love of gain.

2. Conditions. The conditions of true handicraft are natural aptitude, thorough technical training, and a just appreciation of standards. The unit of labor should be an intelligent man, whose ability is used as a whole and not subdivided for commercial purposes. He should exercise the faculty of design in connection with manual work, and manual work should be part of his training in design.

3. Artistic Co-operation. When the designer and the workman are not united in the same person, they should work together, each teaching the other his own special knowledge, so that the faculties of the designer and the workman may tend to become united in each.

4. Social Co-operation. Modern craftsmanship requires that the idea of patronage be superseded by that of reciprocal service and co-operation.

5. Results. The results aimed at are the training of true craftsmen, the developing of individual character in connection with artistic work, and the raising of standards of beauty in objects of use.

Academy of Science and Art Organized.

At a meeting held in the Courier office on Monday evening, an organization was effected of the "Fairhope Academy of Science and Art," which it is hoped and believed will become an important factor in the development of Fairhope along educational and scientific lines.

The prime mover in the matter was Colonel Edward Daniels, who has organized a number of similar associations at different places in the country where he has been at times located, some of which have become of great importance.

The Colonel announced his intention to donate a large amount of specimens of various kinds, some of which are now on the ground and others will be shipped when provisions are made for caring for them; also some valuable apparatus. It goes without saying that he is greatly interested in Fairhope, looking forward to spending other winters with us.

In the temporary organization effected, Mr. Gaston was elected president, Mr. A. K. Trenholme recording secretary and treasurer, S. H. Comings corresponding secretary. A committee on by-laws, consisting of Col. Daniels, Mr. Comings and Dr. Rowe, was appointed, and when they are ready to report another meeting will be called.

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Fairhope Livery Changes Hands.

Dr. W. H. G. Rowe has purchased of Captain Babb the Fairhope livery and took possession Wednesday morning. Lawrence Tilson, who has been practically in charge of the business for some time and made so many friends, will continue with the doctor. Captain Babb will, we understand, retire from active business and will make his headquarters with his relatives at Montrose, though we shall hope to see him here frequently.

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The meeting of the Henry George Club, which was to have been held at the Fairhope House this—Friday—evening, will be held at that place on next Wednesday evening instead. Mr. Frank L. Brown, president of the Corporation, will give an address upon, "Single Tax and Natural Law," following which there will be opportunity for discussion—and also refreshments. A general invitation is extended.

The matter of having a summer normal school at Fairhope was brought before the teachers' institute at Daphne last week by Mrs. Comings and most heartily approved by County Superintendent Lambert and the teachers in attendance. Preparations are being made for such a school and we hope to have some definite announcement to make very soon.

A heavy snow-storm was reported from Iowa on the thirteenth.

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"I note the continued success of the Colony under the policy prevailing and look forward to the time when the demonstration of good principles you are putting in force will prove a world-wide attractive lesson for the cause."—L. P. CUSTER, St. Louis.

Tuesday's *Item* had a three column head, "Opposition Boat to Run in the Eastern Shore Trade," but no definite particulars to justify it. There are currently believed however to be interesting developments along that line forthcoming at an early date.

A number of Fairhopers had a very unpleasant reminder of the Baldwin county court house fight, in the shape of an assessment for their pro rata of the court costs in the case, amounting to $10 each, with a prospect of a further assessment. Those having to put up were: A. H. Mershon, H. S. Greeno, R. A. Hail, J. Bellangee, C. K. and F. L. Brown, and E. B. Gaston.

Mr. John Bowen, of Memphis, Tenn., whose friend, Mr. Powers--formerly of Memphis, now fishing in the rivers above the head of Mobile Bay with headquarters at Hurricane—visited us several weeks since, writes: "Mr. Powers was greatly impressed with Fairhope and its progress, and paid a glowing tribute to Fairhope's citizens for their splendid character." He adds: "Mr. Powers and I contemplate becoming a part of your Colony as soon as our business will possibly admit of it." We think these gentlemen would be a great addition to our "working force" and hope they will soon cast their lot with us.

Boston Editor Sees Partial Light.

"The tax returns of New York show how small a figure is cut in that city by impost returns received from personal property," says the *Boston Herald*. "When men, residents of the metropolis and known to be worth scores and even hundreds of millions of dollars, are taxed for less than a million dollars of personal property, it seems to be rather absurd to go through the farce of asking personal property to make any contribution of this kind. In practice New York City imposes its taxes upon real estate, that is, land and buildings, and invites the world to come within its borders and transact its business with no burdens except those which are found in the rate paid for offices and stores. As a result, in spite of the extravagance with which the city is managed, in spite of the many disadvantages that surround living in New York City, capital and industry crowd there in constantly increasing volume and numbers, while we in Boston drive industries out by endeavoring to exact from them, rather than from buildings and lands, the annual tribute of taxation. If we could double our industries, our land and buildings would increase so enormously in value as to make our tax problem an unimportant one. We hold out to the world many favorable inducements in the way of settlement here, but so long as we continue our pernicious system of taxation, of placing the burdens of this kind upon personal property and upon stocks of goods and machinery—that is, upon wealth that is movable—we shall simply see ourselves left behind in the race and realize later on—as we should now—that by our tax system we have simply played into the hands of our municipal rivals."

Of course the Boston editor is wrong in thinking that the value of buildings would increase if they could double their industries — only the land would increase in value.

Marshall Field's Fortune.

Marshall Field's fortune and business career has been the theme of much newspaper and other comment. That he possessed phenomenal ability for managing great business enterprises is conceded, yet that this was not the chief reason for his great accumulations is made evident by investigations of the *Springfield Republican* and others. According to the *Republican*, he was a large investor in Chicago real estate, which jumped in value by leaps and bounds, and therefrom he made many millions, as he also did by heavy investments in railroad, steel, oil, telegraph and other trust stocks, whose values rest chiefly upon special privilege.

The *Republican* says that if ten years ago Marshall Field possessed property of a market value of $50,000,000, he might easily have been worth $150,000,000 at the time of his death, had he not added a dollar to his possessions meantime—so great has been the rise in valuations in general and of Chicago realty and railroad valuations in particular within the decade past.

Says the *Republican:* "Instead of investing in purely competitive business like his own, he chose real estate in a growing city which has yielded an enormous unearned increment additional to a net return of say five to six per cent. from current use or rental; in securi-

ties of railroads and street railways which are to a large degree monopolies and especially privileged by virtue of public and natural position; and in other enterprises similarly favored. It may probably be said with entire truth that it was the disposition made by Mr. Field of his surplus income from the mercantile business, outside of that business, which accounts for two-thirds or more of his great fortune." And so it has been with every other great fortune reputed to have been made in mercantile or manufacturing business.

George's Theory Applied.

An important section of New York City has put the Single Tax into operation almost of its own accord. The plan, which is now permitted by law, is this: The usual officers collect a tax equal to the whole rental value of the site or situation occupied, and nothing else is taxed, neither personal property nor improvements, nor is any license required for conducting any business on the premises. Out of the proceeds of the tax are paid governmental expenses and police and fire protection and such service as the public requires. As long as the tax is paid, secure possession of the situation is guaranteed.

The principle is carried out to the full, because where a place is occupied that has no rental value, nothing is charged for it, nor is anything charged for small transitory use, where it does not interfere with the privileges of others. The revenue derived from the site value has been found ample for all requirements.

These sections of New York are the hotels and the theaters. These have long carried out the single tax principle so faithfully that a man may conduct a business which brings him in thousands of dollars in his room at a hotel, and there is no higher charge for it; and although a man may laugh and applaud and have a splendid time at the theater, he is charged no more and is indeed even more welcome than the man who goes to sleep in his seat and snores and makes himself a nuisance, just like a vacant lot owner. The corridors and passage ways are open to all, free of charge. Site, seat and situation are all the same. The differences between this and Henry George's plan are in theory rather than in practice. Most hotel guests pay no other taxes to the city or state of New York.

BOLTON HALL.

The *St. Louis Republic* of March 4 told a pitiful story of the failure of a colony of New York Jews to make a success of farming at Standisfield, Mass. It is quite apparent, however, that in addition to the general ignorance of the colonists of farming, that they had an even worse obstacle in the high price they had to pay for land—and the mortgages they gave for deferred payments. The Jews could probably have overcome the obstacles imposed by nature and their own ignorance, but when to this was added the worse burden imposed by land speculation, the load was too great.

W. H. H. Garver, of Peoria, Ill., was a pleasant visitor at the COURIER office on Wednesday, having come up from Battles, where he and his family are spending a few days. He is not a Single Taxer, but is acquainted with several Single Taxers in Peoria, who have labored with him occasionally, and said when he returned he would give them a favorable report on Fairhope and tell them he had learned more of the Single Tax here in a few minutes than he had ever learned before.

Wm. L. Heller of Lancaster, New York, is a sterling young Single Taxer who, having visited Fairhope several years ago and since been a regular reader of the COURIER, is very anxious to come here. He has an excellent position there, but says: "I did not tie myself up to it simply because I wished to be free to go to Fairhope when the opportunity was given, and even if this deal [looking toward his coming—ED.] does not materialize, I intend to take out a membership in the Colony."

The Chicago public lighting system affords splendid vindication of the policy of municipal ownership. The municipal electric plant furnishes the city lights at 2.7 cents per candle power per year, against 5½ cents per candle power per year, charged by a private corporation. It seems too, that the graft, which has invaded other branches of the city service, has not invaded the lighting plant. The chief operating engineer started as engineer of the first plant in 1888, and has been in the service continuously since that time. Six of the eight engineers have been in the service over twelve years, and nearly all the employees in the other branches of the service from five to ten years, and amongst them are Republicans and Democrats. They are paid better and work shorter hours than the employees of private plants, and in ability and everything else that stands for efficiency they will compare favorably with the employees of any private plant.

It is with great regret the COURIER is compelled to note the failure of Mr. Frank A. Creswell, who was adjudged a bankrupt in the bankuptcy court at Mobile on Wednesday. This is the first case in the history of our town where the bankruptcy court or the sheriff has had to be called in to wind up a business, but this end has been for some time foreseen by the community. Those conversant with the facts know that it in no way reflects upon commercial conditions at Fairhope, but is the necessary result of individual conduct. Whether the business will be permanently closed or not we do not know. We hope not, for there is room for another good store at Fairhope.

Mr. J. J. Pastoriza, the famous Houston, Texas, Single Taxer, dropped in on us very unexpectedly yesterday morning, having come over in a launch from Mobile. Mr. Pastoriza, who is well known to the Single Tax fraternity throughout the country by reputation if not personally, has been a very zealous worker in the cause for many years. He has recently closed out the most of his extensive business interests at Houston, and will hereafter devote a larger portion of his time than ever to Single Tax agitation. He visited Fairhope about three years ago—making just such another hasty visit—and expressed himself as greatly pleased with the progress made since his former visit.

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Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Brown left us on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Hail returned early in the week from her lecture tour through the state.

The V. I. C. meets with Mrs. Powell on next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Attorney Elliott G. Rickarby of Mobile was noted in town on Tuesday evening.

Miss Ivy Powell was on the street yesterday for the first time in a couple of weeks.

See Carlson about the metal shingles before you decide on the covering for your roof.

Mrs. Curtis is again improving rapidly and business at the Curtis restaurant is proceeding as usual.

Mr and Mrs Dorchester having closed their school at Euclid have moved back into their Fairhope cottage.

There will be a special song service at the Christian church on Sunday evening, and all are cordially invited to attend.

For wood and posts, promptly deliverd, see Reimer Poortstra or leave orders for him at A. M. Dealy & Company's.

Please note that orders for wood of Van Bavel & Koopman are to be left at the COURIER office—not elsewhere.

See the concrete building blocks made by the Mershon Merchandising Co. before you decide on the material for your new house.

Mrs. Mershon and Mr. and Mrs. Unger accompanied Dr. C. L. Mershon on his regular visit to Daphne on Wednesday and spent the day there.

Mrs. Walton and daughters left on Wednesday morning for their home in Arkansas. They came over to Fairhope for a day and stayed over a month.

Mr. Marshall Carney was a Fairhope visitor from Tuesday evening to Wednesday morning, attending Mr. Freeman's lecture and the dance following.

Now is the time to buy your Oxfords; see our full and fine line just received; and keep your money in Baldwin county. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. Pomeroy of Daphne, formerly of Chicago, was down last Saturday to see about getting the job of laying the cast-iron pipe for the waterworks, which he will probably get.

Col. C. L. Greeno and wife, of Cincinnati, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. Greeno. The colonel has held a lot in Fairhope for several years and we hope will build upon it soon. It is Mrs. Greeno's first visit, but she seems as well pleased as her husband and their daughter, Miss Myra, who is pleasantly remembered for her visits here.

Overheard in the store: Mrs. Frank Brown and Mrs. Braam talking about the milk they were getting, butter they were making, etc. Mrs. Bancroft in audible aside:—"Anyone would know those people were from the country, by their conversation." Retort:—"Well, you needn't say anything about 'country people.' It won't be long before you are coming into town with 'hayseed in your hair.'" Bancrofts, you know, will move out to their farm soon.

See the new styles in spring hats at Call's.

A fine new line of umbrellas at Mershon Merchandising Company's.

Mr. Edgar Haaf and wife of Chicago, who were here awhile last winter, were at the Fairhope House from Saturday evening to Monday morning.

The Powell yard is one of the sights of the town nowadays, with its beds of gorgeous hyacinths in full bloom. It is worth going a considerable distance to see.

Latest spring styles of overalls for gentlemen's wear. All the new colors and weaves. Be sure to see our display on the second floor. Mershon Merchandising Co.

C. K. Perrine and wife from Detroit, are at "The Gables." Mr. Perrine is widely known as a reformer in the north, and has come to study single tax as it works in Fairhope.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Campbell left on Monday morning for their home at Cambridge Springs, Pa., after a stay of several weeks here, during which they made many friends who will hope to see them back again another winter.

Mr. Mrs. Geo. W. Christian of Greenville, Ills, arrived on Saturday evening. They were here last winter, have been readers of the COURIER ever since, and are quite enthusiastic friends of Fairhope, Mr. Christian will stay a couple of weeks at least but Mrs. Christian will stay longer.

Dr. Louis Edelman, of Mobile, will address the Progressive League on Sunday afternoon, on the subject of "The Russian Jews." The doctor is a scholarly gentleman with intimate personal knowledge of his subject and his lecture will be both interesting and instructive. He should have a good audience.

The boiler and pump for the water works which were ordered of a Mobile house in order to save time, have been shipped and are expected to be on the ground in a very few days. The pipe which has been orderd from the N. O. Nelson Company is also expcted to be coming along soon.

Mr. F. O. White, wife and little daughter, of Chicago, spent a few days here, leaving Monday morning. Mr. White carried a letter of introduction to Mr. Mogg, from Mr. Midler, of Chicago. They had been over on the Mississippi coast for some time, but after seeing Fairhope regretted that they had not come here at first—a very commonly expressed regret.

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Mrs. Hummel was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mogg for several days prior to returning to her home at Meridian, for which she left yesterday morning. The Meridian cyclone occurred while she was here, but she escaped anxiety over the fate of her people there by not noting the reports in the papers and getting her first news from them. The Thompson residence was out of the path of the storm, but Mr. Thompson's shop was blown all to pieces.

Any one wanting an experienced man for garden work, etc., drop a postal card to Wm. Monschan, Fairhope, who will call.

If you are expecting to build, don't close your contract until we have had a chance to figure with you on the cement block house. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Capt. W. B. Curran of the Pleasure Bay was a caller at the COURIER office on Wednesday. The Captain is enjoying an enforced vacation by request of Supervising Inspector Cotter of this district, who suspended both Capt. Curran and Capt. Lumsden of the James A. Carney for sixty days, for a collision between their vessels which occurred at Daphne wharf in December, an incident in the strife of the Bay Steamship Co. and E. S. T. Co. for the business of the Eastern Shore.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ellyson, of Illinois and Citronelle, who visited Mr. and Mrs. Braam a few weeks since, came down again on Saturday evening and spent two or three days with them. They like Fairhope very much.

Dr. Edith Gould Fosnes, sister of Mrs. J. M. Pilcher; Miss Caroline Gilcrest, her niece, Miss Caroline Lichty and Mrs. Patterson; and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Campbell, all of Des-Moines, arrived last Saturday evening, to spend some time here. Dr. Fosnes is, of course, the guest of her sister and family; Miss Gilcrest's party are at Dr. Atkinson's, and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have rooms with Mrs. Yarnelle in the Otto cottage. Dr. Fosnes, Miss Gilcrest and Miss Lichty have been here before.

Fire destroyed an old landmark along the bay shore below Fairhope on Monday night; the old dwelling on the Mackintosh tract, lately occupied by Mr. Jos. B. Cloud. The fire was first discovered a little after nine o'clock by Mr. Peter Olsen, who ran down as quickly as he could, and was soon joined by other neighbors. The fire was then confined to the back part of the house, but without water nothing could be done but to save a few personal effects of Mr. Cloud, and let it burn. The house was at least forty years old and in bad repair. Some fine pecan trees standing near the house, were killed by the flames, being nearly as great a loss as the house.

The editor and wife were guests at dinner on last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Massey, at the Bayside Cafe. It goes without saying that we had a fine dinner, for Mrs. Massey presides personally over the kitchen and is a famous cook. It was immediately apparent however that they are badly hampered by lack of room at the c fe, for their diners had to be served in relays, for lack of dining room to seat all at once. There is a way to stop this annoyance—by treating people so they won't want to come again—but this plan does not recommend itself to Mr. and Mrs. Massey. We hope to see them have the room which they need to take care of the business the excellence of their service attracts.

Mr. E. DeKalb former engineer of the Fairhope was in town between boats on Sunday. He has been running on the tug Sybil which has been and is engaged in towing steamers, barges etc., from Mobile to Miami, Florida. for the Florida East Coast railway. He says that he has accepted a position with the Iron Steamboat Co. running between New York City and Coney Island, as master mechanic for the fleet and will go north in a few weeks to take up the work.

Baby Show and Wax Works.

The baby-show and "Mrs. Jarley's wax works" exhibited at the hall on last Friday evening by the entertainment committee of the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department, was something new in the line of entertainments here. The "woods are full of babies" here, but, perhaps owing to insufficient announcement, only four were entered in the baby-show. After the audience had duly examined these, a written ballot was taken, resulting in the first prize being awarded to little Genevieve Evelyn Stearns, aged 6 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stearns; second to Paul Henry Borst, aged 5½ months, son of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Borst, and the third to George Calvin Dyson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Dyson, aged ten months. A "consolation prize" went to Mr. and Mrs. Yarnelle's baby boy, Master Kent. All the babies were healthy, happy, handsome creatures, among whom it was hard to make a choice.

Mrs. Bancroft as Mrs. Jarley introducing her "celebrated wax figgers," again demonstrated her ability as an entertainer, being fully equal to it, as all other roles she has essayed. The figgers also comported themselves well, and were very "lifelike," some more than others. The orchestra, composed of T. P. Lyons, first violin; H. M Ewald, second violin; J. S. Paton, piccolo, and L. Vander Beck, bass viol, with Mrs. Pilcher at the piano, rendered music during the interludes, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

After the program, the orchestra kindly offered to play for those who cared to remain and dance a little while, which many took advantage of. About $20 net was realized.

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MANUAL TRAINING—It is expected that Miss Frances Lyon, a graduate of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, who has been conducting an Industrial School in Fairhope during the winter, will be with us and give a brief course in Manual Training which will be of much practical benefit to the teachers.

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Address all communications to

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Secretary

Taxation of Land Values in Great Britain.

A committee representing 518 municipal councils of Great Britain appeared before the British ministry recently, to urge the taxation of land values for municipal purposes. Mr. Asquith, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying for the ministry, said in part:

I suppose almost alone in the category of social and fiscal reforms, this is one which meets with practically the unanimous approval, without distinction of politics or party, of all the great municipalities. * * * I have always regarded this movement properly understood as being not a derogation from, but an assertion of the rights of property. What are the two principles upon which, as far as I understand it, it is founded? They are very simple. They seem to me to be based upon common-sense and equity. The first is that those who benefit by public improvements, should contribute their fair share of the cost of them. The next is—and I think it is right and just—that the community should reap the benefit of the increased values which are due to its own expenditure and its own growth.

Mr. Asquith and several other gentlemen, speaking for the government, assured the committee of its hearty sympathy, and that reforms would be instituted in the direction desired.

Mr. Flurscheim Approves "La Cite Chinoise."

Mr. Michael Flurscheim writes Mrs. Howland thus, relative to the work on China and the Chinese which she is translating:

Coronado, Cal., March 11, 1906.

My Dear Friend:

I see with pleasure that you translate the excellent book of my old friend Simon—now departed, I am afraid, for I have been without his news for a considerable time—for it is really a revelation. He assured me that it was not in the least exaggerated, and I met an old missionary at his house who had spent a good part of his life in China, who confirmed what Simon said.

Though I did not translate the book into German when I first read it about twenty years ago (it has been translated since, I understand) I gave it an extensive review in my paper, which pleased him very much. He also sent me another book he wrote later on "*La Cite Francaise*" in which he continues to show his countrymen how higher civilized the despised Chinese are than the French. I can lend you the book if you like. Simon helped me in getting up the International Congress of Land Reformers (we did not take the title of Single Taxers, though Henry George formed the central figure) in 1889 at Paris.

How strange the book was so little known for a long time! I was struck with it when I first read it, as you were. And now, after it has a somewhat more extensive circulation, how little has it influenced our actions towards China! Could we otherwise talk of sending troops there, and on what grounds! That missionaries have been killed, after one of them murdered a Chinaman! Why, we should have mobbed every single Chinaman in the town if the case had happened here. I mean if a Chinese missionary had murdered a white Catholic. Suppose they dared to send us missionaries at all, trying to introduce to us the blessings of Buddhism! How long would they live in peace if they were allowed admission? And we force them to admit our missionaries, merchants and travelers. Talking of coercing them in this year of the Lord 1906, only six months after a country with an immense army has been thoroughly whipped by a sister nation of the Chinese, a nation which would not long be a passive spectator of the little duel. If this talk of war is serious—which I do not believe, because our president never had the reputation of a lunatic—it could only be instigated by plutocracy which feels the coming of the avenger and tries again, as in the case of Spain, to find an outlet for the people's rage and at the same time for our overproduction. It has been done often enough in other countries.

Poor China! Just think of the opium war! Trying to force a poison on a weak nation by force of arms!

I am very pleased to read of the continued progress of Fairhope, though I think it might safely be more socialistic in some ways and less in others. Less where they are paying people's taxes, for instance. Who knows whether I shall not pay it a visit some day?

With my kindest regards, I remain,

Yours Fraternally,

Michael Flurscheim.

Proceedings of Council.

The Council met in regular session on Monday night, with all members in attendance.

Minutes of the meeting of March 5th were corrected by adding to the motion forbidding the treasurer to redeem tax certificates unless they distinctly stated that they were for improvements and personal property held on Colony land, the words "or copy of assessment was exhibited, showing same."

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G. M. Bancroft, work on wharf hill, $1.20 ; cash paid R. Poortstra and Sam Goor, for moving fruit trees on Dr. Mershon's lot, preparatory to opening street, $3.18	$ 4 38
H. Gilmore, opening ditch east of well	60
Reimer Poortstra, opening road from center of s. w. ¼ of 15 to middle of n. w. corner of Sec. 22,	10 00
J. W. Braam, for materials, bought and paid for for extending telephone line to Brown and himself	34 92
F. L. Brown, furnishing posts and labor in building telephone lines	29 60
J. Bellangee, trustees services	1 50
C. K. Brown, moving fence for alley in rear of five lots	3 00
R. Curtis, oiling wind-mill Jan. 15 to Feb. 28, 1½ months	1 50

Bill of M. Dyson referred back for correction.

Secretary reported orders on treasurer for pay-rolls on water works construction for week ending March 10, cash $17.91, water certificates $22.85 ; week ending March 17, cash $8.25.

Supt. Pub. Service reported collections on wharf as follows :

Week ending March 10, gross, $28.25 ; net, $16.95.
" " " 17, " 30.10 ; " 20.70.

Supt. Lands and Highways reported :

Stumpage collected	$ 25
Collected for gravel, Sumner, 15c; Mathison, 15c and himself $2.25	2 55

It was moved and carried that no more gravel be allowed to be taken from gravel pit until a settlement is made for gravel taken.

Application for membership of Thos. P. Craig, of Colorado Springs, Colo., was referred to a committee, Messrs. Bancroft, Rose and Stimpson, who reported recommending acceptance. Application was on motion accepted.

Mr. Holmes was present and addressed the Council with regard to the purchase of fire extinguishers for public buildings. After full discussion it was moved and carried to order four extinguishers of best grade at a cost of $10.50 each—one each for wharf warehouses, one for hall, and one for school-house.

The matter of securing fuller publicity of Corporation business was considered at length and a motion finally prevailed to accept proposition of Mr. Gaston, to carry in each issue of the COURIER a half page condensed statement of the Fairhope plan and its advantages, for $100 per annum, and publish the proceedings of the Council and other important matters for which publicity is desirable, without charge.

Transfer from L. E. Ames to W. E. Sweet, of a portion of his five acre tract, approved, subject to verification of measurements by Superintendent of Lands and Highways. Also transfer from J. Bellangee to W. E. Sweet, of 4.3 acres adjoining Ames tract on west.

Mr. Gaston was added to the cemetery committee, and Mr. Call given permission to cut trees in cemetery, with approval of balance of the committee.

Superintendent of Lands and Highways was instructed to fix hill to wharf as soon as practicable.

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Fairhope's Summer Normal School.

The announcement on our first page will, we trust, interest many young people in Southern Alabama who are teachers or hope to become such. We cannot too highly commend Mrs. Johnson as a capable director of the Normal School. It is well known that she is not only a very successful teacher herself, but is also experienced in Normal work. There is no doubt that the school will be a great success, and reflect much credit on the George Academy and all connected with the work. We are assured of the support of many able educators, editors, and other public-spirited citizens of Southern Alabama in this much needed enterprise.

Fairhope's refreshing gulf breezes and excellent salt-water bathing will insure students plenty of recreation and perfect comfort during working hours.

The New Jersey Single Tax League held its second annual convention at Newark on March 20.

The Magnolia Springs correspondent of the *Standard* says that farmers in that section are busy planting canteloupes, and that over 900 acres are contracted for by one commission house in Chicago.

In the message of the mayor of Mobile (mentioned at some length elsewhere) is a reference to the matter of garbage disposal. A company offers to dispose of the garbage for one-half of what it has been costing the city. If Fairhope was able to contract for the garbage and utilize it as fertilizer it would be a great thing.

The Rev. Dr. Torrey, of Philadelphia, announced himself a follower of Henry George and a believer in the Single Tax gospel in a recent letter to the Henry George Club of that city. Dr. Torrey said he believed that the inequalities of life were not due to the intemperance of the laboring classes or their lack of energy, but to the fact that the laboring man was not give sufficient opportunity. The Single Tax gospel, he declared, was the doctrine of the Bible.

The Courier acknowledges with much regret an injustice done Mr. Frank A. Cresswell in its mention in last week's issue of his business embarrassment. This was in failing to note as a contributing factor the heavy loss sustained by him in the fire last November, which greatly damaged his stock as well as forced a temporary removal from the damaged building and back again, at much expense. Mr. Cresswell assures us that his store will open again within a few weeks, and that all his obligations will eventually be met in full.

The Teachers' Institute at Daphne adopted a resolution requesting the county commissioners to rescind their action with regard to the sale of the old courthouse building at Daphne, and "devote it instead to the use of the public schools of the county." In harmony with this resolution a petition is being circulated which is being generally signed. The building would make an excellent high-school building, and the *Baldwin Times* has generously approved the proposition to devote it to such use, which the Courier also heartily endorses.

The extraordinary cold and storm wave which broke over a large part of the country this week, giving in some places the worst weather for years, dropped down on Fairhope too, giving us a little ice on both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The effect upon vegetation was hardly noticeable near the bay, except on beans, but a little farther out the beans and potatoes both were thoroughly blackened. It is generally believed that the potatoes will come on, but the beans are killed and farmers went to work at once to replant.

Notice to Lessees.

Lessees of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation please note that the treasurer can redeem county treasurer's receipts for taxes paid only when the same state that they are for improvements or personal property held on Colony land, or the assessor's duplicate list (a copy of which is furnished each person at the time his property is returned for assessment) is exhibited, showing assessed valuation corresponding with tax receipt.

Evils of Land Monopoly.

The following strong statement of the evils of land monopoly we take from a lengthy article entitled "American Land Monopoly," appearing in the "patent insides" of some of our Alabama exchanges:

Land monopoly is a black cloud of dread from which Ireland is just emerging, and we applaud England's act, while we may yet possibly be a little skeptical, in providing a plan whereby free Ireland may become a fact. Yet we ourselves are as rapidly approaching land monopoly in America as it is possible to do, considering our vast extent of territory. Land monopoly brings with it more state evils than can be recounted in any single article. It retards every internal development, it smothers individual effort and enterprise, and finally it transforms the stem and fibre of the individual citizen from that of a substantial, self-reliant supporter of free government to a supine, indifferent and passionless individual, lacking in mental and moral poise and in those sturdy and heroic qualities which have made America the greatest name in history.

Interesting Message of Mayor of Mobile.

Many interesting facts and considerations are presented in the message of Mayor Lyons to the Mobile city council. One of the first is the deficit and the increasing need of public revenue. Another is that of the total revenue of $348,100, $101,000, or nearly 30 per cent., went for interest and bond retirement, and the bulk of the latter is on long-standing indebtedness—not revenue-producing properties.

The mayor calls attention to the difficulty of making the rapidly increasing land values bear their just share of the tax burden. "Generally speaking," he says, "the man who owns his home pays on about 40 per cent. of the valuation, [the law says actual cash value. Ed.] while the owner of valuable down town real estate pays on about 20 or 25 per cent. In some cases assessments run as low as 5 or 10 per cent."

The municipal water works have made a good record. The receipts were $71,000 and the operating expenses $41,000. The mayor says that it is expected the net revenue, after paying for two and five-eighths miles of extensions and the interest on the water bonds, will exceed $13,000. To this should obviously be added the saving effected in the payment for fire plugs. The city used to pay the Bienville Company $14,500 annually for 280 fire plugs and now has 654. At the rate paid for the 280 plugs this would be a saving of $34,000. And this excellent result has been accomplished in competition with a private company still operating in the city.

So successful has been the municipal water works that the mayor also advocates a municipal electric lighting plant. It seems that the city is now paying nearly $25,000 annually for lights. Says the mayor: "From information I have I believe that a site could be secured and a plant established at no great cost, and I feel sure that the sum we now pay for lights would easily pay the interest and cost of operation of a plant and at the same time enable us to light our city properly."

We congratulate Mobile upon her progressive mayor.

Our Postal Censorship.

In *The Public* of the tenth instant, Mr. Post has an extremely powerful arraignment of our growing postal consorship. He makes the following charges against this censorship andproceeds to amply prove the same by letters from the Chicago postmaster and the First Assistant Postmaster General, in reply to inquiries directed to them regarding the suppression of issues of *Lucifer*, a well known radical paper published at Chicago:

1. Any periodical, though it contains nothing obscene, is subject to exclusion peremptorily from the mails as a purveyor of obscenity, upon the mere order of administrative officials of the Post Office Department.

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4. In practice the Post Office Department excludes periodicals from the mails for publishing articles denounced as obscene, which in fact are not obscene.

5. The law as it now stands affords officials of the Post Office Department a degree of opportunity for corrupt discrimination in excluding periodicals, which it is unsafe to repose in any official and which ought to be carefully guarded against by Congress.

An Appreciation of Fairhope.

The editor departs from his usual rule regarding publishing notices complimentary to himself personally, in giving space to the following extract from a letter from Mr. Abner J. Smith, lately editor and proprietor of the *Baldwin Times*, and tax commissioner of Baldwin county. We do this much more for the pleasant significance to our distant friends of this local recognition from a non-Single Tax source of the great success of Fairhope, than for the personal compliments bestowed; and with insistence that the success of Fairhope is due far more to its policies than to any personal qualifications of Mr. Gaston, or any other influence. We would further state that this extract from a personal letter is published with the consent of the writer, noted on the margin at the time of writing:

Allow me to congraiulate you on the evident great success of the COURIER. You certainly deserve to succeed, and noticing the growth and wonderful progress made by your little town I congratulate you on this also, for I am sure that to you and the COURIER more than to any other factor is Fairhope indebted for its existence today and for the wonderful success against great odds that it has made. You are a diplomat and a good business man. Had it not been for your great love for your fellow man I doubt not that today you would be a rich man. I have always admired your manly course in the little family rows that occasionally break out among the residents of your model little city on the bay. With best wishes for you and for Fairhope, I am, Sincerely Yours,

ABNER J. SMITH.

Encouraging Word from Seattle.

Strong encouragement for municipal ownership advocates is offered by the late election in Seattle, Wash., where, tiring of fighting the local republican machine, which, as usual, was in the control of the holders of special privileges, a municipal ownership party was launched in January, which elected its candidate for mayor and two out of thirteen councilmen, on March 6th. This over a normal republican majority of 8,000. The democrats made no nominations and the prohibitionists endorsed some of the municipal ownership candidates, but the socialists nominated a straight ticket. Another very important and encouraging result of the Seattle election, was the adoption, by a vote of 9,312 to 1,271, of an amendment to the city charter, whereby on petition of 25 per cent. of the voters, any elective officer of the city may at any time be called to face a special election to determine whether or not he shall be continued.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Bolton Hall, of New York City, whose addresses so charmed the people at the time of the Single Tax Conference last winter, will address the Prog. League on Sunday afternoon at 3, and speak at the church in the evening.

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In this issue appears for the first time the card of the Peoples' Drug Store, now owned by Dr. H. E. Scott of Battles and Fairhope, also the doctor's announcement of his office hours at Fairhope The doctor is a very pleasant gentleman, who will, we are sure, prove a valued addition to our commercial and professional circles.

Messrs. Mershon and Abbot got back from their Cuban trip on Monday morning having arrived in Mobile Sunday evening and come over on the Pleasure Bay Monday morning. she not returning to this shore on Sunday evening as usual. They went over to Cuba on the Prince George and returned on the Mobila finding the latter the more comfortble vessel though not having as large a passenger capacity as the former. They greatly enjoyed their trip having been able for all their excellent meals on the steamer both going and coming. They report the weather iu Cuba delightful, and Havana a beautiful and remarkable clean city.

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See the new styles in spring hats at Call's.

Full line of stationery at the Postoffice News Stand.

Mr Andrew Carlson has rented the D. S. Brown cottage adjoining the Colony and moved into it this week.

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Mrs Bertleson and daughters left on Tuesday morning after a visit of several weeks with Dr. and Mrs. Henry Borst. They go to California before returning to their northern home, taking the southern route via New Orleans out, and returning via the northern route.

Henry Clare Littlefield was over to visit his parents, brothers, and sisters and many friends on Sunday. He resigned last week the position he held in the Mobile post office for many years and in which he had became very popular and has entered the office of one of the leading architects of Mobile.

The Sunday round trips of the Pleasure Bay are well patronized. A good crowd comes over to Fairhope every nice Sunday, and all the landings along the shore share in the distribution. The Fairhope House and the Cafe had their hands full caring for the excursionists and a good many brought their lunch baskets.

Mr. and Mrs. Sellers and daughter Florence left for their home near Marshaltown, Iowa, on the Sunday evening steamer. They made many friends while here, who greatly regretted that Mr. Sellers health had not permitted him much enjoyment of his stay. They have became warm friends of Fairhope and assured us that if all went well we might expect to see them back again;

The Henry George Club held a most pleasant open meeting in the parlors of the Fairhope House on Wednesday evening. Mr. Frank Brown was the speaker of the evening, his subject being "Single Tax and Natnral Law." Mr. Brown made an excellent address and a very interesting discussion followed, participated in by many of the audience. The question of having sound political economy taught in the school while maintained by the Colony, was brought up and a collection was taken up, which it was understood would be devoted to the purchase of copies of Bengough's Primer for use in the school. A delightful social hour followed the program, during which coffee and cake were served.

One of the most pleasant social functions of the season was the St. Patrick's day party given by Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Mershon and Mr. and Mrs. Unger at the home of the former on last Saturday evehing. The charming home was most artistically decorated and an evening of rare enjoyment afforded their guests, among whom were the following: Messrs. and Mesdames C. E. Littlefield, J. M. Pilcher, and W. E. Sweet; Dr. Edith Fosnes, Dr. Clara Atkinson, Mr. E. B. Gaston, Mrs. Perry of Illinois, Miss Lichty of Des Moines, Miss Effie Mershon, Mr. Louis Barkley and Mr. H. Clare Littlefield. Misses Iva and Bessie Littlefield, Evangelene Unger, Leah Gaston and Gertie Lungren assisted in serving refresements.

Dr. Q. J. Brown was over Sunday and said they would move over soon.

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Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Page and Lyman Jr. went to Mobile on Sunday evening for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page, returning on Tuesday evening.

A chausette (sock) social will be held in the Fairhope hall on Friday evening of next week, under the auspices of the Point Clear Baptist congregation, and for the benefit of the building fund of the new Baptist church which they are erecting. A generous attendance of the Fairhope people will be greatly appreciated, no doubt. See small bills for particulars.

MARRIAGE OF S. S. MANN AND MRS. MARY E. MEAD.

On Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Greeno in the presence of a very few friends, a ceremony was performed which made one of two of Fairhope's members of many years' standing, Mr. S. S. Mann and Mrs. Mary E. Mead. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mrs. Oliver. The bride and groom, looking exceedingly well and happy, were the recipients of the hearty congratulations of their friends and after a light collation, were driven to the bridegroom's cottage on Fairhope Ave ,where they will reside. Mr. Mann, as is well known, is one of the charter members of the Fairhope Corporation, and one of the committee on location whose report led to the selection of the site of Fairhope. The bride has been a member of the Corporation and a resident of Fairhope—for a portion of each year, at least—for perhaps eight years. Both have many friends, both in Fairhope and the North.

Mr. J. M. Northcutt came over on yesterday evening's boat and will remain over until Monday morning.

The V. I. C. supper at the hall on last Friday evening was well patronized and yielded a net return of about $28.

Colonel Greeno and wife left for their home in Cincinnati on Monday. We think they practically decided before leaving to build on their beautiful bay front lot soon.

J. H. Oliver of Birmingham is the guest for a few days of Albert Stearns and family. A pleasant dance was given by Miss Myrtle Stearns in his honor at the hall last evening.

Mobile people are beginning already to engage cottages for the summer. The prospect is excellent for every available cottage—especially near the beach—to be taken early in the season.

Mrs. Mary E. Robertson of Chicago who spent some time here last winter, is again here a guest of the Fairhope House. She is a warm friend of Fairhope and her people and was glad to get back again.

A very pleasing song service was given at the Christian church on last Sunday evening. The choir was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. D. S. M. Unger, Mr. Unger singing several solos and Mrs. Unger singing a solo, also a duet with Mrs. Bertha Mershon.

A meeting of the members of the Corporation was held at the hall on Tuesday evening to consider the matter of organizing a Library Association. The following were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and an adjournment taken to next Monday evening at the same place.

Arts and Crafts Announcement.

The Arts and Crafts Society is planning a personally conducted trip around the world. Wednesday afternoon April 11 Europe, Asia and America will be visited and special attention will be given to the industrial life of the people. A full attendance of the society is requested next Monday at the business meeting 3 p. m., to talk over plans and arrange for the trip.

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CANNING FACTORY PROPOSED

Mr. A. Strauss of Philadelphia Is Organizing a Profit-Sharing Canning Company

WILL MAKE SPECIALTY OF PRESERVED FIGS

Has Canvassed the Matter with Our Business Men and Wishes to Talk with Fruit Growers and Farmers. Plans to Build Cement Factory near Wharf

Mr. A. Strauss, who has been fourteen years with the Fels-Naptha Co., arrived in Fairhope Monday evening and is talking with our people about organizing a canning company here.

Mr. Strauss will make a specialty of preserved figs, and will add other products as he sees the farmers can supply the material and he can find profitable markets. He expects to organize a regular business corporation, with profit-sharing features. Many of our Fairhope people expect to invest in the company, and it ought to greatly benefit our farmers. We expect to have further details to report next week.

The Growth of Land Tenancy.

A tendency towards the centralization of lands in the hands of a few individuals is one of the modern economic developments in the United States to which public attention has not been as sharply directed as the importance of the movement demands. One man in Atchinson county, Missouri, owns 46,000 acres, the Scully lands in Bates county comprise about 50,000 acres, the Hunter interests in southeast Missouri include 35,000 acres, Rankin is said to own 36,000 acres, the Stone Land Company has 35,000, the Deering Harvester Company owns immense tracts of unknown extent in the most fertile section of southeast Missouri, and there are many other holdings equally large.

George B. Ellis, secretary of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture, calls it "an unquestionable tendency towards a tenancy system similar to that which prevails in the countries of Europe." He thinks, however, that it has not reached sufficient proportions to cause alarm for the immediate future.

H. J. Waters, dean of the Missouri Agricultural College, discerns the same movement:

"If the present tendency towards the purchase of real estate by non-residents is continued," he says, "we are at the beginning of a tenant system with all of its attendant disasters. A tenant system of farming will seriously retard agricultural progress, interfere with the improvement of rural schools and farm homes, and affect adversely the intelligence and prosperity of the state. Let the American farmer become a tenant, and in a few generations European conditions will be duplicated on American soil; the farmer will be a peasant without spirit or ambition. Unquestionably the present tendency is in this direction. How it will end no one can foresee."

The same condition thus illustrated by figures on Missouri exists throughout the United States. If it is difficult today for a young man to purchase a home, what will it be tomorrow? This question daily grows in importance. Let us give it grave consideration.—*Farmers Advocate*, March 15, '06.

OPPORTUNITIES.

By Bolton Hall.

Of course it is easy for a man up a tree to make suggestions to those who are on the ground, and his suggestions may be up in the air. Still sometimes a thought springs up and some practical man gets it growing.

Fairhopers, like other hopers, always see how much might be gained if they had a good capital—and forget how much might be lost. The natural and safe way to build up industries is to begin with one's own hands and the Colony land, and when success is demonstrated on a small scale, the money which is coming in can be added to from outside. Our splendid concrete industry grew up that way.

"We need a canning and fruit preserving factory," says some one. Yes, but why should not some of our women, who understand cooking, put up these fine products, which are characteristically Southern, to sell visitors? People buy bottled peas or canned corn only because they need them; they will buy preserved figs or cane sugar, or mulberries, because they want to try the new things, or to take them home (as I did when I came here.) They should be attractively put up and shown where visitors would see them.

Visitors come here and want something to do. Someone could make a tennis court at small expense and get a few row boats and a sailing skiff—all to hire by the hour, day or week. Perhaps a photograph tent would give an easy, if modest, living for some one.

The editor would be glad to publish suggestions as to employments which do not materially compete with those we already have.

Fairhope offers to everyone its own means of making a living without price or premium, but as yet we can offer only a place to live and some materials to work with. We cannot make a living for anyone. It is far easier here for anyone to get the *opportunity* of making a living; but many persons everywhere who get, by favor, or chance, or gift, or through their own efforts, the opportunity to make a living, do not succeed in doing it.

It has been said that "most everyone gets along here somehow," and that is true; but we have to face the

enforced cut-throat competition of our fellows here as well as elsewhere; and although the opportunity for self-support is open here to everyone, the ability to support himself is needed here, just as it is elsewhere.

When we do get what we need more than money or industries, a membership educated up to the point of taking the entire rental value of the land for the public benefit; and also a body of tenants so well educated as to be glad to pay the last cent of rental value—into their own pockets—the prosperity of the town will naturally be greatly increased and a living will be made with much less effort or ability than is needed now. Then we shall have all kinds of public works always going on and all sorts of advantages over all other places. In the meantime we must scratch along as best we may, and get telephones, water works and other things that the majority of us think that we immediately need in the best way we can, just like the heathen.

It is astonishing how much progress—and what material progress—has been made, even during the last year, in just that way.

From Labor Member of England's Parliament.

Extract from Letter of John Burns to Cincinnati Post.

One of our greatest problems is unemployment. I shall always be deeply concerned in this vital question. Ringing in my ears now is the hoarse whisper of a fellow-prisoner in the exercise yard at Pentonville Prison when I was a convict for defending the right of free speech: "Stick to the unemployed, John; work is our only hope."

I have been a workless worker myself.

Another great problem directly affecting the unemployment is the idle land in England: Year by year field after field is added to sporting estates, and men give place to deer. Peasants rot while pheasants rule, and game is master while men are hunger's sport. There is a constant influx from the countryside to the great cities.

I believe in the taxation of ground values, which would open up land to thousands of persons now divorced from the soil. By compelling the rich landlords to divide up their vast estates in small holdings, and by taxing all idle land, a tremendous change would be wrought in reducing poverty and unemployment. Cheap land would mean renewed life in every trade and benefit thousands, stopping emmigration and providing for men an object in life for which to work—a decent home.

I also believe in breaking every sort of monopoly established to exploit the people.

The Boston Advertiser thinks that the majority of the American people would be glad to see the United States make any decent sort of a bargain that would rid us of the Philippines. The only "decent sort of a bargain" would be to give the Filipinos the independenc for which they fought and crave. The Islands have already cost our people nearly one billion dollars and thousands of precious lives. How much more they will cost us, unless we "let go," God only knows.—*Star*, San Francisco.

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The chapter on "Education" alone is worth the cost of the book and the time to read it, suggesting as it does the need of a better system of training for all, to fit a superior average of citizenship, to make possible a better social order.

Another chapter that will provoke serious thinking is on the "Growth of Dissipation" and the moral, mental and material wastes of commercial warfare.

The chapter on "Capitalism and Labor," unless shown to be formulated on incorrect premises, shows what an utterly "Irrepressible Conflict" exists between those opposing forces, and how the public must always pay the cost of the open wars so constantly going on, and continually growing worse and worse, under the system of "competitive barter" to which he gives the power of an evil Genii in all our social compact.

Whether the readers agree to all his thoughtful deductions or not, we can almost guarantee the intensest interest in the work by all students who are earnestly seeking a better social order, and the way to get there.

The author finds some incomplete, or unscientific teachings, in the writings of both Henry George and Karl Marx, though doing both the credit of being seers of a coming better social order, to take the place of the present anarchy of tramp and millionaire.

It will be the heart of a Stoic indeed that can read these thrilling pages without a new devotion to the cause of reforming our present so called "civilization."

S. H. COMINGS.

The Fairhope Society of Science and Industrial Art held a short meeting in the COURIER office on Tuesday evening of last week and adopted the report of the committie on by-laws. It is in order now for all the members to select the section in which they feel interested and with which they desire to work. Please notify the Secretary, Mrs. Trenhome, at the earliest opportunity of your desires in the matter.

Mr. A. Strauss, of Philadelphia, one of the advertising men of the Fels Naptha Company, is here recuperating after a long illness. He hopes to find an occupation here and make Fairhope his home.

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In feelings, not in figures on a dial;
We should count time by heart throbs.
He most lives who thinks most,
Feels the noblest—acts the best. —Bailey.

The amazing news comes from Los Angeles, Cal., that there is an agitation there to lessen the burden of taxation on land values and place it on personalty. We have requested our correspondent there to keep us posted.

"I cannot tell you how much I am interested in that town of yours, and in the good work you Fairhope people are doing. I consider Fairhope and its people the most progressive and up to date, (in fact beyond date) town in our country."

Thos. W. Ward, Paterson, N. J.

Talking some time since with Dr. Scott, who has lately purchased the Dr. Hail drug store, we learned that years ago in Hillsboro, Texas, he heard a course of lectures on the Single Tax, delivered in a big tent there by the lamented Dr. Longstreet, and became much interested, sending for some of Henry George's works and reading them. A curious co-incidence is that our other fellow-citizen, Mr. R. F. Powell, was there at that time and was managing that course of lectures.

We took pleasure last week in commending Mayor Lyons of Mobile for progressive recommendations in his message to the city council. We regret, however, that the mayor was led to recommend the securing of power from the legislature to sell certain parcels of land owned by the city. A far better plan would be to let these out on long-time leases, with readjustment of rentals at least every five years, as is being done to very great profit by Chicago, San Francisco, and many other cities. The city would thus reap the increasing values of the sites, which would otherwise go to enrich individuals, and which in years to come would amount to very great sums.

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Monopoly the Mischief.

Mr. C. E. Obenchain, of Greenville, Texas, kindly sends me a letter, accompanied by a pamphlet, each of which—letter and the printed sheet—announce the supposed fact that the competitive system in the United States will soon reach its inevitable end. Which announcement is startling if true. I presume Mr. Obenchain to be an honest, well-meaning man, who desires to do some good in the line of economic reform, but unfortunately fires at the wrong target. Competition is, and from time immemorial has been, in existence among nearly all classes of people; and that because it is in accordance with a law of nature. We can abolish human laws, of course, but for some reason or another we can't possibly do away with a natural law. Brother Obenchain ought to know this, without being told. There is nothing quite so true as the truth. Now the real truth is that monopoly is doing most of this mischief throughout the country. Monopoly is a devil in disguise. So it gets among people who think competition means dishonesty and poverty. Competition is just and needful. But monopoly is the opposite. Abolish that villainous fiend and honest people will be prosperous. At least those who deserve to be so, and have the ability to earn honest livings.

"Down with Monopoly" should be our watchword. —Ralph Hoyt in *Star*.

A Lesson from Another Colony.

The March number of *The Co-Operator*, published by the Co-operative Brotherhood at Burley, Washington, reports the leasing of the sawmill belonging to the Brotherhood to a Mr. Foye of Tacoma. The rent is merely nominal, covering only insurance and taxes. A timber contract was entered into at the same time by which Mr. Foye secured the right to cut the Brotherhood's valuable timber for fifty cents a thousand (a very low rate as compared with stumpage charges in this section, which are now up to $2 a thousand and upwards.) "Voluntary co-operation," says *The Co-Operator*, "is now practically all that remains to remind one of the old organization. Under this plan members may form groups and in a sense lease property to themselves through duly appointed officers acting for the C. B. In this way the Burley Rochdale Fruit and Dairy Co. and the Hotel Association were formed."

This seems to be a clear failure of the policy of general co-operation. Burley was a typical socialist colony. It had a national organization behind it, contributing members scattered all over the country, and an active and enthusiastic body of resident colonists.

It does not appear that it has failed through debts or litigation—for in the same issue the treasurer's report for the year ending Jan. 31, 1906, showed cash in the treasury of $470.56, and bills receivable, property and other assets inventoried by the appraisement committee to the amount of $21,481, against which were liabilities of only $2,583.55, leaving a surplus of $19,368.01.

The situation seems to be that the members have become thoroughly dissatisfied with the effort to collectively operate their mill and other industries. They have neither been able to make their labor more effective in wealth production or the conditions of life more satisfactory to them as individuals, and have fallen back upon individual initiative, with voluntary co-operative minor associations to accomplish certain definite and specific ends.

There is a great lesson in this experiment of the Co-Operative Brotherhood to those who will heed it.

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*Will the lender of this book please send his name to the Librarian.

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Ecursion to Fort Morgan.

The Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department added greatly to their reputation as entertainers by their successful management of the excursion to Fort Morgan on last Faiday. The steamer *James A. Carney* was chartered for the occasion and made an early start from Mobile, stopping at Montrose, where a party of about a dozen were taken aboard, and thence to Fairhope, where about 170 persons boarded her. Another stop was made at Battles, where the list was further augmented, making, all told, nearly, if not quite, 200.

The Fairhope Band went along, likewise the Fairhope Orchestra. The former furnished music on the outward trip and the latter on the homeward trip, both adding much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Arriving at the fort a little before noon, the party took the garrison by storm. Divided up into squads, they scattered in various directions, seeing all that was to be seen, practically without interference. One party was very kindly guided by Laurence Tilson, who having lived at the fort for a couple of seasons while in the revenue service, was familiar with all objects of interest. Among the visitors were some who had seen service at the fort during "the war between the states," and had an especial interest in reviewing the scenes of forty years or more before.

Nearly all went over to the gulf beach to see the surf come rolling in, search for sea shells, and some ladies and gentlemen indulged in the luxury of wading. On the homeward trip a pleasant little program of music and recitations was rendered in the main cabin. There was music by the orchestra, songs with guitar accompaniment by Miss DeCoudres, Arthur and Will Dealy, and Mr. Gaston; reading by Dr. Borst of selections from Mr. Dooley, a well rendered humorous selection by Miss Hutchins of Battles, and a pleasing and pointed talk on Single Tax by Bolton Hall.

The day was a beautiful one, and every condition favorable for a delightful outing, which all declared they had enjoyed. The band boys dispersed a variety of refreshments on the lower deck, the excursion clearing fully $75, we are informed.

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Now is the time to buy your Oxfords; see our full and fine line just received; and keep your money in Baldwin county. Mershon Merchandising Company.

One of the visitors on the excursion to the fort counted the patches on the Goverment dock. Besides several dangerous holes and some yards of repair, there are sixty patches on the dock—bnt nobody kicks.

Mr. L. S. Massey, genial host at at the Bayside Cafe, started his pavillion this week. The structure will be 36x50ft. and will extend from Cafe out into the bay. This will make a delightful place for dances and banquets.

An enjoyable time was had at the ball last evening, given by Fairhope Orchestra. Owing to threatening weather and short notice the gathering was not large. Next Thursday night the affair is to be repeated. Everybody invited. Admision, gents 25, ladies free.

We had a pleasant visit last week from Messrs. Himrod and McKay, who ran down from Flatwood, Ala., where they are now located and doing a large development work with co-operative or profit-sharing features. Our late residents M. M. Cope and A. D. Ladd are with them there and doing well. Messrs. Himrod and McKay expect to come down again a little later for a longer stay, bringing their wives with them.

Mrs. Pearson and daughter, of Chicago, are spending a few days at "The Gables." The daughter is a pianist of quite remarkable ability, and the family are widely known, as being among the early army of "The Soldiers for the Common Good," Mr. Pearson having been secretary of the first Single Tax Club of Chicago. And they have kept in close sympathy with all the prominent reformers of all schools of the time. They have entered into the "esprit du corps" of Fairhope most heartily and will tell the story of our activities to a wide circle when they return to their home.

Concrete Facts.

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Marinas Koopman, the latest addition to the Hollander settlement, is a fine hearty baby, much admired by all who have seen him.

H. V. Hetzel, the well known Philadelphia Single Taxer, is expected Saturday evening for a few days' visit with his niece, Mrs. E. S. Ross.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rotje have moved into the Thompson house. They are lately from the north, and have been for some time back in the country a few miles east of Fairhope.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig have returned to their home at Colorado Springs, Colo., after a visit at Fairhope, which was not only much enjoyed by them but by the Fairhopers who had the pleasure of making their acquaintance. They are "the salt of the earth," and we hope they will come back some day to make their home with us.

Under the direction of the water works committee, a much needed work is being done at the wharf hill on grading off the edge of the bluff and filling the gully on the north side of the road. The immediate object is to make a way for the water main to be brought up the hill but at the same time valuable work is being done toward the improving of the road which must be taken up in earnest and completed soon.

Mr. W. D. Munson and wife, of New York, have been visitors at Fairhope since last Saturday evening. Mr. Munson is an uncle of Mrs. J. M. Pilcher, of Fairhope. He is the head of the great Munson Steamship Line operating over sixty steamers from and to various points. Unfortunately for Mr. Munson's own comfort and the pleasure of his relatives here, he has been quite ill since his arrival. They are guests at "Hillcrest," the pleasant home of the Pilchers.

We have neglected to note the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Stearns, Sr., and Miss Ethel Stearns, and the younger children of Mr. Charles Stearns, who left week before last for Pensacola, to join Mr. Charles Stearns and Mr. and Mrs. Miller. These are excellent people whom we regret to lose, but we are not without hope that they will return to Fairhope. "Father" Stearns was the efficient janitor of the hall for a long time, and is an excellent old gentleman who had none but friends here.

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Items from the Standard.

Mrs. Unger visited Daphne a few days since in the interest of Miss Lyon's class in Arts and Crafts. All the ladies here who had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Unger, declared her to be "charming" and a success in interesting people in the arts and crafts

Mr. E. C. Wolcott of Warren, Ohio, who has been visiting Fairhope, expresses himself as much pleased thereat, and left last week for his home. We have met Mr. Wolcott a number of times and are much impressed with his good qualities. We hope he will locate here.

During the session of the Teachers' Institute here at Daphne last week the editor's family had the pleasure of entertaining Miss N. Clements, principal of the Fairhope public school, and Miss Manley, who is visiting Miss Clements. The visit of these accomplished ladies was highly appreciated and we hope it will not be long before they come again. While they were here, Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb Comings, of Fairhope, and Miss Maud Scott of Battles, added their presence to the company, and a most enjoyable visit was had from them all.

A Pleasant Visit.

Messrs. Bolton Hall and Daniel Kiefer leave tomorrow morning for Cincinnati, where Mr. Hall will fill Rev. Bigelow's pulpit. Last week Thursday these visitors came to Fairhope Friday they went on the excursion to Fort Morgan. Saturday they viewed the cement works and other features of Fairhope. On Sunday Mr. Hall spoke twice at the hall and once at the church, to large and interested audiences. Mr. Kiefer was also pressed into service and told of the work headed by Mr. Bigelow in Cincinnati. Monday they visited the public school. Tuesday many calls were made and Mr. Hall gave an address on "The Education of the Child." Wednesday was the occasion of a drive to Daphne, and on Thursday a drive to Magnolia Springs showed our distinguished guests that Fairhope is beating the land monopoly towns in material progress. Friday was spent in farewell calls, and the Saturday morning boat takes our guests away all too soon.

Ladies Organize a New Club

A new ladies' club to be known as the "Fifth Thursday Club" has been organized, composed of members of all the formerly organized clubs in the town, and is practically a "Confederated Woman's Club." Its first meeting was held on Thursday of this week, at "The Gables," and was in the form of a "Toast Lunch," Mrs. Unger being toast mistress, and a merry time was had.

The name is derived from its purpose to hold meetings only on the four "Fifth Thursdays" in the months of the year when this occurs, the object is for mutual improvement and to be affiliated with the "Federation of Woman's Clubs" of the state and nation.

At the initial meeting the lunch tables completely filled the three large rooms of "The Gables" that open en suite, and the decorations of the spread would have done honor to "Mrs. Delmonico's Best" in tasteful elegance, with the simplicity that floral garniture always gives. A wealth of the beautiful Southern Azalia of differing hues was scattered through the rooms, with the snowy dogwood bloom, that suggested the white of the Northern snow clad hills, with the sheen of the Southern cotton field.

After an hour at the bountiful lunch the toast mistress opened the flow of eloquence by a few appropriate and witty remarks, followed by some explanatory words by Mrs. Comings, the president of the new club, as to its aims and objects. Then some words from the presidents of the Henry George Club, the Arts and Crafts, the Village Improvement Club and the W. C. T. U., all of whom had words of wit and wisdom.

The distinguished guests from abroad who participated in the program were Dr. Ellen G. Fosnes, of Des Moines; Mrs. W. D. Munson, of New York, and Mrs. Pearson, of Chicago. Some recitations were given by guests: Mrs. Perry, of Chicago; Mrs. Schindler, late of Cleveland, now at home in Fairhope, and our Mrs. Bancroft. Some very exquisite music was rendered by Miss Pearson of Chicago, and our Mrs. Creswell.

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Messrs. Steenstra, Koopman, Menzinge, Vanderwall and other Fairhope Hollanders and their families are working all their spare time laying out a park which in a few years will be one of Fairhope's greatest attractions.

The park covers about half of the twenty acres Mr. George Steenstra recently bought from Mr. Goor, and the Hollanders have already planted trees which will in a few years make the park the coolest and pleasantest place in Baldwin county. Three hundred umbrella trees have been purchased from Father Knowles, and they will line the gracefully curving driveways through the park. A number of sand pears will offer a pleasing contrast to the spreading umbrella trees, and stand like sentinels along the walks. A well will be dug and cemented, giving ample water supply for the three fountains and the flower beds. The land is higher by some twenty feet than the surrounding farms, and in a few years we are promised an effect in landscape gardening which will be well worth the three-mile drive to see. One of those picturesque Dutch windmills will probably adorn a knoll in the grounds, and swings for the children and a three-acre plot for field sports will be arranged for at once. Next spring the land will be ready for flowering shrubs, and many of our townspeople will be pleased to send plants, bulbs, etc., to help beautify the place.

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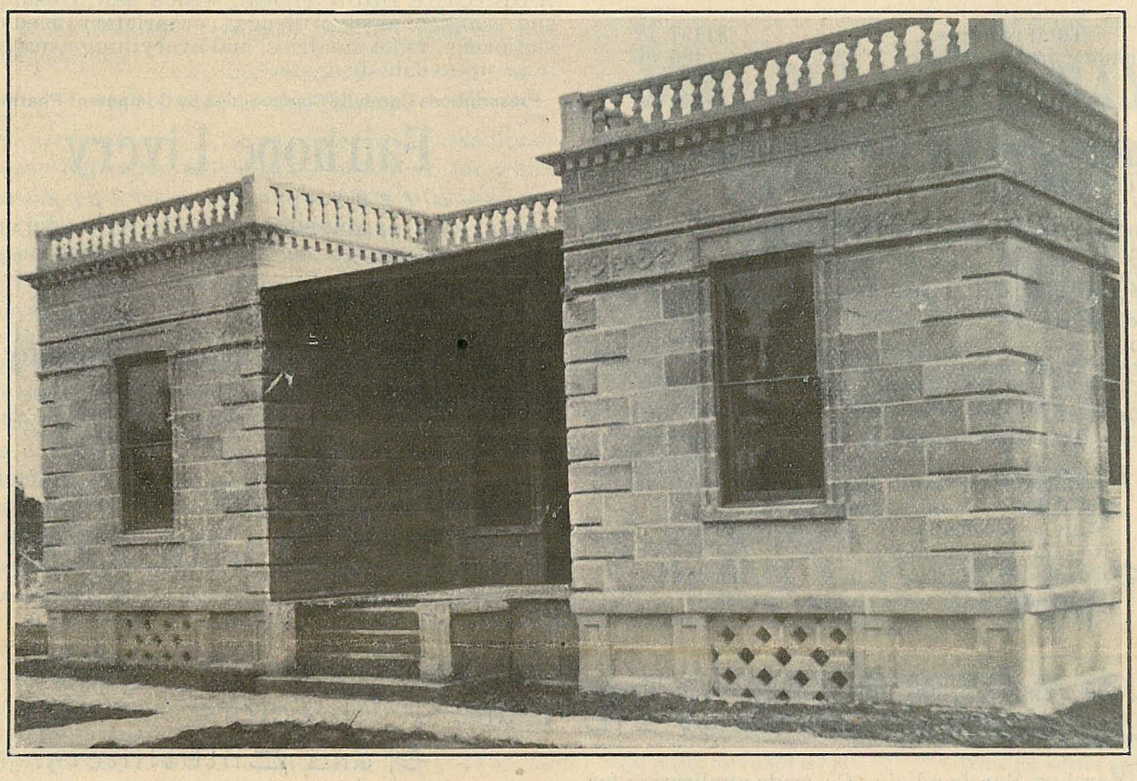
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Residence of John Zurhorst.

Our cut this week is of the handsome cement block house constructed for Mr. John Zurhorst by Mr. Littlefield and his successor, the Mershon Merchandising Company.

The house plan was selected by Mr. Zurhorst and is a reproduction of one built in South America, but otherwise it is strictly a home production. Every detail in the construction was worked out by our Mr. Littlefield, who designed and built—including both wood and iron work—the machines upon which the blocks were made, and designed and made every pattern and mold used.

Unfortunately the house lacked, at the time our picture was taken, a few finishing touches which add much to its appearance; such as a handsome stone balustrade on either side of the steps and on the front of the porch, and finial balls on the posts of the upper balustrade.

The house is nicely plastered on the interior and finished in pine antiqued and varnished, making a very attractive finish.

Though modest in dimensions, the house is very attractive within and without, and would be an ornament to any town or city. It is the object of much admiring comment and has proven an excellent advertisement for the cement block style of building.

Water-Works Construction in Progress.

Work on the water works is progressing very satisfactorily. The boiler is set and ready for the fire; the pump was received today and will be placed and connected up in short order, and the laying of the four-inch cast main on Fairhope avenue is going on, the making of the connections being done under contract by Mr. Pomeroy of Daphne, formerly of Chicago. Practically all of the material is on the ground now, and the work will be pushed right through.

In a recent letter from Mr. Fels now in London, he says: "The Labor men in Parliament are beginning to be heard and are doing their duty nobly so far. The country is waking up to the land question and my farm labour Colony schemes have helped along as much as I deserved to have them do."

Council Proceedings.

The Executive Council met in regular session last Monday night, with all members present.

The Superintendent of Public Services reported collections on wharf as follows:

Week ending March 10, gross, $23.03; net, $13.82
" " " 31, " 19.00; " 11.40

The Treasurer made the following report for the month of March:

RECEIPTS.

Rents 1905	$ 10	42
Rents 1906	321	25
Rent penalty		63
Membership fees and land fund	33	87
Wharfage	70	95
Water fund	260	00
Water certificates issued	500	00
Total receipts	$1197	12
Balance on hand March 1, 1906	185	86
Total credits	$1382	98

DISBURSEMENTS.

Land fund	$ 127	50
Highways	53	41
Wharf	9	50
Taxes paid on improvements	104	87
Schools	24	33
Water certificates	22	85
Water works fund	183	36
Telephone	5	10
Salaries	50	00
Postage and printing	8	10
Well		50
Sundries	4	05
Total disbursements	$ 593	57
Balance on hand Mar. 31, 1906	$ 789	41

CASH SUMMARY.

Water certificates	$ 478	15
Regular certificates	135	77
Checks	125	90
Currency	45	00
Silver	5	59
Total	$ 789	41

Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, blk. 2, div. 2, were transferred from Fairhope Improvement Co. to J. E. E. Ruge.

The Mershon Merchandising Co. made application for a lease of a portion of the north gully, right of way across beach and privilege of wharf, for the purpose of conducting a cement block industry thereon. Referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Stimpson, Bancroft and Rose, with instruction to report at next meeting.

A bill of E. B. Gaston of $2.90, for postage and printing, was allowed.

An application for transfer of lot 7 and the east half of lot 6, blk. 2, div. 1, from C. K. Brown to J. J. Mogg, and from J. J. Mogg to the Fairhope Improvement Co., was granted, on receipt of applications properly signed.

It was moved and carried that the use of hall and school house be granted, when not previously engaged, for use of the summer normal school in June, the Corporation to bear the expense of janitor.

Bill of Probate Judge, in the sum of $3.65, for recording fees in connection with the acquisition of the Larsen tract of land, was allowed.

The following bills were presented by the Superintendent of Lands and Highways and passed:

To labor on wharf hill $63 75

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It was moved and carried that a street be laid out between the Hethershaw and the Atkinson tracts, 66 feet wide, and 66 feet east of the center of the blocks between Bay View avenue and Church street, and that the property-holders be notified.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bell complained that the rent on the lots held by them is too high. No action taken.

It was ordered that the Secretary procure a dozen blue prints of the Corporation map.

Mr. A. Swift's lots were declared forfeited, for non payment of rent.

Hail Cases in the Courts.

The cases against Dr. R. A. Hail for the assaults on Professor Bellangee in February last year, for which true bills were found against him by the grand jury, were tried at Bay Minette on Tuesday.

Thanks to a weak prosecution, the absence of some of the State's strongest witnesses, and to the services for the defense of two leading attorneys from Mobile, a verdict of "not guilty" was rendered on the first charge, that for the assault in the hall, and of "guilty" on the second charge, the assault on the street the next morning, with a fine of one cent.

The defense set up was justification because of alleged offensive criticism of the Fairhope correspondent of the *Item*, (represented as understood to be Mrs. Hail, though not admitted or identified as such) and the attorneys for the defense very skillfully made it appear to the jury that Dr. Hail's acts were at any rate partially justified. No indictments were returned by the grand jury for the assault of last August upon Mr. Call, or the charge of using "abusive and obscene language in the presence of females," preferred by Mrs. Call. The action of Mr. Bellangee for damages resulting from the assaults was continued to the next term of court.

Coming through Silver Hill on Wednesday, the editor was agreeably surprised to see a number of familiar Fairhope faces on the street, and found that the parties were attending a meeting of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union. Among those noted as in attendance were W. S. Baldwin, T. N. Freeman, P. K. Dealy and W. H. Dorchester, of Fairhope; Messrs. J. D. Lucier, E. Smith and A. J. Gregson, of Euclid, and Messrs. I. M. Lieser and Walter Oberg, living near Fish river. There were many others from other portions of the county. Mr. Freeman, of Fairhope, is secretary of the county organization.

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Taxation, the bright and interesting Single Tax Journal of Perth, West Australia, made the following pointed appeal for assistance in the great effort to free the land, to which the Courier would say "me too."

We ask for further assistance in the current year. We have no time to go round with a barrel-organ gathering threepenny bits, no time to get up take-down bazaars and "sales" of just the things you don't want, no time to whine to you a long tale about the goodness of the cause and your certainty of a reward in the next world. We ask for your help, because it is your duty as a citizen and as a man. If you can spare a shilling a month send it along; if more, so much the better; if nothing, give us your moral support and pass the paper on to someone else whom you are certain has chemical traces of intelligence; but, for your own sake, and your wife's sake, and your children's and your fellow-man's sake *do* something, and do it now.

Farewell Message from Mrs. Craig.

Fairhope, March 27, '06.

Editor Courier:

Kindly permit me through the Courier to express my appreciation of and thanks for the kindness, the cordiality, and the hospitality which have made my visit to this place both pleasant and profitable.

And to the people of Fairhope I would say, I did not feel like a stranger on coming among you, so long had my sympathies been with you. And now, on the eve of my departure, I feel quite like one of you, and my sympathies will continue to be with you in even greater measure than before.

Fairhope! It is a beautiful name. May the fair hopes of her founders be realized. Allietta A. Craig.

Christian Private and Christian Public Morals.

In talking of two kinds of Christian morality one private and the other public, at a banquet in New York recently, Mark Twain said:

Once a year he (the gentleman with the dual morals) lays aside his Christian private morals and hires a ferry-boat and piles up his bonds in a ware-house in New Jersey for three days, and gets out his Christian public morals and goes to the tax office and holds up his hand and swears he wishes he may never—never if he's got a cent in the world so help him! The next day the list appears in the papers—a column and a quarter of names in fine print, and every man in the list a billionaire and member of a couple of churches. I know all these people. I have friendly social and criminal relations with the whole of them. They never miss a sermon when they are so's to be around, and they never miss swearing off day, whether they are so's to be around or not.

I used to be an honest man. I am crumbling. No—I have crumbled. When they assessed me at $75,000 a fortnight ago I went out and tried to borrow the money, and couldn't; then when I found they were letting a whole crop of millionaires live in New York at a third of the price they were charging me, I was hurt. I was indignant, and said: "This is the last feather! I am not going to run this town all by myself." In that moment—in that memorable moment—I began to crumble. In fifteen minutes the disintegration was complete. In fifteen minutes I was become just a mere moral sand-pile; and I lifted up my hand along with those seasoned and experienced deacons and swore off every rag of personal property I've got in the world, clear down to cork leg, glass eye, and what is left of my wig.

New York the Best Taxed City in the World.

Lawson Purdy, in an address before the Real Estate Board of Bankers at their annual dinner at the Waldorf Astoria last winter, credited New York with being the "best taxed city in the world." The following are extracts from Mr. Purdy's address:

In order to decide what are good taxes and what are bad taxes, we must have some common measure that applies to the whole community. I think we have such a common measure, and it is the necessity that is imposed on all men, under normal conditions, of earning a living. Then we may properly divide taxes into broad classes of those which make it harder to earn a living, those which make it easier to earn a living, and some trifling ones that are negative. Any tax on houses or clothes or food evidently makes it harder to earn a living. Any tax on production or trade increases the cost of goods and makes it harder to earn a living.

It is not sufficient that a tax should be good in itself, but it must also be well administered, so that it will bear equally on all the persons or property subject to it. This is a virtue even in a bad tax, although if a tax is bad in itself it may be the sooner repealed if it is confessedly unequal and unjust, and the inequality of a bad tax may in reality be a blessing in disguise.

First, let us examine the conditions in our own city, and then make some comparison with the great cities of Europe. New York is supposed to get about 12 per cent. of its tax revenue from the tax on personal property; as a matter of fact it only gets about 6 per cent. There is a general agreement that this is a bad tax, and we may be thankful that it works so badly. Few people realize how badly it does work. Let us first consider the facts as shown by the official records. When the books were opened in January, 1904, the tentative assessment of personal property was nearly four and a half billions. Of this amount, when the books were closed, there was left only $625,000,000. The personal taxes levied for 1904 amounted to nine and a half millions, and up to last October the amount collected was $4,800,000. Less than half the people assessed pay the tax assessed, and for a number of years the collections have not been more than 60 per cent.

Our system so far as it relates to the taxation of per-

sonal property is so bad that it would be a joke if it were not for the hardships imposed on a few and the general disadvantages to the city of having such a system. But we can be very thankful for its absurdities, for we may be sure that a law which is ridiculous cannot last.

A few years ago the law was so amended as to require a separate statement by the assessors of the value of land. This is essential to an accurate assessment, and as a reform is being sought by other cities of our own country and by the city of London. It gives us also most valuable data to enable us to determine to what extent our taxes make it easier to earn a living or harder to earn a living. About 44 per cent. of our taxes fall on land values, and as we always have had this tax it is a tax in name only. You who are learned in all the lore of real estate values know better than I can tell you that the tax on a lot of land enters into the determination of its selling value, and so long as the value does not decline it is no burden upon the purchaser. If there had been no tax he would have paid proportionately more for the land. It is in the nature of what economists call a "rent charge," and all land is bought subject to a prospective charge equal to the expected tax. Not only is this tax no burden, but it is a positive benefit by a comparison with London.

The splendid growth and improvement of our cities in this country and of our city of New York is due to the fact that it does not pay to hold land idle too long, and that so large a part of our revenue is derived from a tax which does not make it harder to earn a living. In the city of London there is no real estate business as we know it here, because land changes hands so little. The ownership is not diffused to the extent that it is with us, the difficulties of transfer are great, long leases are permitted, the penalty for improving is severe. London is full of old buildings unsuited to the site. Tenants cannot afford to put up fine buildings for the benefit of their landlords. Our tax on the value of land results in its more thorough use, and today we have on Manhattan Island the finest business blocks and most costly hotels and dwellings in the world. We may be thankful that we live in a city which gets so large a proportion of its revenue from a tax which makes it easier to earn a living.

Gerhard Writes from Cuba.

Clemens Gerhard, formerly of the Courier force, recently spent some time in Cuba, employed on the Havana *Post*, the only American daily newspaper in Cuba. We extract the following from a letter from him:

This is a queer place for a Single Taxer to come. Land kept out of use is not taxed at all, and I am even told if one has improved property not in use, his taxes are cancelled. Wouldn't that "freckle your face?" On the other hand they tax or license every conceivable act of industry. They actually issue licenses to sell postage stamps; and the best seats here in Central Park are reserved for those who pay five cents to sit on them. When I commented on this peculiarity, here was the very wise answer I got: "Well, would you make a rich man that is willing to pay stand while all this poor trash sits down?" They don't seem to notice that the most of these seats are vacant even when hundreds of tired people are around them. We are the only ones that know what is the real cause of the awful famine in the fertile land of Spain at present, and Cuba here isn't much better. It's a common sight to see naked children of both sexes on the streets in nearly all parts of the city; and apparently starving men and women, entirely homeless, living on vacant lots and sleeping under the corridors and in the shadow of large buildings. I have learned quite a little Spanish since I came here, but not enough to talk Single Tax to those that can't speak English. I have tried to get Spanish literature on the subject, but so far have been unsuccessful. (I have an idea that some of Henry George's books were translated into Spanish.) But the English-speaking people here are sure "its the climate," and "the poor are too lazy to work," and "those poor women just want to live that way." My own observation is, I never saw a harder working or more industrious people in my life.

I must mention the high rents prevailing here. Dingy little rooms without a window, $10 per month, and in some instances as many as six to eight people living in one room; no wonder over 50 per cent. of the deaths are from consumption, and everybody seems to think this state of affairs is the natural order; or, as Father McGlynn says, "God's appointed order."

Local and Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. Albright arrived last evening from Parkersburg, W. Va., and will probably remain a month, perhaps throughout the summer.

Dan Shepherd has been home this week, recuperating from a slight illness. He is now in the employ of R. O. Harris, the popular Mobile grocer, at the Dauphin street store.

Mrs. Dr. C. L. Mershon and her two children returned on last evening from a visit of nearly a week with the Webbs and Mrs Dennis, at Kushla, Alabama, north of Mobile.

Mrs. Laura Creswell Jacobs, daughter of Mr. Henry Creswell, and her little son Sumner, arrived last week for a month's visit with the Creswells. Mrs. Jacobs' home is now in Cleveland, Ohio, where Mr. Jacobs is advertising manager of the Cleveland *Daily News*.

Mr. Herman Hetzel the well known Single Taxer, uncle of E. S. Ross of the Fairhope House, was a Fairhope visitor from Saturday evening to Wednesday morning. On Tuesday evening at the School of Philosophy, he made a very entertaining short speech following a paper presented by Mr. Israel Lancaster.

CREDO.

I leave behind the hue and cry
Of narrow creeds that war and jar,
I lift my eyes to Him on high,
And rest my thoughts on peaks afar;
The summits high where brothers stand
Serene and strong in Truth's fair shroud,
Self-willed to God's Eternal Grand—
The law that Love and Right are one.

'Tis not the doubt and fear of eld
Which chained the mind to hellish creeds,
Rod-ruled by some ingrate of hell
Who showed his love with hate that breeds
In ceaseless tortures, wells of fire—
But love, deep love that men inspire.

Philadelphia. George McGregor.

FOUND:—A pair of spectacles in case. Owner can secure same by indentifying and paying for this notice at Courier office.

Notice to Members of F. S. T. Corporation.

A meeting is hereby called for Monday evening, April 9th at 7:30, to hear the report of the committee on organization of a Library association.

E. B. Gaston, Secretary.

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Easter novelties, summer shoes, pants, lawns, batistes, etc., cheap at Robac's.

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See the concrete building blocks made by the Mershon Merchandising Co. before you decide on the material for your new house.

WANTED—Boarding place with good private family. No objection to going two or three miles out. Inquire Courier office.

The steamer Pleasure Bay has been laid up for her annual overhauling and inspection and her place taken by the James A. Carney.

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The picture of the concrete block house that appears in this paper is only one of four already completed. These houses can be built on any design or to any plan desired. The house is weatherproof, fire-proof, and more durable than stone. Be wise today and have one built by Mershon Merchandising Company, Fairhope, Alabama.

The famous Mann-Hoyle land case was up in the circuit court last week and decided adverseley to Mr. Mann. At the previous term of court Mr. Mann won, but the case was reversed by the supreme court and remanded back for re-trial with result stated. It promises to be a case which the lawyers will win, though the principals lose.

Dr. Edith G. Fosnes left on Tuesday morning for her home at DesMoines, Iowa, after a pleasant visit with her sister Mrs. J. M. Pilcher and family and numerous friends. Dr. Fosnes was family physician in DesMoines to the editor's family, visited Fairhope very early in its history and has always had a lively interest in it. She has recommended numerous patients to our health giving shore and will continue to do so.

See the new styles in spring hats at Call's.

Full line of stationery at the Postoffice News Stand.

Mrs. Perry of Chicago has rented the Haworth cottage for two months.

Miss Effie Mershon left this morning for a few days visit with her friends the Webbs, and Mrs. Dennis at Kushla.

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Mr. and Mrs. Beesley spent Sunday with friends at Daphne. Mr. Beesley returned to his work in Mobile on Monday morning and Mrs. Beesley came back to Fairhope on the evening boat.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. Samuel C. Jenkins.

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Arts and Crafts

Wednesday evening, April 12, the trip arouud the world will be personally conducted by the Arts and Crafts Society. Netherlands, Russia, Germany, Italy, Turkey, Japan and the world wide Gypsey camp will be visited. A good deal of attention will be paid to the industries of the different countries besides the decorations in the national colors costumes, etc. Typical refreshments will be served in almost all the countries for a little extra. General tickets will admit to all countries.

All members of the Arts and Crafts Society who wish to help, will please meet with the Society Monday afternoon at the shop

Fresh lot of candies at the Postoffice News Stand.

The Fairhope W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. P. A. Parker, at Volanta, on next Thursday.

If you are expecting to build, don't close your contract until we have had a chance to figure with you on the cement block house. Mershon Merchandising Company.

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Rienzi Bell was over last Sunday to visit his parents, returning to Mobile on Monday morning.

Mr. Marshal Carney was a Fairhope visitor from Thursday evening to Monday morning, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Flinn.

Little Vernon Stearns fell Saturday afternoon and fractured his left forearm. Dr. Sheldon was called to reduce the fracture.

Mr. Powell very agreeably surprised his wife and daughter and host of friends by coming in for a short visit on Monday evening.

The fire department has secured a bell for giving fire alarms and has installed the same at the water tower.

Col. Daniels is giving the students of the Fairhope school a series of very interesting and instructive talks on nature science.

The editor, in common with a considerable portion of the population of Fairhope, is attending Court at Bay Minette this week.

Mr. Arthur Mershon, president of the Mershon Merchandising Company, was in Bay Minette this week, a witness in the Hail cases and also as a petit juryman.

Mr Arthur Custer, son of the well known St. Louis Single Taxer, L. P. Custer, arrived on Tuesday evening, to spend four or five weeks with us. He also is an ardent Single Taxer and is well pleased with Fairhope.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Deibler of Chicago made Fairhope a hasty visit this week, coming over on the Monday evening boat and returning Tuesday morning. They are not Single Taxers but have several friends in Chicago who are, which added to their interest.

Dr. Greeno of Fairhope, with Mr. B. F. Bates of Daphne, and others, appeared before the County Commissioners on Monday, to urge favorable action upon the petition to have the old court house building at Daphne, set aside for a high school building. The Commissioners held that they did not have authority to make such disposition of the building but passed a resolution requesting the legislature to pass an act giving authority to convey the property to trustees for such purpose and also to make an appropriation for the maintenance of such a school.

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Overland from Bay Minette.

The editor returned from Bay Minette on Wednesday, via Robertsdale and Silver Hill. It was our first trip down through that section since the new railroad was put through. The road traverses a beautiful country, for the most part following the high table land which extends down through the center of the county, an ideal country to build a railroad through—so far as physical conditions are concerned. Two stops are scheduled on the time-table between Bay Minette and Robertsdale—Stapleton and Loxley. At neither was there much evidence of settlement or development, beyond working up into cross ties and lumber what yet remains of the magnificent forests which once covered all this section.

Robertsdale, which lies almost due east of Fairhope about fifteen miles, and about twenty-four miles south from Bay Minette, has enjoyed a very rapid growth. A number of very presentable buildings have been put up and more are going up. A nice hotel building is being lathed preparatory to plastering, and a very nice dwelling, the most pretentious in the place, in process of construction, we were told, was for Mr. F. L. Sanford, secretary and manager of the land company which controls a large tract of land there which is selling off rapidly. This land company is also actively encouraging and promoting other enterprises there, all of which are expected—and designed—to enhance the value of land for the benefit of the land company.

A considerable part of the prosperity of Robertsdale is no doubt due to the fact that it is within about three miles of and the nearest railroad point to Silver Hill, the flourishing Swedish colony. We rode across from Robertsdale to Silver Hill with the mail carrier.

The country between Silver Hill and Robertsdale is much of it quite rolling, not well suited for farming, though it may some day be found valuable for some kind of fruit growing. Our driver told us that land about midway between the two points was being held at $25 to $35 an acre.

Arrived at Silver Hill, we had some time to wait before Mrs. Gaston arrived with our daughter Leah, and it being noon we repaired to the very comfortable hotel kept by Mr. Nordin, for dinner.

A large number of thrifty Swedes with much more than the average possessions of new comers. have located in and about Silver Hill. There are in the village a couple of stores—one of them, that of the People's Supply Company, one of the best stocked and best kept in the county, a millinery store, blacksmith shop, hotel, two or three churches, a nice school house, and numerous nice residences, for the most part well painted and well kept up. Numerous comfortable farm houses are to be seen scattered through the woods in all directions.

A little to the south and west of Silver Hill is the comfortable and hospitable home of Dr. Slosson, one of the pioneers among the northern settlers in Baldwin county, having antedated the first Fairhope settlers several years. The doctor has a saw mill and extensive land-holdings, and it is always a pleasure to stop for a visit with him and his good wife, but our time did not permit us to do so on this occasion.

It was nearly sundown when we reached the suburbs of Fairhope, where we stopped first at Mr. Yarnell's a few minutes to see his fine lot of chickens, and secure some eggs for setting, and a few moments at President Brown's, and then continued on home.

Our satisfaction with Fairhope was enhanced by this trip. Ours it the gem of Baldwin county towns, and is destined to continue to be such.

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Fairhope, Baldwin Co., Ala.

The "Single Tax Colony."

Fairhope, to outward appearances, as other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the most casual observer, is yet unique among the towns of this or any land.

It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this, as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation, but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing the right by purchase, to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues.

A system of water works is now under construction, which will give water for private use and fire protection throughout the principal portion of the town.

The Fairhope policy elimiuates the land speculator entirely, but for those who WANT LAND FOR USE, whether for residence, business, manufacturing or farming, it can be readily demonstrated to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores, schools, blacksmith and butcher shops, doctors, churches, fine bathing and fishing, and exceptionally intelligent and sociable people.

Beautiful lots in the town, and farm lands adjacent to it, are open for settlers without purchase price on the Colony's favorable terms.

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Devoted to the Single Tax and its practical application by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.
See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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MORE LAND SECURED

Colony Domain More Than Doubled by the Acquisition of the Mann-Hoyle Tract of 2200 Acres

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New Domain Is the Absolute Gift of Mr. Joseph Fels to the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation. Magnificent Tract Joins Colony Land

We are just able to announce in this issue one of the most important events in the history of Fairhope—the addition of over 2,200 acres of land to the Colony domain, being the land which has been in litigation between Mr. S. S. Mann and George Hoyle.

This is an absolute gift from the Colony's royal friend, Mr. Joseph Fels of Philadelphia and London, the deal having been consummated by his able lieutenant, R. F. Powell, by purchase of the interests of both litigants—a most fortunate consummation for all parties concerned.

This adds nearly one and one-half times its previous area to the Colony domain.

The new acquisition is a magnificent tract of land lying nearly in a solid body and joining at several points the land already owned by the Colony, and guaranteeing that the Colony will be able to supply the demands of home-seekers for years to come.

And not only so, but it has upon it timber enough to supply the lumber for the improvements of hundreds of new settlers, the manufacture of which will furnish profitable employment to our mill and many of our people, and the stumpage of which will nearly equal the cost of the land, and can be used for still further increasing the Colony holdings.

We expect to have a little impromptu jubilee at the Fairhope House this evening to celebrate this important event. All members and friends of the Corporation are invited to be present.

The *South Alabamian*, of Jackson, edited and published by Mr. Eugene Louis Colley, formerly of the *Baldwin Times*, began with the last week in March, issuing twice a week. Jackson is a hustling town and ought to support Mr. Colley liberally in his enterprising effort to keep pace with its progress.

Courier Creates Interest

EDITOR COURIER:

I enclose check to carry my subscription to Dec. 12, 1906.

I am surprised at the growth of my interest in Fairhope since I subscribed for the paper with Prof. Bellaugee up in Missouri—in St. Joseph, I believe it was, one day last year, while he and I were holding down a seat in the station awaiting the arrival of an overdue train for Kansas City. I never thought I would look at it when it came. Professor B. was so full of Single Tax and Fairhope that after he had talked out I subscribed for the paper solely for the purpose of starting him up again, and I succeeded.

Since the COURIER has been coming I have read it with the greatest pleasure. I have one criticism—it isn't big enough. I seem to know you all now. Marie Howland seems like an old friend, and when I read in a late issue that the Editor and wife were dined at the Bayside Cafe, I feel that I am about ready to come down. Any town taking good care of the Editor is a safe and sane place, and will win out.

Seriously, Mr. Gaston, I am—barring accidents—determined to visit the little city of Fairhope next winter, and when I am put off at the wharf, Mrs. C. and I, we are going to make a bee line for the COURIER office first thing, and you are expected to first dine at the Bayside with us, then find a place in some good Single Tax family where I can take my initial lessons in that cult first hand. G. F. CRAMER.

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Vacant Lot Industry at Bay Minette.

A Fairhoper visiting Bay Minette cannot but be struck with the apparently flourishing condition of the "vacant lot industry" in the county-seat, and contrast it with the conditions at Fairhope. By far the larger part of the land within a radius of a half-mile of the court-house is not only not built upon, but is being put to absolutely no use whatever, save as free range for the village live stock. It is not enclosed, but is in the same natural condition, but for the cutting off of the forest, that it was generations ago. These vacant areas come up to the court-house square on all sides. Contrasting this with Fairhope, it is noted that, while some of the land is not put to such use as it is best suited for, there is not a lot unenclosed and wholly unused on Fairhope avenue from the wharf to the gully east of the Mershon field, a distance of one mile. Does not this conclusively prove that our policy is far more encouraging to land use and improvement than the policy pursued at the county-seat in common with all other towns but Fairhope?

The reason, of course, is this: that while lots in Bay

Minette have increased rapidly in value (the *Times* said soon after the decision of the supreme court affirming Bay Minette as the county seat, that there had been an increase of 50 per cent. in land values on account of the decision) the vacant lot taxes amount to practically nothing, so that the increase is all "velvet" to the land owners; while every increase in value because of the improvements of the individual gets on the tax list very quickly. In Fairhope the conditions are just reversed. The increase in the unimproved land value, in Fairhope, does not go to the individual, but to the community; while the improvement value is no part of it taken for the community, but is all left to the individual. The result is to encourage land use and discourage the holding of it idle. It is one of the purposes of Fairhope to demonstrate that this is not only a just policy, but that it tends more to encourage the building up of a town.

Fairhope Library Association.

Another has been added to the already numerous societies of Fairhope—the Fairhope Library Association. At a meeting of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation on Monday evening, the previously appointed committee on drafting a constitution for such an association, presented its report, and after its consideration section by section, it was duly adopted as follows:

Constitution of the Fairhope Library Association.

Art. I.—Name. The name of this organization shall be the Fairhope Library Association.

Art. II.—Object. The object of the Association shall be to promote the iuterests of the Fairhope Public Library, encourage its use, and affiliate with similar organizations.

Art. III.—Membership. Any one may become a member of the Association by paying a membership fee of one dollar.

Art. IV.—Dues. The annual dues thereafter shall be one dollar, payable during the first quarter of the year.

Art. V.—Officers. The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Art. VI.—Elections. Officers shall be elected annually on the first Tuesday in April.

Sec. 2. All elections shall be held in Fairhope and only those present in person shall be entitled to vote.

Art. VII.—By-Laws. By-laws governing the procedure of the Association may be adopted at any meeting by the members.

Art. VIII.—Amendments. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting, at least one month's notice of the same having been given.

It will be noted that this association is a thoroughly democratic one, to which anyone who is sufficiently interested to devote $1 a year to the library is eligible as a member. Such an organization can accomplish great good along the lines of work indicated by the constitution, and it is hoped that a large membership will be speedily enrolled.

By action of the meeting Monday evening, Mrs. Comings was appointed to receive applications for membership until Monday evening, April 30, when perma-

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nent officers will be elected from among and by those duly qualifying in the meantime.

Local and Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Comings entertained at the Gables, from Tuesday evening to Thursday morning of last week, Miss Harriet Kellogg and Miss Perley, teachers in the Emerson Institute, of Mobile.

We had a very pleasant visit from Friday evening to Saturday evening last week from R. S. McMahon of New Iberia, La. a most loyal friend of the Colony and the COURIER, and a prominent business man of his town.

Mr. Charles Wilson, our one-time baker, has, it is reported, purchased of Mr. Baldwin the stock of goods and business of the store at Volanta, lately managed by Mr. Gill, and will also have charge of the Volanta wharf and be assistant postmaster.

Miss Mary Gooding, a former resident of this place but now of Fairhope, is visiting friends in Fruitdale this week. She seems both surprised and pleased at the marked improvement in the town.—*Fruitdale Herald.* Miss Gooding returned to Fairhope this week Tuesday.

Mr. Frank Creswell has so adjusted his affairs that he was again able to open his doors, and resumed business on Wednesday. He now occupies the west half of the room formerly occupied by him, a partition having been run through the center of the building. Mr. Creswell has here fitted up one of the neatest little stores to be seen anywhere.

Rev. A. E. Shupe, former pastor of the Fairhope Christian Church, who sold his place recently to Mr. Tijou of St. Louis, and moved temporarily into the Getty cottage, will, we understand, return soon to Cleveland, Ohio, his former home. We fear, however, that, as on former attempts of his to return to that climate, he will find that he cannot remain there.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Beesley left on Tuesday morning for their former home at Hastings, Mich. They will remain there until about May 1, when they will go to Detroit, where Mr. Beesley has six months work for the Central Construction Company of Ohio. This is the company for which Mr. Beesley has been working for several months in Mobile and is one of the largest contracting concerns in the country. The COURIER will follow Mr. and Mrs. Beesley and they will have a good word to say for Fairhope whenever opportunity offers.

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Mr. L. S. Dickey, the well-known Single Taxer, now connected with *The Public*, is expected to arrive today for a brief visit to Fairhope.

Eleven hundred cars were required to handle the vegetables shipped out of Mobile county last year, according to Col. E. L. Russell of the M. & O. railroad.

Notice that every issue of the Courier now carries on the last page a half-page condensed statement regarding the Colony, which greatly increases its efficiency as a propaganda sheet. Heretofore, while every issue was primarily devoted to advancing the interests of the Colony, one not already familiar with the Colony plan could not from a single issue get a clear idea of just what the Colony was doing and how it was done. The new feature supplies this deficiency.

The Courier believes absolutely in the right of individuals to trade where they please, but would respectfully suggest that a wise self-interest directs that a purchaser should always give the preference, where prices and qualities are equal, to his home merchant. Money spent with your home merchants—save the portion which must of necessity be sent abroad for goods, stays at home and helps to swell the general prosperity. The local merchant, besides giving an equivalent in goods for your money, is in turn a customer of his patrons, exchanging that which represents his compensation for service rendered, for their products and services; while the margin of the out-of-town dealer is expended elesewhere and none of it comes back to you.

A gentleman who has been making the trip to Mobile on the steamer frequently and keeping tab on the business done at the various landings, says that the business at Fairhope, both passenger and freight, will average very nearly as much as at all of the other five landings above.

With such a showing of business it must not be expected that Fairhope will be satisfied to be simply a "way station" on the route, or to be made the terminus of a route including all the upper landings, which it is said will be the plan of the Bay Steamship Company when it puts both its steamers into service. While we have lost our "Fairhope" we have built up a business which should and must insure us prompt and satisfactory service.

LETTER FROM MR. BRINK.

Further Consideration Satisfies Him of Correctness of Fairhope Policy. Payment of Tax on Improvements out of Land Rent Fund Not an Injustice.

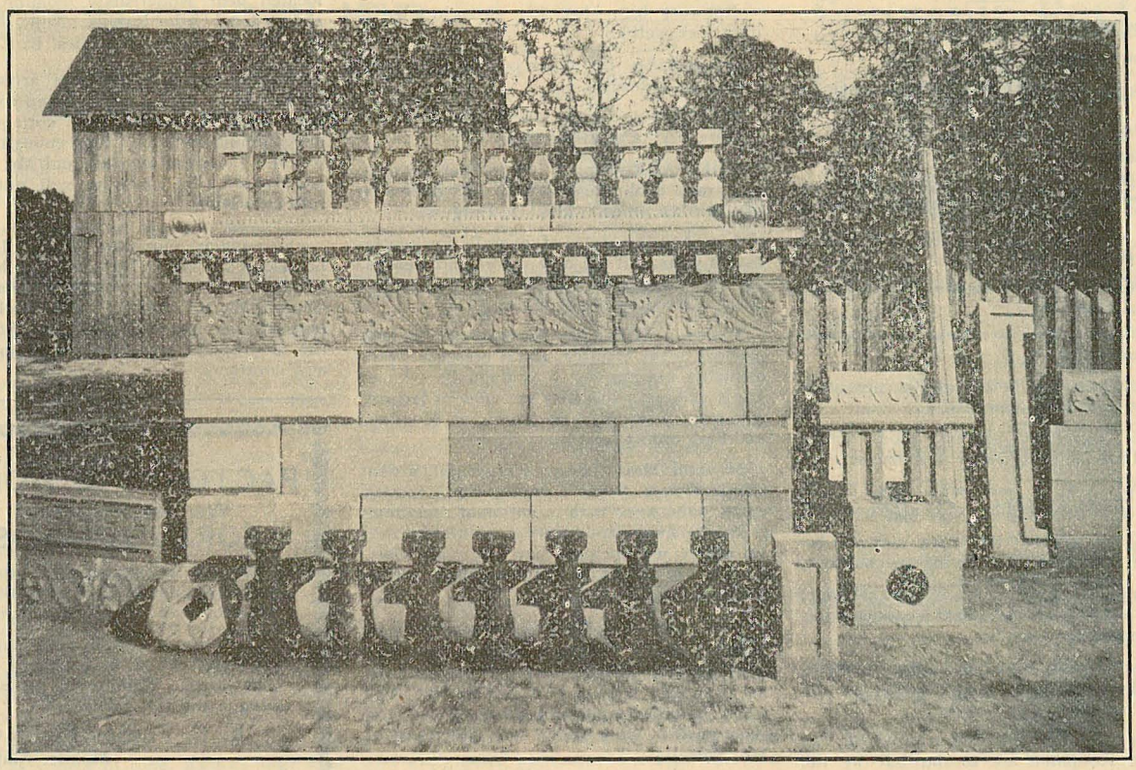
Editor Fairhope Courier:—You will remember that when at Fairhope I discussed with you the policy of the Colony in relation to certain features of its taxing system, the justice of which some of its members could not see. While I did not think the existing differences were such as to justify a division, or cause any serious friction, I told you I thought you had made a mistake in paying the state and county tax of the lessee out of the Colony fund, or land rental. It seemed to me that so long as a state and county tax had to be paid, the person upon whose property it was levied should pay it. That is, those who owned fine houses, costly furniture, or valuable paintings, or other articles upon which a tax was levied, ought to pay for the privilege of having these fine things out of their private funds, and not put the burden, even partially, on those who could not afford those luxuries. To the poor it looked as though the money they paid for the land rent was being used to pay taxes on the luxuries of their richer neighbors.

It seemed to me that an injustice was being done, but one so much a part of the system proscribed in your constitution, that it could not probably be changed.

Upon further reflection, however, I have concluded that no change is needed, as no injustice is wrought. The lessee pays to the Colony the rental value of the land he holds. The money so paid goes into and is part of the public fund to be used for the common benefit, roads, streets, water works and other things essential to the common welfare, and to each individual member, are created and maintained out of this fund. In these utilities all have a common interest and all share alike.

It is also true that the Colony is a part of the state and county, and as such receives certain services which the state and county render to all of the citizens, such as roads, court houses and the services of certain officials. As all share alike in the benefits which accrue, these services should be paid for from the common fund of all the people. The injustice is not in paying for such services from this fund, but in a system of taxation which fines a man for putting improvements on his place, and so fines industry and puts a check upon the production of wealth, which builds up a town and benefits the community.

The man with a thousand dollars in his pocket does not pay any more at the hotel for his dinner than the man with one dollar, neither should a man with a fine



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house pay any more for the services which the state nd county renders for the use of all its citizens alike than the man with a small or cheap house, thus the building of good houses would not be discouraged.

Believing you have adopted the correct Single Tax principle, I hope you will so convince all the members of your Colony. Respectfully your,

M. G. Brink.

Washington, D. C., March 31.

Landlord Reaps the Benefit.

A striking illustration of the great fact which lies at the bottom of our industrial problems—that all natural and artificial advantages existing in any locality are at once reflected in its land values—is given by Mr. L. E. Rafield of Coden, Ala., in a letter to the *Mobile Daily Herald*. Said he:

Our country out here was of little value before the Bayshore came this way. Then our lands on the coast were sold at $25 or $50 for eight-acre lots. Since the railroad came there has never been a lot sold for less than $800 or $1200. Our freight rates are very reasonable, as are the passenger fares, while the managers of the railroad encourage us all they can to build up this section by giving us cheap rates on all the produce we ship.

There you have it in all its baldness. The advent of the railroad with its "reasonable freight and passenger rates" and the efforts of its management to encourage the farming industry in that section, simply led to the increase of land values.

If you have an idle moment, employ it by saying a good word for your town. It will cost you nothing and will sound a lot better than wind-jamming the vicinity in which you live and listeners will believe you quicker and mark you as a progressive individual, instead of branding you as one of the missing links just escaped from Noah's ark. A man who belittles his town should be ashamed of himself and take to the woods, where, unmolested, he can hate himself into an unknown grave.—*Times*, Harbor Beach, Mich.

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The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. P. A. Parker at Volanta on Thursday afternoon.

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Rev. Simons departed for his home in Chicago on Thursday morning after a stay of three months or more during which he preached in the hall regularly for the Congregationalists and made many friends.

Mr. J. S. Fitzgerald of Centralia, Ill., is a recent arrival with his family via Robertsdale. They are occupying the Black cottage of Section street and expect to remain for the summer, which practically means that they will stay.

Superintendent of Water Works construction, Mr. J. J. Mogg is pushing work along vigorously on the water works system. He had planned to return north this month but is determined to see water flowing through the mains before he goes.

Mr. and Mrs Professor Albert Green of Mobile, passed through Fairhope on Monday morning returning to Mobile, from a visit with Dr. Slosson and family at Silver Hill. They were inquiring about cottages for the summer and said they hoped to spend the summer here.

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Professor Bellangee has one of the best gardens in the country, and it presents a very attractive appearance from Magnolia avenue. He is making a specialty just now of lettuce, sold quite a shipment in Mobile on Monday, and took orders for a quantity more.

Mr and Mrs. George Cartwright, ardent Single Taxers from Toronto, Can., arrived early in the week with intention of remaining if they find an opening to be profitably useful which we are sure they will. Mr. Cartwright has gone to work at once on the water works.

Mr. H. P. Clark who made many friends while working for Mr. Creswell and later with Mershon Brothers and the Merchandising Company lert for Philadelphia last week where he takes a position in vacant lot and shool garden work under the directions of Mr. Powell.

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Important Farmers Meeting.

The Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union will hold a special meeting at Fairhope hall on Tuesday, April 24th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

This will be an open meeting called at the order of the state officers, who will begin at that time an educational campaign which is to cover the whole state.

Several of the state officers will be in attendance.

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J. H. Jamison and wife, who have lately located near Robertsdale, coming to this county from Cedar Rapids, Neb., are visiting their friends Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ames.

Mr. and Mrs. Albright late arrivals from Parkersburg, W. Va., have taken rooms with Mrs Yarnelle in the Otto cottage. They are planning to remain long enough to realize on a garden at any rate and Mr. Albright has secured a lot which he will put at once into culivation.

Our popular contractor Mr. E. D. Brann has secured contract for erecting a handsome two-story, six-room cottage at Battles, for Captain W. B. Curran. The Beckner cottage will be completed by the fifteenth of the month and work will be begun on the new contract.

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Easter candies and novelties at Mershon Merchandising Company.

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Creswells store reopened Wednesday with a fresh line of groceries, vegetables, olives, pickles, preserves, etc.

Mrs. Schindler has been joined by her daughter, Miss Helen, a young lady. She arrived on Tuesday evening, Mrs. Schindler and John going to Mobile to meet her.

The walls are up for the Bancroft cement block house and the carpenters are now at work upon the building. It is the largest of the cement block buildings to this date, being 32x44 feet.

Lost Strayed or Stolen:--A dog with a tail as long as a piece of rope. Ears as large as a leaf. Eyes as large as a hole and a spot on his side next to the nose. The finder of this dog will please report the same to me. Dr. H. E. Scott, Battles, Ala

Mrs. Colonel Daniels and her mother, Mrs. Dwelly, left us last week Monday, destined for Graniteville, S. C., to visit their brother and son, Henry E. Rennia, Superintendent of the cotton mills there and one of the most expert men in his line in the world. The Colonel will remain a couple of weeks longer.

FOR SALE—The popular Fairhope House, a hotel of 16 rooms, on the beautiful bluff overlooking Mobile Bay. Acetylene light, an established and growing business, with two profitable seasons. This house is now doing a splendid all round business. Within five minutes walk of the wharf. Daily steamer to and from Mobile. For particulars address E. S. Ross, Fairhope, Ala.

White lawn shirt waist suits at Calls.

Mr. H. S. Lighthall of Marlow was in Fairhope last Friday and made the COURIER office a pleasant call, renewing his subscription for another year. Mr. Lighthall, it will be remembered, was thrown from his wagon last spring while going down Fairhope hill with a load of potatoes, and it was feared was badly injured, but made a surprising recovery for a man of his advanced years. We learned at the time of his visit of another adventure of his. In hauling cane to Mr. Smith he drove under a wire, which had dropped down across the road, catching him by the head, pulling him back over the seat and injuring him quite painfully.

The Trip Around the World.

Under the auspices of the Arts and Crafts Society on Wednesday evening was one of the most intructive as well as entertaing affairs ever given in Fairhope. The countries visited were Japan, Russia, Turkey, Italy, Germany, Holland and Great Britain. In all of the countries the national colors were prominent and special attention was given to the industries of the people.

In the Arts and Crafts Studio was an exhibit of work done by members of the home society including belts and pocket books of tooled leather, raffia hats and caps, pine needle and rattan baskets, wood work and book covering. Also a variety of things loaned by the town people.

Dr. Mershons' residence was transformed into a veritable Oriental establishment. In one room was a beautiful exhibit of china while in another tea was served and various characteristic souvenirs offered for sale. All the attendants were very attractive in their quaint Japanese and Chinese costumes and several times during the evening the guests were entertained with a Japanese wedding ceremony.

Opposite Mr. R. F. Powell's a tent was pitched where gypsies read the palms of those who wished to know aught of the past or future, A camp fire before the tent added to the wierdness of the scene and attracted many visitors.

The other countries were represented at "The Gables." As one entered the grounds he was greeted by strains of delightful music from the Fairhope orchestra which was stationed on the front gallery. Entering the house, one was met by two German maids and scattered around the room were many specimens of German work, and on the walls pictures of many of the celebrated buildihgs and cities of Germany.

The next room was given up to our Holland residents. They had fitted up the room with a hand woven carpet and rugs from Holland. Dutch pictures adorned the walls, photographs showing the different costumes of the old country people were scattered about, while in the center of the room was a table covered with a most unique spread from which they served tea in china brought by them to this country. At intervals throughout the evening they sang songs in their own language.

The British exhibit was almost wholly of china and various kinds of hand work some of it very beautiful and unusual In the same room was a Russian samovar and a large handsome piece of malachite, both of which were presented to Mr. Comings when in Russia a number of years ago.

The Turkish room was fitted up with rugs, cushions and a profusion of oriental colors and was presided over by two gentlemen in Turkish costume. In the Italian room the walls were covered with photographs and scattered around the room were many articles of interest. As so many expressed a desire to stdy this room more carefully Mrs. Comings will leave it for a time soas to give those who wish to do so an opportunity to see the photographs, etc. more leisurely.

On the east gallery ice cream was served and as they rested and refreshed themselves there all seemed to agree that it had been a most unique and profitable trip and gave the Arts and Crafts Society great praise for the pleasant evening they had spent.

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this, as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation, but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing the right by purchase, to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

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All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues.

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Jubilee Meeting over New Land Acquisition.

In her interesting letters, resumed in this issue, Mrs. Howland writes of our jubilee meeting at the Fairhope House on last Friday evening, to rejoice over the great enlargement of our land area by the generosity of Mr. Fels.

This was a great event in our history and we naturally felt like making some expression of our joy and of our appreciation of Mr. Fels' generous co-operation; and no less of the valuable and efficient service of Mr. R. F. Powell in consummating the deal.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed as expressing the sentiment of the meeting.

Resolved by the people of Fairhope in public meeting assembled:

That we regard the donation by Mr. Joseph Fels to Fairhope Single Tax Corporation of the Mann-Hoyle tract of land, upon which to extend the application of its principles, as not only a manifestation of the greatest generosity, but an expression of appreciation of our efforts which fills us with pleasure and pride.

Resolved: That with such co operation we feel inspired to new zeal and faithfulness in the cause for which we together stand.

Resolved: That we commend the faithful and capable manner in which our Mr. R. F. Powell, as Mr. Fels' representative, assisted in this matter.

Colorado's Fairhope.

Mr. F. B. Logan, secretary both of the Colorado Co-operative Co. and the Nucla Town Improvement Co., Nucla, Colo., with a recent interesting letter encloses a copy of the Nucla Town Improvement Co.'s lease, which is almost word for word like the Fairhope lease, except that the company does not agree to pay the state and county taxes on personal property of lessees, agreeing only to pay the taxes on land and improvements. Said Mr. Logan:

"We must have your paper to keep in touch with Fairhope. Our people need a whole lot of Single Tax doctrine instilled into their make-up to insure the complete success of Nucla as a Single Tax city, but we do not despair of making progress along the right lines. Practical experience is better than theory, and we already have some of both. In order to have funds to build a reservoir for domestic uses and fire protection; to complete our town hall and do some street grading, as well as pay the state and county taxes, it was unanimously voted last fall to raise $1,000 dollars by taxation of lessees. Now, as it would be natural to suppose, when the paying time comes we find some objectors, and it may be deemed best to take a referendum with a view to reducing the levy. And still all the improvements contemplated when the tax was voted appear almost indispensible. This subject of taxation will be seriously considered at the next meeting of the town trustees."

Of course it is not to be hoped that even a just policy can be applied without friction. Those who think otherwise simply overlook the imperfections of human kind; but Nucla is on the right track and we predict will come out all right.

Single Taxers who think they would prefer Colorado to Alabama, should look up the Nucla proposition. Doubtless Mr. Logan would be glad to supply information to any who request it.

Clinton Graham of Flushing, N. Y., renewing his own subscription and including the subscriptions of two friends, adds: "The Colony of Fairhope is a source of great pleasure to me and it is one of the pleasures that I look forward to with the greatest interest, when I may visit you. In some issues some time back there seemed to be some difference of opinion as to the policy to be pursued in connection with land revenues, and I looked forward eagerly to see that Single Tax had triumphed and that the greed of some men could not break up the good work you had started. I have been a Single Taxer for many years and I am as confident of the success of it as can be, but the great danger lies in man's instability. I say to you, work the Single Tax and nothing but the Single Tax—the rest can and will be easily arranged afterward; but first the corner stone must be laid."

Council Proceedings.

Executive Council met in regular session on Monday evening, with all members present, Vice President Stimpson in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The meeting of Friday evening at the Fairhope House to rejoice over the large addition to the Corporation's land area, the gift of Mr. Fels, was verbally reported by the secretary, and it was ordered that a report of the same be spread upon the record.

Wharfinger's report presented, showing:

Receipts for week ending April 7--freight, $23.52; passengers, $5.60 (44 coupons). Total, $29.72; net to Corporation, $17.47.

Week ending April 14—freight, $26.12; passenger, $6.60 (42 coupons). Total, $31.72; net, $19.03.

Following bills allowed:

Miss N. Clements, teaching for March	$53.25
Mrs. Ora A. Sweet, " " "	49.17
George Academy, " " "	25.00
Reimer Poorstra, road work	20.70
Wm. Stimpson, road work	8.50
J. W. Braam, telephone work	2.50
G. M. Bancroft, pd others for tel work	2.43
J. H. H. Smith, probate judge, rec. fees	1.90

Mrs. Chas. Wilson, boarding telephone hand, 1904..... 2.00
J. A. Patterson, charges on books..... .40

Secretary also reported issuance (under previous instructions) of order in favor of water works trustees for pay-rolls of weeks ending Apr. 7 and 14, for $44.65 cash, and an order in favor of same for balance of water certificates issued, $477.15, to be used by them as needed for payment of work and in exchange for subscriptions to the water fund, and reported to treasurer.

On application of Mershon Merchandising Co. for lease of land on beach, gravel bed and wharf privilege, the committee reported through Mr. Stimpson, chairman, recommending the granting of a lease to such ground as was wanted there, with wharf privilege, for cement industry alone, for a rent of $30 for the balance of this year, and to place gravel deposit in their hands, with right to take same for their use at a royalty of 25c a yard, others to be permitted to get same under their direction at same rate, they to have 10 per cent. of collections for looking after same. After discussing the matter at length, it was moved aud carried that action upon the matter be deferred until next meeting.

Question of the right of children living on Fairhope land temporarily, and particularly for enjoyment of school privileges, to free tuition was brought up, and it was moved and carried that such should be considered as "residents" and as such entitled to free tuition.

Application for membership of J. J. Pastoriza, of Houston, Texas, accompanied by check for full payment, was referred to a committee composed of Messrs. J. Bellangee, F. W. Rose, and Wm. Call, who reported immediately, recommending the granting of the application, which was done.

Mr. Bellangee stated that about $180 remained to be paid upon the White tract, and asked that an order be issued him for $145, which he thought with small amounts he had in hand and pledges which he could collect, would complete the payment. An order to the amount of $145 was ordered drawn in Mr. Bellangee's favor for the purpose.

Transfer approved from C. H. Babb to W. H. G. Rowe of lot 3, block 1, division 1 (livery stable lot); and from Jessie H. Bell to P. Y. Albright of lots 1, 2, and 3, block 3, division 4. Messrs. Patterson, Call, and Rose were appointed a committee to consider matter of management of hall.

Secretary reported receipt of deeds from Mr. Joseph Fels, through Mr. R. F. Powell, of Mann tract of 2,280 acres in sections 2, 11, 14, 15, 22, and 27; also sw¼ of ne¼ of section 15, purchased of C. F. Robinson, and of 18 acres in nw¼ of section 20, purchased of C. L. Mershon.

Messrs. Bancroft, Gaston, and Rose were appointed a committee to consider and report upon the matter of most profitable utilization of timber on newly acquired lands.

Mr. W. A. Baldwin said that if the land was to be thrown open for lease he might desire to apply for a portion, or to put in a bid for the stumpage.

Moved and carried that the old building on the White tract be advertised for sale and sold to the highest bidder, under direction of the superintendent of lands and highways and the secretary.

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Severe but Practical Test of Grain Bins at Duluth. Were Unharmed by Terriffic Heat.

A crucial test of the fire-resisting qualities of concrete construction in large structures, was the recent fire at Duluth which destroyed the "crib" or working elevator of the great elevator plant of the Peavey company of Minneapolis.

C. S. Deaver, treasurer and one of the partners of F. H. Peavey & Co., has returned from an inspection of the Duluth elevator, and is enthusiastic in his praise of concrete.

The plant consists of a series of thirty-five great circular bins with a capacity of nearly 4,000,000 bushels. These bins tower to a height of 110 feet, and are of steel frame, which in turn is completely covered with concrete. Six of these bins directly face the crib, which itself has a capacity of 1,000,000 bushels and which was destroyed by the fierce flames.

The terrific heat to which the concrete bins were subjected may be imagined when it is stated that the heat broke glass in windows of buildings a half mile away across the bay on the shore of which the plant is located. Mr. Deaver says the bins were not in the least injured. The concrete is not even blackened with smoke, the heat having been so great that the smoke was burned off. There is not the slightest sign of cracking in any part of the concrete walls, though they have been examined carefully. The steel framework was so well covered with concrete that it did not get a chance to become sufficiently hot to expand and do any damage. Nor was the grain within the bins in the least damaged.

Mr. Deaver considers that for fire protection concrete cannot be equalled by any other material.

The Peavy concrete elevator plant at Duluth was among the first structures of the kind erected in the west, and the fire has fully demonstrated the wisdom of the architects who recommended its use, and that of its owners who followed the suggestion.—*Cement Age.*

The secretary and the local Arts and Crafts Society have been for some time in communication with Mr. Wangeman of Chicago, with regard to the establishment of an art pottery ware and enameling business here and the prospect is excellent for at least getting him down here to size up the situation.

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Mr. Craig writes from Colorado Springs on his return home and says. "We both testify that Fairhope is a good place for those afflicted with catarrh, and the social life there is wonderful."

Mr. Powell left on last Saturday evening's steamer for his work in Philadelphia, with the thanks of Fairhope, and the satisfaction of having accomplished one of the best works ever done for Fairhope and the Single Tax cause in general.

We noted with pleasure the republication in the *South Alabamian* of April tenth, of the very clever story "Whose Land," from Hudson's Magazine, published some years ago in the COURIER. It shows up the inequity and iniquity of our land policy about as cleverly as any thing ever written.

Miss Caroline Knox of Chicago, renewing her own subscription to the Courier, encloses another dollar for two six months subscriptions to friends and, says: "I have believed in Fairhope from its inception and have become intimately acquanted with the Colony and its people through your very interesting little paper."

Through Marion Mills Miller of New York we learn that Mr. Gustav Stickley, publisher of *The Craftsman*, designer of "Craftsman" houses and manufacturer of "Craftsman" furniture, has decided to start a colony near New York City, chiefly to exhibit physically his "Craftsman" ideas. Mr. Miller says he has interested him very much in the Fairhope plans, and at his request we have furnished him with literature regarding same.

All the way from New Zealand Mr. George Stevenson sends us a money order for (£1) for renewing his subscription to the COURIER, and the balance to be applied to the library or water-works funds, at our discretion; in the exercise of which we shall apply it to the library fund. Mr. Stevenson adds this cheering message: "I believe you are doing a splendid work for the cause and hope you may continue to do so, with greater success.

HOW I BECAME A SINGLE TAXER
By Bolton Hall

You ask "How I became a single taxer?"

I supposed for a long time, that if men's hearts were right their heads would take care of themselves, consequently I used to ask all with whom I was sufficiently intimate about their spiritual welfare. But now I am what Milliken calls a "reformed Sunday-school teacher."

In the last class I had one of the boys said to me, "Please, Mister, that w'ot you told us last Sunday ain't so." On reflection I found, sure enough, it wasn't so.

However, it was not that which changed my life. I read "Progress and Poverty," or part of it, shortly after it came out, but it made no impression on my mind; mainly, I think, because it seems to say in the beginning that the poor are growing poorer.

When "Looking Backward" came out I read that, too. "Here" thought I, "is a fellow who sees that the world is crooked and wants to set it straight. I will look into this." So I wrote to Bellamy and, as I wanted to get the full testimony, I wrote also to Dennis Kearney and to Henry George, the only agitators whom I knew. The letter to Dennis went astray. Bellamy wrote me a list of some fifty Nationalist Clubs and I wrote to all the secretaries, and read what they sent me, all of it, and by the help of Providence and tobacco, I am here still.

George wrote as follows:

"I send you a copy of the *Standard* as perhaps the best answer to your question. It contains a list o clubs, but we are far from having an organization.

"I wish you would look a little into our views and aims. I am sure you will find them the only remedy for social diseases and the only avoidance of social disaster."

That was about 1888. Well, I got all that the Jesuits had written against the Single Tax and I also got the Saratoga discussion. I wrote to all the professors I knew for the names of books to confute the Single Tax. I read those, too; here am I. Lo, you see I am, like Paul, "as one born out of season." Since then I have been trying to make up for lost tine.

Local and Personal.

Captain Babb and his sister, Mrs. Marshall, of Montrose, visited Mr. Gelink at Fairhope on Wednesday.

Mrs. Josie Walker and her daughters Jeannette and Rachel, of East Thomas, Ala., near Birmingham, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dorchester. Mrs. Walker is Mrs. Dorchester's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckner and daughter moved last Friday into their elegant new home on Church street. This is one of the most attractive and comfortable homes in Fairhope, a credit to Mr. Beckner, the contractor Mr. E. D. Brann, and an ornament to the town.

Mrs. M. H. Wagner, of Bismarck, North Dakota, who has been for some time with her daughter, at Judge Anderson's in Montrose, is spending a few days with her old time friend, Dr. Atkinson. Mrs. Moses, of Montrose, a sister of Judge Anderson, also visited Dr. Atkinson yesterday.

Says W. L. Miggett, superintendent engineering shops of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: "Please

find enclosed check for one dollar in payment for one year's subscription to the COURIER. I am glad to know that the Colony is in a prosperous condition and am sorry things are such that I cannot take more active interest in it. To maintain the Colony and finally make it a self supporting community will be of great value to the Single Tax movement, and to the study of sociology in general. I hope you will continue to prosper."

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

The Pines, April 17. * * * No wonder, Ada, that you think I am entering on a period of "permanent silence;" but you are far too much troubled about my health. Why, I have not been so strong for weeks, and I mean to escape any relapse this coming summer by accepting an invitation to take an "outing" in Colorado. I do not yet see my way clear to the preparation for the journey. To be sure I have a hat at last—a lovely raffia hat, done by the deft fingers of Mrs. Freeman, assisted in the planning of it by Miss Lyon; but you see a hat—even a raffia hat—is not all that is requisite for a traveling costume. Well, we shall see, by and by if the plan can "materialize." No, I am nowhere near any such state as my friend terms "permanent silence." Hereafter, about every other week you will find me in the COURIER under the old familiar heading. If I go away I shall have more leisure and shall tell you of my "junketing". I mean if I am so fortunate as to realize this needed rest.

* * * Going up to the grocery this morning, I was delighted to see that our water main is steadily "crawling" up Fairhope avenue.

It is today opposite Nathaniel Mershon's.

Men were down in the bottom of it throwing up the yellow earth. It will be a proud day for Fairhope when the water is running through that main to the different houses. How much I desire to have this good, pure, spring water at the Pines. But I must wait on *res angusta domi*, you know.

We had one of our notable meetings last Friday evening at the Fairhope House to honor the occasion of our gift of a great tract of land from our friend, Mr. Fels.

He is over sensitive about any word of the praise and gratitude that fills our hearts; but, you see, we had him at our mercy, for he was in London and could not protest (I almost said "squirm") over every word of that praise and gratitude. He is always working for Fairhope principles, but I assure you he would be popular here had he never given us a cent, for he is one of the most genial and agreeable of men.

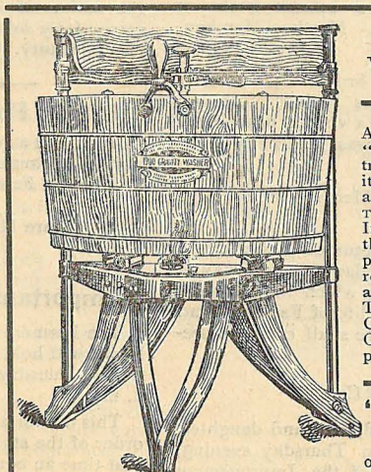
Before the meeting was called to order the orchestra played, and I had the pleasure of hearing our new member, Mr. Lyon, play upon the violin. He takes hold of Fairhope with a quiet interest that promises well for him and the rest of us. Also our male quartet sang on the veranda behind a thick screen of rain falling in torrents, one of their favorite songs: "Juanita," and it was really finely done. Dear me! how nice it would be if we had time to hear more songs and to get acquainted with each other! Mr. Gaston, Mr. Powell, and Mr. Bellangee were the principal speakers. Dr. Edelman gave us a few minutes and urged the establishment of a special sanitarium here. A brilliant young Single Taxer from Can., who, and his young and girlish-looking wife have joined us recently, made an attractive short speech; The principal address was that of Mr. Powell, responding to the invitation of Mr. Gaston to give his "experience" in the late land deal, he having power of attorney from Mr. Fels. He was even more calm; self possessed and eloquent than usual, and was much applauded. Toward the last of his address, and without the least interruption to the current of his "experience," he handed to Mr. Gaston the secretary of the Corporation, you know, the documents, or rather the legal instruments that put us formally in possession of this so much desired and needed extension to our domain. He explained carefully the motive of that extension: to afford opportunity for more people to settle on the land and build up homes, prosperous and beautiful as most of ours now are, tho' not many of them represent much show of money expenditure.

By far the most interesting part of his remarks was the prophecy that our enterprise is the entering wedge that must eradicate land speculation. He was able to very forcibly illustrate this by actual examples of the settlers that have bought land near ours; and especially of the real estate "boomers" who have induced people to buy lots of them and then have left them to their fate. Our earnest and able Comrade Bellangee made a very short but eloquent address, his main point being the importance of our realizing the very great responsibility that rests upon the people here, and especially upon the officers we elect to administer our affairs. His earnest words made a strong impression upon the audience, and they expressed it in applause.

I want to tell you of the gardens of Fairhope at this season, and especially of the roses on every hand that fill the whole air with their perfume and our hearts with admiration; but that shall be "continued in our next."

Creswell Improvements for Sale.

Owing to his advancing years and the delicate health of his daughter, Miss Minnie, Mr. Henry Creswell offers for sale the improvements on the beautiful tract held by him on Section street, either as a whole or divided to suit. This comprises a very desirable and very nicely improved property, and prices will be made right. Inquire of COURIER for further particulars.



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Mr. Wm. T. McMullen, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is spending a few days with his old friend, Mr. L. Vanderbeck.

Don't forget regular services at the Christian Church each Lord's day and a cordial invitation is given to you to attend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, formerly of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, now living near Robertsdale, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ames last week, returning home on Saturday.

White elbow mits at Call's

Robac offers all of Creswell's stock of clothing for men, boys and children, including suits and men's and boy's pants. Also paints, crockery, toys, graniteware, etc.

Mrs. Laura Creswell Jacobs, and son Sumner, left on Thursday morning for their home in Cleveland, after a visit of about a month with her father, Mr. Henry Creswell.

We have just received a nice line of trunks, and suit cases, we think we can save you some money if you are in need of anything in this line. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Miss Addie Fitzgerald is acting as stenographer and clerk at Mershon Merchandising Company. Ladies will find this to their advantage as she will be there to attend to their wants.

Have you seen our latest and newest Concrete Building Blocks? If not it will pay you to make a visit to our cement works at Mr. Littlefield's place. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mr. Wm. H. Gaston, brother of the editor, left for his home in Des Moines, Iowa, on Tuesday morning, after a visit of nearly four months, by which he was materially benefitted in health.

Buggies! Buggies at Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Flinn returned to their home in Peoria, Ill., on Monday, after a stay of several months, during which they entered heartily into the social life of Fairhope, and made many friends. We shall count on seeing them here again.

New lawn kimonas at Call's.

Mr. T. E. McFarland, wife and daughter, of Chicago, arrived on Thursday evening, and will occupy one of the Improvement Co's cottages on Fels avenue, until repairs are made upon the Atwood-Bishard place in section 27, recently purchased by them.

White duck skirts at Call's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis left on Tuesday morning for their home at Scranton, Iowa, after a winter pleasantly spent here. Mr. Lewis is an active immigration agent for Fairhope and will probably send or bring some other friends next winter.

Banner patterns at Call's.

Mrs. R. F. Powell, who is a practical gardener, as well as Mr. Powell, (and also their daughters,) has favored the editor with a mess of nice new potatoes from their fine patch on the old Delamere tract. They have nearly an acre and they are doing finely. Some of these potatoes are larger than a hen's egg.

New goods received every day by the Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. Conrad Steiger, an old German-Swiss gentleman who has been long in America, having served with Pennsylvania troops during the civil war, landed in Fairhope a little over a week ago with a "hard luck story"—out of work and funds. He is a barber by trade, and through the kindness of friends has been installed in the office of the Fairhope Concrete Works, at the head of the wharf, where he is ready to attend to the wants of the public in the tonsorial line. Give him a trial.

Large shipment of muslin underwear just received at Call's.

Miss Winnie Patterson received word Tuesday of the death of her brother Ralph at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, on Monday of this week. Ralph was her only brother, and will be remembered by many Fairhopers, as he visited here some four years ago. His ambition had alway been to be a soldier, and he had seen service with the English army in South Africa and later with the U. S. army in the Phillipines. The African fever left him in bad shape, and he fell a victim to consumption in the Phillipines. He was invalided to Fort Bayard about a year ago.

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For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

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Important Farmers Meeting.

The Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union will hold a special meeting at Fairhope hall on Tuesday, April 24th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

This will be an open meeting called at the order of the state officers, who will begin at that time an educational campaign which is to cover the whole state.

Several of the state officers will be in attendance.

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More Sanitarium Talk.

Dr. Edelman, the brilliant young physician of Mobile, who has visited us two or three times and given us a couple of much enjoyed lectures, was over on last Friday evening—the occasion of the jubilee meeting over the increase of our land area—and presented the matter of a sanitarium here especially for the treatment of catarrhal and bronchial affections, for which our climate is in itself so beneficial, and in which he is a specialist of wide reputation.

The doctor, who is an ardent reformer and has become greatly interested in Fairhope, would be glad to co operate in the establishment of such an institution here, provided the people generally would interest themselves in it to the extent to which they were able.

Much interest was manifested in the matter and we hope that the plans will materialize.

Woodmen Meet.

Fairhope Camp, Woodmen of the World, met on Tuesday evening and had the pleasure of entertaining a number of visiting Woodmen, including Messrs. Andrew Verneuille, consul commander, and E. L. Cahall, clerk, of Forest Camp, Mobile, Sovereign Frank Troup of Point Clear, whose membership is also in Forest Camp, also Sovereigns P. W. McAdams, John Young, E. E. Grace, N. G. McKenzie and J. W. Lea, of Live Oak Camp, Daphne. Messrs. Verneuille and Cahall, who are thoroughly posted on Woodcraft, gave the local Woodmen some long-desired instruction in the secret work of the order, Mr. Verneuille, by invitation of Consul Commander Mershon, officiating in his stead.

After the business of the evening was concluded, the Mershon store was drawn upon for refresements consisting of cakes in variety, lemonade, cheese, etc., and a generous feast enjoyed in the hall.

The local lodge is in a flourishing condition, having recently received seven new applications for membership.

See Carlson about the metal shingles before you decide on the covering for your roof.

Water Works Progress.

Work is going forward rapidly on the water works system. The boiler and pump are connected up and water has been forced up through the mains as far as the corner of Church street. As we write (Friday) workmen are busy digging the trench for the pipe in front of the COURIER office and Mr. Pomeroy is following close on their heels with the pipe laying. Connection with the tank will probably be made before tomorrow night or by Monday at the latest.

Irish Potato Crop.

The Irish potate crop, though receiving quite a set-back by the late frost, is coming on splendidly now, and farmers are getting their barrels on the ground ready for digging. The finest field noted in a somewhat extended drive, last week, by Mr. Powell and the editor, was that of Mr. Amos H. Wagner, who lives down near Point Clear. Mr. Wagner had a large field which looked exceedingly well, though not advanced as far, he said, as usually at this date. Mr. Wagner is the heaviest fertilizer we know of. He says that every barrel he planted represented an investment for seed and fertilizer of about $30, or $60 an acre. With such fertilizing, however, Mr. Wagner makes potatoes quick and fine, getting the top prices. He says he has not failed to make a good profit on his potato crop, except last year, when wet weather rotted a large part of his seed.

Visit of L. S. Dickey.

Mr. L. S. Dickey, of Chicago, arrived on Tuesday evening and remained with us until Friday morning, spending the intervening time renewing acquaintances with old friends, making new ones and "getting wise" upon the Fairhope plan, its workings, and its possibilities, from its friends and critics.

His visit was largely due to the insistence of Mr. Fels, as he stated, though he had long desired personally to visit the Colony. He said that almost every day he was inquired of about Fairhope, and felt that he ought to be advised by personal investigation of conditions here, so that he can respond intelligently to such inquiries. Among those of our citizens whom Mr. Dickey had known intimately in Chicago, were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Dealy, and S. E. Gooding, all of whom were particularly glad to meet him again.

On Thursday evening there was a very pleasant little informal gathering of Fairhopers at the Fairhope house, to visit with Mr. Dickey and talk Fairhope with him.

Mr. Dickey is now connected with "The Public" generally rated by Single Taxers as the "best paper published," and has been out on a campaign in its interest.

We hope and believe that Fairhope made a favorable impression upon Mr. Dickey, as we know it deserved to do.

He was hurrying back home to attend the wedding of a daughter which occurs next Wednesday and some of our people are going to join in sending for the occasion, a lot of our beautiful roses and other flowers which they were assured would be appreciated most highly. Any one having any particularly fine flowers to offer for the occasion please deliver at Mrs. Howland's on Sunday evening.

Concrete Facts.

The public is invited to drop in at the office of the Fairhope Concrete Works and see what is being done there. The manager, Capt. G. A. R. Lawrence, will be glad to talk to visitors.

For wood and posts, promptly deliverd, see Reimer Poortstra or leave orders for him at the Post Office News Stand.

Please note that orders for wood of Van Bavel & Koopman are to be left at the COURIER office—not elsewhere.

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The "Single Tax Colony."

Fairhope, to outward appearances, as other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the most casual observer, is yet unique among the towns of this or any land.

It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this, as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation, but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing the right by purchase, to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues.

A system of water works is now under construction, which will give water for private use and fire protection throughout the principal portion of the town.

The Fairhope policy elimiuates the land speculator entirely, but for those who WANT LAND FOR USE, whether for residence, business, manufacturing or farming, it can be readily demonstrated to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores, schools, blacksmith and butcher shops, doctors, churches, fine bathing and fishing, and exceptionally intelligent and sociable people.

Beautiful lots in the town, and farm lands adjacent to it, are open for settlers without purchase price on the Colony's favorable terms.

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The Fairhope Courier.

Devoted to the Single Tax and its practical application by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.
See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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Make May 15 "Courier Day."

A little while back Mr. Bryan's *Commoner*, acting on the suggestion of a friend, set a day to be known as "Commoner Day," on which particular day every friend of the paper was urged to a special effort to increase its circulation.

We are going to propose a similar effort of the friends of the COURIER and hereby set May 15 as *Courier Day*.

Friends of the paper are eager to see it enlarged, and none can be more so than the publisher, but an enlargement would not be justified on the present subscription list. Just as soon as the circulation will warrant it, the enlargement will be made.

The chief expense in publishing a paper is in getting it ready for the press.

To print a thousand more papers would entail comparatively small increased expense, and would enable us to make the improvement which we both desire.

Don't neglect anything you can do in this line in the meantime, but remember and make May 15 *Courier Day*.

White Tract Fully Paid For.

Mr. Bellangee, who has had the matter of securing the money needed to close up the option on the White tract specially in mind, remitted the final balance a few days ago, and the Corporation will soon be the owner in fee simple of this beautiful tract. It comprises a little over 40 acres, with a most beautiful frontage on the bay below Captain Nichols' of about 400 feet, and extending east to the line of the D. S. Brown Tract, (Church street). It has already been platted in conformity with the Morphy tract, which passed into our hands a couple of years ago, and will be available for lease as soon as the deed is received. The thanks of the Colony and its friends are certainly due Mr. White for coming to the front at the call of the Colony when this land was about to be sold, purchasing it and holding it for over six years now, subject to an option of purchase to the Colony, at a six per cent. per annum advance on its original cost.

Water Works News.

By hustling work of the whole force, the pump on the beach was connected with the tank, on last Saturday, April 21, (historic day) and water was turned into the Fairhope Ave. main. A hose with ¾ inch nozzle attached to the fire hydrant in front of Mr. Robac's store and a fine stream thrown to a height which would easily have put water on top of any building on our highest ground, with a pressure of only sixty pounds on the boiler. Monday morning pressure was again put upon the main to discover any leaks, of which there were but a very few small ones, which were easily stopped by Mr. Pomeroy, who made the connections on the cast pipe, and his work was done. Attention was next directed to putting in the lateral mains, that on Bay View avenue being the first, which has been extended as far north as Dr. Atkinson's, as far as it will go at present. The first house connection was made on this line--and very properly to Mr. Mogg's house—on Tuesday. In that portion of the town a fine pressure is secured from the tank when the pump is not running. As anticipated, much more interest is manifested in securing connections with the system, as it nears completion, than when it was only talked of and we predict that it will not be long until practically every improvement upon the line of the mains is connected with the system.

A Fairhoper Contrasts Fairhope and Montrose.

One of our citizens who visited friends at Montrose recently, had occasion to correct some very erroneous impressions regarding Fairhope policy, and in the conversation illustrated the benefits of that policy in stimulating the upbuilding of a place, by contrasting Fairhope and Montrose. This friend of Fairhope—not a member, by the way—showed how the Fairhope policy of collecting the rental value of the land for public use, destroyed land speculation and made it easy for those wanting sites for homes or business to get them; thus encouraging improvement, increasing opportunities for employment, and powerfully contributing toward the rapid growth of Fairhope--which had been commented upon with admiration, though the policy contributing to it had been condemned.

This led to the giving by the Montrose friend of a great deal of interesting information on how *not* to make a town grow, as exemplified in the history of Montrose. Numerous instances were cited of persons who had become enamored of the charms of that beautiful location and had wanted to make improvements there, but the first requisite—the site—was not obtainable. The sites were there; they were unused or poorly used, but it cost practically nothing to hold them, they were increasing constantly in value, the owners were on "easy street" financially and didn't have to sell nor would they do so. Time and time again they had refused to even set a price, and those who would have been glad to swell the population and activities of Montrose, given employment to Montrose mechanics and laborers, contributed to its social and business life, had been driven away.

We note the announcement for the legislature, of Captain D. C. Byrne, of Bay Minette and take pleasure in calling the attention of Fairhopers to the valuable service rendered them by Captain Byrne, in connection with the passage of the bill before the last legislature under which the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation was incorporated.

Councilman Discusses Pending Questions.

Editor Courier:

The council has under consideration at present two questions of more than ordinary importance. One of these questions concerns an application by the Mershon Merchandising Company for a lease on a certain tract of land including the gravel pit. The Company intends to erect a concrete factory and requests the privilege of building and operating a wharf. Personally I am in favor of granting all that the Mershon people ask in this instance except the gravel pit. I think they might be given control of that with such reservations as would secure the equal rights of all other users of gravel. Giving them a wharf privilege is objected to by some on the ground that it would give them a monopoly. Now, if they were given the exclusive privilege of operating wharves on our shore they would certainly have a monopoly, but I fail to see how they would have any unjust advantage in being permitted to operate a wharf from the land covered by their lease. They would have a monopoly of their own wharf, but that could not of itself give them a monopoly of the wharf business any more than having a monopoly of their own store can of itself give them monopoly of the merchandising business.

The Fairhope Corporation is by its constitution prohibited from giving a private franchise for the supplying of its members with transportation facilities, but it is not thus prohibited from permitting anyone to operate a wharf for his own use or for the use of the general public outside of the membership. So long as the Colony maintains its own wharf which its members can use or not as they please it is in this respect living up to its constitution. There are three telephone systems, one owned and operated by the Colony and the others by private corporations. Why not have two wharves?

The other question alluded to relates to the saw timber on the land recently acquired by the Colony. There seems to be some disposition to get rid of this timber as quickly as possible, leaving only the stumps for future settlers. I believe that such action would be not only unwise but wicked. The future settler would find the land denuded of about the only thing that could be of value to him during the first year or two of his residence. The average settler on Colony farming land from which the saw timber has been removed gets nothing from his land during the first year but hard work, disappointments and the privilage of paying rent. I believe it would be a good plan to plat this land in twenty acre lots and then permit no one to cut any saw timber from it except upon condition that the lumber be used upon the tract from which the logs were taken. A reasonable charge could be made for stumpage. Under this plan the Colony would be doubly benefitted, because it would get paid for its timber and yet have it remain on its land in another and more desirable form.

And every future settler on this land would be able to get a coniderable amount of comparatively cheap lumber from his own holding. I was very glad when I read in the Courier that this land had upon it timber enough to supply the lumber for the improvements of hundreds of new settlers. I trust that this promise may be fulfilled in the spirit in which it was made.

Fred Mathison.

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Architects Inspect Concrete Block Works.

At the invitation of the Mershon Merchandising Co., a number of Mobile architects took advantage of the Sunday round trip of the steamer *Carney* last Sunday to see the cement blocks manufactured by the Mershon Merchandising Co., and the cement block houses constructed by them. There were twelve or fifteen in the party and they expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the variety of the designs put out by the Mershon Merchandising Co , They saw, of what they had been skeptical hitherto, that their artistic and architectural skill could have full scope and their designs be worked out in this everlasting material.

As a result of the visit Messrs. Pilcher and Littlefield of the company went to Mobile on Monday and closed a contract for furnishing the trimming for the handsome new Presbyterian church being constructed there under the direction of Messrs. Hurlburt and Co., one of the leading firms of architects of Mobile. The material for this contract is being made right on the ground, under the direction of the architects and for that purpose, the block machines have been taken to the city—and Mr. Littlefield is there with his chief assistants Messrs. Howarth and Dyson. In this work the red sand from the bluffs at Fairhope is being used for facing, being shipped to Mobile for the purpose. It is confidently believed that this contract will be an advertisement for the work of the Mershon Merchandising Co., which will secure to them many other contracts.

Congratulations from Jose Gros.

My Dear Mr. Gaston:—My profound congratulations to the 100 or more families constituting what I call "the miniature Kingdom of Heaven in the United States."

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That God may protect you all with His highest joys is the wish of Yours,

Jose Gros.

M. A. Dressler of Dresden, Germany, is a new subscriber to the Courier and is thinking of coming to Fairhope to live in the near future.

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Jno. F. Ford of Brooklyn missed a copy of the Courier and writing for another says: "The world's news is quite incomplete without the Courier."

A first-class Single Taxer who has identified himself with Fairhope by sending in his application for membership, accompanied by his check for $100, is Mr. Wm. L. Heller of Lancaster, N. Y. Mr. Heller visited Fairhope several years ago and has ever since been an enthusiastic friend of the Colony and planning to return some day and live with us. We hope his coming may not be long delayed.

We have sent out a number of notices of expiring subscriptions and hope that they will be given prompt attention. If you want the paper continued—as we hope and trust—please send on your renewal promptly. But if you do not care to have it continued you will confer a great favor upon the publisher by notifying him to discontinue, either by card to him or notice to your postmaster.

Some surface observers think that the greatest menace to this country is the flood of ignorant foreigners which is constantly streaming to our shores, but the public school reports in the Connellsville coke region show that the children of foreign born parents, notably those of Slavish extraction stand at the head of their classes. Which indicates that if only economic freedom prevailed our foreign immigration need be no menace.

As noted in the Council proceedings in the last Courier, Mr. J. J. Pastoriza of Houston, Texas, was accepted as a member of the Corporation on the 16th. Mr. Pastoriza is one of the best known of Southern Single Taxers, and a gratifying fact in connection with his application for membership is that it was made on his return home from a personal visit here—his second. Having satisfied himself by personal investigation of the soundness and practical value of the Single Tax work being done at Fairhope, Mr. Pastoriza thus identifies himself with it and gives it his moral and financial support.

Mr. Rose's friend, Mr. George Dixon of Piedmont, W. Va., writes him from Tucson, Ariz., where he was sent by his physician, that he has become deeply interested in Fairhope and determined to come here. He reports it very hot in Tucson now, and that "they say the thermometer gets up to 120° in July and August." Living is very high there—oil 40c a gallon, ham 30c a pound, and other things in proportion. Mr. Dixon is a reader of the Courier and has been reading up on the Single Tax and becoming more and more interested.

The Courier frequently contrasts policies and conditions at Fairhope and elsewhere, particularly in near by towns. We hope no offense will be given by this course for none is intended. The Courier has the kindliest feeling toward the people of all sections of Baldwin County, rejoices in their prosperity, and sympathizes with them in the obstacles to be contended with, but a chief purpose of Fairhope is to make "good theories work"; to show by example the wisest and best methods to pursue. And in no way can the lessons of its experience be made of so much educational value as by contrasting their results with those of contrary policies in specific localized instances. Abstractions attract the attention of comparatively few. Definite, concrete illustrations of results appeal to almost everyone.

A Message From Watros.

M. V. Watros writes from Enid, Oklahoma where he is now located, subscribing $10 for the new library building. "The crown of the hill in the park is *the* location." Watros adds: "I hope to get a lay-off for a few weeks and if I do, will make Fairhope a visit before any place on earth I know of.

Am working hard and saving what I can to come back some day and finish the race there. Give my regards to all the old-time friends."

Belated critics still assert occasionally that a tax on land values would be paid by tenants in the form of high rents. If the landlord could raise the rents then, he could raise them now! You may take it for Gospel that the landlord gets all he can all the time. And instead of a land values tax raising rents, it would lower them—pretty considerably, too. What raises rent is an increasing demand for an insufficient supply of land.—*Taxation*

Commoner for Public Ownership.

Replying to a correspondent who chides it for giving attention to railroad rate regulation when public ownership is the only real solution of the question, the *Commoner*, Mr. Bryan's paper, thus came out flatly for public ownership.

The *Commoner* believes that public ownership will be necessary in order to bring about the reforms required by public interests. But there are many people who, while favoring these reforms, object to government ownership and prefer government regulation. Regulation is one step in the right direction, and the *Commoner* thinks it is the duty of all who believe in government ownership to give encouragement to all honest efforts toward government regulation. If it shall be demonstrated, as we believe it ultimately will, that government regulation will not provide the necessary permanent remedies, then those who, while honestly advocating government regulation differ with us as to government ownership, will unite in the effort to

place the transportation lines in the absolute control of the people.

Large Meeting of Farmers

The meeting of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union at Fairhope on Tuesday, was largely attended, the farmers coming from all directions. The open session was held at the platform under the Magnolia, on the beach. Addresses were made there in the morning by state President I. A. Worley, state organizer Morris and Mr. E. Q. Norton, of Daphne.

After a picnic dinner in the park, Mr. G. T. McElderry, of Talladega, farmer, fertilizer manufacturer and candidate for state railroad commissiner spoke, at the same place and then an adjournment was had to the hall where a secret executive session was held.

Local and Personal.

Next week Saturday, May 5, strawberries, ice cream and cake will be served at the hall, the proceeds to be used for the Hanson building fund. As there is nearly $30 due on the place the public is urged to come and help along this worthy cause. Good music and a few addresses will be features of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mogg, Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft and Mr. and Mrs. Gaston were guests at dinner on Tuesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Brown at their delightful suburban home. Mrs. L. E. Page, Mrs. Brown's mother, was also present, having come over from Mobile for a short visit, while Mr. Page was in attendance as a delegate at the state Sunday-school convention.

The agitation in favor of the utilization of our soil for home gardens seems to be bearing fruit. There are an unusual number of such gardens this spring. Among these we may mention, among those noted by the editor, those of Mr. T. N. Freeman, Mr. Rose, Mr. Bellangee, Mr. Barnhart, Mrs. Powell, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Gaston, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Berglin, and Mr, Crosbie. Messrs. Zurhorst, Fisher, Wolf, and Rowe are contending with new soil with fairly good results, though gardens do not fare very well on new land, as a rule.

Mr. and Mrs. Mogg and grandson Clayton, left on Thursday morning for Chicago, soon to go on to their summer home at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. A number of their friends were down to see them off. Mr. Mogg has rendered us invaluable service in connection with the water-works. We were sorry to have him go until the work was fully completed—and we could have him with us for a "hurrah" over it, as we we ought to have when finally done, but he thought he could not stay longer.

Remember the meeting at the hall on next Monday evening to complete the organization of the Fairhope Library Association, by electing permanent officers from and by those who have qualified for membership by handing their names and one dollar membership fee to Mrs. S. H. Comings. Mrs. Comings reported on Thursday about twenty-five members having thus qualified. Such an organization can be made a very valuable auxiliary to the Library in adding to its list of books, encouraging its use, and in various ways. It is hoped that there will be a large membership.

Colonel Edward Daniels left us on Monday morning, bearing with him the best wishes of all Fairhopers, with their hopes for his return next fall. Colonel Daniels is a man with an extraordinary fund of information, acquired not only by study, but by active participation in many of his country's most stirring events for nearly three-quarters of a century, and with a disposition to make himself useful to his fellowmen whenever opportunity offers. While some of us feel that he may not attach its due importance to the land reform policy we advocate, he was an active worker in the cause of "the land for the people" before most of us were born. On the Friday evening before his departure an informal gathering of friends met at the beautiful Coming's home, "The Gables," sending in next door for the Colonel, and surprising him with their presence and their warm words of friendship and appreciation for his work here. Short talks were made by Mr. Gaston and Mr. Trenholme, responded to by the Colonel with expression of his thanks and of his kindly interest in Fairhope, and interesting reminiscences of his early work in the reform cause.

Concrete.

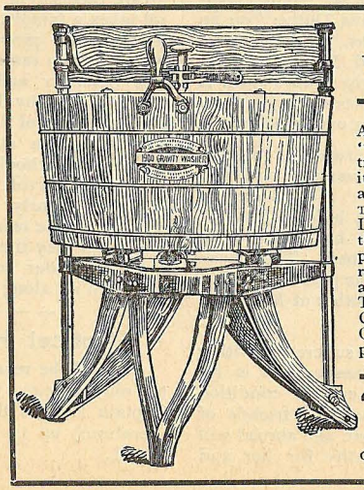
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Mrs. Hunnel's roses are the object of much admiring comment by passers by.

Mr. Bellangee has put a Corporation telephone in his cottage, his number being 5, two rings.

Don't forget regular services at the Christian Church each Lord's day and a cordial invitation is given to you to attend.

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Rev. Mrs. Oliver has moved from Mr. Creswell's into the Mrs. Stromberg cottage formerly occupied for some time by her.

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The Nathaniel Mershon grounds on the corner of Fairhope avenue and Church street, are among the best kept and most attractive in the town.

Mrs. Schindler's son, Mr. Walter, a young gentleman just out of college arrived on Wednesday to join the family here for the balance of their stay.

Roses have been in their glory for some time and there are many beautiful displays in Fairhope dooryards, adding much to the attractiveness of our village.

A special service was held at the Christian Church on Sunday evening in behalf of the San Francisco earthquake and fire sufferers, and a collection taken up in their behalf.

Rev. Mrs. Oliver has left at the COURIER office a receipt for $10.02, the proceeds of a collection at the Christian Church in the latter part of March for the relief of famine sufferers in Japan.

Mr. W. H. Dorchester addressed the Progressive League on last Sunday on the subject of "The Simple Life," and an interesting discussion followed. On next Sunday Mr. A. K. Trenholme will speak on "Some Diet Delusions."

Captain John Foster went to Mobile on last Saturday evening and on Sunday commanded the steamer "Louis Dolive" on an excursion to "snapper banks." Captain McDermaid and Robert, and Mr. Gelink also went along and took the trip to the banks. A large number of snappers were caught, Captain Foster himself hooking over a dozen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Farwell of StPaul, arrived on Wednesday evening and will remain for a week or more. They have visted Fairhope several times before, the last about five years ago and have long been much interested in the Colony. They have an added interest now in the presence of Mr. E. D. Brann, who is a brother of Mrs. Farwell.

Mrs. Maggie Mershon suffered another stroke of paralysis on Wednesday and is lying in an unconscious and critical condition as we go to press. The host of friends of this most estimable lady here and abroad will join in the sincerest sympathy for her and the family.

White duck skirts at Call's.

J. H. Wells, of East Moriches, N. Y., says: "I am pleased with page eight. Keep it up."

Buggies! Buggies at Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. Wolf's cottages are approaching completion and are quite an addition to "South Park."

The magnolias are in bloom and create a veritable sensation with those who have not seen them before.

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Have you seen our latest and newest Concrete Building Blocks? If not it will pay you to make a visit to our cement works at Mr. Littlefield's place. Mershon Merchandising Co.

The Carney is reported to have had nearly 250 paid passengers on last Sunday's morning trip. A large crowd got off at Fairhope, some of them looking for cottages for the summer.

The remodeling of the F. W. Rose cottage on Magnolia avenue is being put right through by the contractors, Messrs. Moorman & Vanderbeck, and when completed will be quite an improvement to that popular avenue.

Mr. Ralph Church of Gilman, Iowa, who with his wife spent winter before last here has written Mr. A. H. Mershon that Mrs. Church is to give a paper before some society soon on Fairhope and Mobile, and asking for some desired information which has been furnished.

The Henry George Club met with Mrs. Bancroft last week, at which time Mrs. Comings reported $110 of local subscriptions secured for the new library with very little effort and that a systematic canvass was to be made very soon. A committee was appointed to see that Single Tax was taught in the school.

Hauling barrels seems to be a trying task on horses. The tall loads the drivers stack up are themselves alarming and when a barrel takes a tumble, as they occasionally do, it sometimes proves too much. Mr. John Miller's team ran away with him twice on last Saturday and on Monday the Leiser team, driven by Mr. Leiser's second son, Fred, a youth of about sixteen or seventeen, started to run at the corner of Fairhope avenue and School street and was not stopped until Bancroft's farm was reached, a distance of nearly a mile. The boy stuck pluckily to the team and kept them in the road until they tired enough so that he could get them under control. The barrels were scattered all along the route.

Notice! House For Sale.

Bids will be received for the purchase of the old house on the White tract, south of Captain Nichols (the same to be removed therefrom) up to 6 o'clock, on Tuesday, May 1.

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Miss Leah Gaston exhibited at the COURIER office a fine smooth turnip weighing a pound and a quarter grown in her school garden under direction of Prof. Freeman. Miss Leah got the second highest marking on her garden last month, Marc Molyneux getting first

Mr. Hughes and her daughter, Mrs. Sherman of Mobile, who spent last summer here, in Professor Bellangee's cottage were over on Sunday looking after quarters for this summer. Mrs. Hughes' son also accompanied them. Mrs. Hughes has been a reader of the COURIER during the past year and finds it increasing her interest in Fairhope and sympathy with its policy.

See the concrete building blocks made by the Mershon Merchandising Co. before you decide on the material for your new house.

The COURIER office enjoyed a pleasant visit on Tuesday from Messrs. I. A. Worley, Guin, Ala.; President Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union, of Alabama; W. A. Morris of Sulligent, Ala., Vice President National Farmers Union and organizer of Alabama division; and Mr. G. T. McElderry of Talladega, a fertilizer manufacturer and candidate for railroad Commissioner. All of the gentlemen were in our little city in attendance upon the meeting of the F. E. & C. U. We believe it was the first visit here for Messrs. Morris and McElderry, but Mr. Worley has been here before, is a reader of the COURIER and feels quite at home among our people.

Now is the time to buy your Oxfords; see our full and fine line just received; and keep your money in Baldwin county. Mershon Merchandising Company.

One of the neatest and most attractive little suburban homes in Fairhope is that of Henry M. Ewald. The editor and Mrs. Gaston made a little call there on Sunday afternoon, and were well repaid not only in the pleasant social chat with Mr. and Mrs. Ewald, but in seeing the fine garden, the flourishing fruit trees and beautiful flowers; in a glance at the immaculate kitchen and a drink of fresh buttermilk. A characteristic of the Ewald home is neatness and order, indoors and out. Mr. Ewald is a "New Churchman," of whom there are an extraordinary number land reformers. "The New Christianity," of which the editor is an ardent Single Taxer, frequently has friendly mention of Fairhope, and Mr. Ewald has had several letters from New Churchmen who think of coming here. Some day we are going to get Mr. Ewald to let us print a picture of his home and give something of his experience at Fairhope. We are sure it will be interesting to our readers and will not altogether confirm the charge sometimes made that "Fairhope is no place for a poor man."

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

Large shipment of muslin underwear just received at Call's.

Geo. W. Lawrence (son of Captain Joseph) was quite painfully injured last Sunday while kindly leading over the wharf for a gentleman a horse which had just been landed from the steamer. The horse getting into somewhat close quarters and becoming frightened reared and struck out at Mr. Lawrence, striking him in the face breaking the skin and bruising him in several places, knocking him down and running over him.

For wood and posts, promptly deliverd, see Reimer Poortstra or leave orders for him at the Post Office News Stand.

The Baldwin County Telephone Co., organized by Dr. Hail and of which he was president and manager, is reported to have been sold to the Southern Bell Telephone Co. of Mobile. In the change the local force, being unable to find out just who they were working for or to get their pay, quit work on Monday and for a couple of days the Fairhope switchboard was left entirely untended. The Southern Bell also has on its hands a big strike of its linemen throughout its whole territory.

See Carlson about the metal shingles before you decide on the covering for your roof.

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Fairhope, Baldwin Co., Ala.

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this, as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation, but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing the right by purchase, to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues.

A system of water works is now under construction, which will give water for private use and fire protection throughout the principal portion of the town.

The Fairhope policy elimiuates the land speculator entirely, but for those who WANT LAND FOR USE, whether for residence, business, manufacturing or farming, it can be readily demonstrated to be far better and cheaper than owning.

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See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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MAY FIFTEENTH COURIER DAY.

Remember our request of our friends to make May 15th "COURIER Day" and observe it by a special, definite, concerted effort to increase the COURIER's subscription list. We must have more readers for the COURIER. We want to reach them with the story of Fairhope. and we need them to enable us to make the paper bigger and better.

For this "COURIER Day" we will make our friends a flat rate on *new subscriptions* of sixty cents, and in clubs of ten or more will make it 50 cents. Are you with us? Let us hear from you with a good list. Write for sample copies.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

THE PINES, April 26, 1906.

My Dear Alice O. K.—I am troubled about any and all who happened to be living in California. I heard that the earthquake shock extended to Berkeley, even to the beloved university where you live; but there was no confirmation. Alas, how selfish we are! When a calamity occurs that submerges or incinerates half a continent, we are filled with anxiety about a few of the victims because we know them personally! "It is natural," people say. Yes, it is natural; but it is narrow and selfish, all the same. * * * What an awful inheritance is this earth of ours! I am profoundly ashamed of living in such a treacherous ambuscade. The winds, the droughts, and the greed of man rob us of the fruits of our labor. Our crops are scorched by the heat and the parching winds in some regions, in others by untimely frosts. Disease lays waste whole cities. In every electric storm we wait in terror for our turn to be struck by a thunderbolt, though hoping to escape; and the most awful fires of a thousand hells melted into one are just under our feet, ready to shake or crumble, or burst open the ground we know not when or where, ruining whole cities, and making a holocaust of innocent lives by shock and fire. Write me Alice of your experience and tell me your reflections. You believe with me that man's destiny is to perfect and glorify the earth--make it a fit dwelling-place for redeemed man. As for me, I have to confess that my faith in the stability, not of the universe but of the earth, is disturbed. And yet, it must be man's fault that his home is in such disorder. Whom but him can we blame if we are to go out in darkness?

Let me come to a less gloomy subject, even to our well-beloved Fairhope, now a bower of roses. Every vase I have is filled with roses and jasmines, except one which has a great stalk of six Johnsonii lilies, and long-stemmed daises. One little stand has a tall vase

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State Superintendent Hill says: "I heartily favor all institutions that have for their aim the development of the teaching forces of Alabama. I consider any point on Mobile Bay an excellent place for a summer school."

J. B. O'Bannon, superintendent of Escambia county, says: "I do most heartily endorse the undertaking. I will be glad to co-ope rate with you in any way I can."

From R. E. Blount, superintendent of Washington county: "I am in full sympathy with you in desiring to establish a summer normal in South Alabama for the benefit of teachers."

J. S. Lambert, our own county superintendent, writes: "I heartily approve of the movement to establish a summer normal school in Baldwin county; think it is just what we need and hope we can enlist the support of all our teachers. Whatever I can do to establish an efficient training school in the county, I shall do cheerfully. I am much gratified that you have secured the services of Mrs. Johnson."

Mr. Lambert will visit the school for a few days.

Superintendent Murphy of Mobile county and city promises to spend a few days with us.

Mrs. Comings, who has a national reputation as a teacher of physical culture, will, if desired, give a course of exercises adapted to the school room and to the special needs of teachers.

There will be some social features offered by the clubs of Fairhope that we feel sure will prove a great attraction.

If teachers in registering will answer the following questions, it will help us in preparing schedules, etc.

For what grade certificate to you wish to prepare?

What experience have you had in teaching?

What grades will you teach next year?

If you have had no experience and wish to prepare for your first examination, state what preparation you have had.

Again we urge teachers to register at once and so save confusion.

Let everyone be present at the first session, Monday, June 4, at 9 a. m., ready to improve every opportunity for advancement in school methods and work.

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full of the finest specimens of the American beauty rose. I cut off great branches of my roses so that there may be plenty of foliage in the bouquets. This bouquet has two stalks each, about sixteen inches long, bearing five perfect roses, two immense buds, and a mass of foliage. My other Alice has been burying her face in it and worshipping its beauty and its fragrance. How easy it is to raise all kinds of the choicest roses here! A spot of rust(?) attacks some of our roses—but not the American beauty, thus far. x x x If material things could make us happy (in a world of such internal convulsions), we should be happy in this lovely climate, in the season of flowers, fine vegetables and strawberries and cream. And yet, how often have I heard the complaint that people cannot get vegetables in Fairhope! I have nothing to show but the trees laden with peaches, plums, figs, mulberries, Japanese persimmons, one pomegranate tree, and one of my pecan trees, four years old, is full of bloom; I have also lots of tiny fruit on Satsuma oranges. The little lemon trees are also full of fruit. No, I have no vegetables to speak of except a fine row of tall climbing marrow-fat peas that the rabbits kindly left me; but I wish you could see the beautiful vegetable garden of my neighbor on the west, Mr. Gaston. I call it his Chinese garden, as it is in fact; at least, he is trying Chinese methods as far as he knows them. I hear that there are other fine vegetable gardens in Fairhope, and now that my big task is done, I mean to drive about and see some of them; but thus far I have seen nothing to begin to compare with it. It is peculiarly Chinese in this: it is perfect all over, even to every part of every plant. He has had lettuce, onions, radishes, etc. for several months. For a long time I have been enjoying these, and also beets and cabbage. From that garden I am graciously presented many things; one much prized gift is a huge cabbage that has begun to burst forth into flower—"going to seed," we say. I put one of these in the hen-yard, the stem held between two big stones, and let the fowls peck at it all day, for, you know, hens and chickens, like ducks, must have green food, if you want them to lay well, or look well. I mention this discursively while telling you of our new departure in gardening. It has been a common thing here to decry the soil and declare that you could do nothing with it. We have learned that we can do about everything with it, if we go to work in the right way.

May 1st. x x x Yesterday I saw the small, but most luxuriantly growing vegetable garden of Mr. Freeman. You have heard his name as superintendent of our school gardens. He is making careful record of all his gardening operations to the minutest details, and in due time will publish it in the COURIER. Another garden that excites the wonder of all visitors, is that of Mr. M. E. Page, which I am going to see before long even if I have to walk the whole distance. Then I will tell you about it. There is nothing to prevent our having good and profitable vegetable gardens, even without irrigation; but with water to carry us through our dry season (in April and May), we could do wonders. Some of us are seriously discussing the possibility of great fruit and vegetable gardens for Fairhope, with our own distributing house in Mobile, and, ultimately,

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in other places. You know there is always "room on top." Our aim must be to supply the very best and take care that the card of the gardening company is on every box and basket of vegetables or fruit, every jar of preserves, etc., the name being a guarantee that the article is of the first quality. Of course we can make it a co-operative company, but for the first years there must be autocratic management in every department by one who has proven his ability to succeed in that special work. Some of our friends would have all such enterprises commence in a very small way, as the Roycrofters did. But when it has been proven that we have the labor and the right methods, it is hard to plod along as one must do without capital. x x x I understand from Mr. Rose that the big well at the beach, which is to supply water for the town, is being deepened, and as it is twelve feet broad, it should be able to supply the water needed for the proposed model garden, and for all other purposes for some years to come. Ultimately we shall have to have a water-plant on a large scale.

As I have talked more upon this subject than other comrades, and from the inspiration gained from Mr. Simon's book, *La Cite Chinoise*, have more faith perhaps in its feasibility, I will invite discussion of the subject. For myself, would commence in time for definite work in the fall; for definite preparatory work, at least, so that every step can be a safe one. I would say that I do not want any office or position in the company that I hope will be formed, but will take all the stock in it that I can, and will help to the best of my ability. Fairhope must have her industries. Our very best, our tested friends, complain that we are not cultivating the land as we should do. Let us no longer deserve this reproach.

x x x The Fairhope Library Association progresses fairly. Last night we elected our officers, as follows: Mrs. Comings, president; M. Howland, (who was further honored with a life membership), was elected vice president; Mr. Rose, secretary, and Mr. Paton, treasurer. At the next meeting, which will be at the hall next Wednesday evening, we shall, I presume, discuss the site of the new library building, which I hope will be here, near the old one; but, if anyone can be found to do my work, and care for the books, even if no more ably than I am doing it, I shall be satisfied. One object in having the new building here at the Pines is that I could continue to take care of the books until the Corporation was able to relieve me.

I hear that some apprehension has been expressed, very naturally, as to the fate of the nucleus of this library—*the Howland collection*—in case of my sudden decease without having made a will. I have already made provision for this contingency, and refer anyone having such apprehension to Mr. Gaston. I may add that I have no heir, or prospective heir, who would question the right of the Fairhope library to those books.

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The editor's valued correspondents have left him little space to fill this week.

Tne *Public* reported the fate of that ablest Pacific coast paper, the *Star*, in San Francisco's great disaster, as unknown.

Captain D. C. Byrne, candidate for the legislature in a letter to the editor says: "I am for the people and whatever they need in the way of legislation, that can consistently be enacted."

F. H. Augspurger of Trenton, O., (member of the Ohio Single Tax Leauge) renewing his subscription to the COURIER, says: "I gladly do so as long as you strive to collect, as near as may be, the full economic value of Fairhope land."

DEATH OF MRS. MAGGIE MERSHON.

Mrs. Margaret Mershon, wife of Nathaniel Mershon, passed away on Monday evening, April 30, and was laid to rest in Fairhope cemetery on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Mershon sustained a stroke of paralysis in June, 1903, and had ever since lived with the shadow of a fatal stroke hanging over her, which the skilful ministrations of her son, Dr. Clarence Mershon, and the loving care of husband and daughter could not avert.

The fatal attack came upon her last Wednesday, bringing complete unconsciousness on the following day, which continued until the end.

Owing to the season and the fact that the absent relatives were at too great a distance to come for the burial, the interment was made on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Arthur Mershon went to the city in the morning, returning on a tug in the afternoon, with the casket and Messrs. C. E. and H. C. Littlefield, Mrs. Jeannette Dennis, and Mr. Wm. V. Beroujon, undertaker.

The funeral service was conducted at the church by Rev. Mrs. Oliver, acting pastor, the music being rendered by a choir composed of Mrs. Creswell, Mrs. Sweet, Messrs. Pilcher and O'Connor.

The floral decorations at the church were in profusion and exquisitely beautiful. The grave also was beautifully decorated, with hangings of green boughs interwoven with magnolias and white roses, covering the forbidding earth.

Margaret Williams was born near Barnesville, Ohio, August 1, 1851; went to Iowa with her parents in 1857; was married to Nathaniel Mershon at Fairview, Iowa, July 3, 1870. She became a member of the Christian church in 1871, and was a very zealous and faithful church worker throughout her life. She was secretary of the C. W. B. M., at University Place, Des Moines, Iowa, for a number of years, during which time she was made a life member by the society. She came to Fairhope with her family in February, 1896.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mershon were born three children, Clarence L., Effie C. and Clyde H. The youngest son preceded his mother nearly eight years ago. The other son and daughter, and the devoted husband, survive her.

Mrs. Mershon was one of a family of twelve children, three brothers and nine sisters. Of these six sisters and one brother survive her, as also her aged mother, now in her eighty-first year.

With the sorrow of this large circle of immediate relatives is mingled that of a host of friends of this estimable family.

At the request of the family the COURIER extends their sincerest thanks to the friends who rendered so many kindly and thoughtful services during the illness and after the death of their beloved wife and mother.

WHERE IS THE INJUSTICE?

An Open Letter to our Single Tax Critics.

BRETHREN:—

We are all agreed that the Single Tax on land values is, as its name implies, a single tax, and the only just tax that can or should be levied. We differ only as to methods of procedure. Let us suppose that local option in taxation were granted to the whole of Baldwin Co.; but that Fairhope alone, of all its towns, should elect to pay **all** her taxes out of her ground rents. Would she not act in acordance with the single tax principles in so doing?

suppose Fairhope's proportion of state and county taxes for a given year to be $200.00; and that instead of apportioning this amount among poll taxes, taxes on merchandise, personal property, real estate and improvements, as had been done hitherto, the lump sum is turned over to the Corporation to be raised as the latter saw fit; the only stipulation being that it be paid in full at a certain date. Would not Fairhope be justified, under the circumstances, in paying the whole sum —*every cent of it* out of her ground rents? Would she be justified in doing otherwise?

Now, Mr. M, we will say, is occupying a valuable corner lot on which he pays a rental of $60 a year. If this is the full rental value of his holding, has he not in paying this sum discharged his *entire* obligation to the community? And has the community, or any one else, a right to demand any more of him? But Mr. M, we will suppose, is a merchant and has a fine large store

and a valuable stock of merchandise, on which he would be taxed, under the old system, about $75.00 a year, on which, under Fairhope's interpretation of local option, he does not pay a penny of taxes. And will any genuine single taxer claim that he should do so?

Now, Mr. M, we will say, is very prompt in paying his rent, but on presenting the full amount to the Corporation's treasurer he finds that individual in the dumps. Rents, though sure, are coming in slowly, many of the renters availing themselves of the privilege of paying in semi-annual or even quarterly installments, whereas the tax must be paid in full, and at once. The date on which it falls due is close at hand; and even with the $60.00 that Mr. M, has just paid in, there is still a deficit of $75.00 which there is no good prospect of making up in time, and failure to do so means fines and penalties to the tune of some $25.00 in addition to the taxes. "That won't do," says Mr. M, when the situation is explained to him, "we can't afford to spend $25.00 for fines. We need the money for our own public improvements. I have a little spare cash that I do need to use immediately; let me advance the $75.00 lacking to make up the tax budget, so that you can pay it at once, and you can repay me later out of the rents as they come in."

Now if Fairhope Corporation in the person of her treasurer accepts Mr. M's, kind offer, is she not in honor bound to repay him the loan as soon as practicable. And if she repays it out of her ground rents—the only fund, as we single taxers believe, out of which public expenses can justly be paid—can it be truly said that the poor man is paying the rich man's taxes, because some of the Corporation's rent payers are poorer than Mr. M? And because the amount of his loan is greater than the sum of his ground rent, does it follow, if said loan is repaid that he gets his ground rent free and receives a bonus in addition for living upon Corporation land?

Let us look at the actual situation and see if it be not a parallel case to the one we have supposed. The total tax levied against Fairhope property for a given year is, say $200.00. The income from rent is, say, $800.00. These figures are purely arbitrary, but will serve as well as any for illustration. Under local option Fairhope Corporation would pay the whole sum out of her ground rents, leaving $600.00 for local expenses and improvements. Under the present system Fairhope Corporation pays directly into the hands of the county treasurer say, about half that sum; the other half being paid by individual renters in sums ranging, say, from $2.00 to $20.00 in direct taxes on personal property and improvements on real estate which are now classed by the county assessor as personal property and paid individually. Now if Fairhope Corporation pays only her direct tax of $100.00, she will have $700.00 left for local uses, or $100 00 more than under local option, and a good many of the renters will be robbed of the sums they have paid in excess of their ground rents; said rents, be it remembered, if the full rental value be taken, representing the *entire* amount of their just obligation to the community, any excess over which is robbery. If, however, she return the other $100.00 to those who have paid it in her stead, she will still have $600 00 for local uses—the same as under local option—and nobody is wronged. Which plan is most in accordance with Single Tax principles?

Some of our critics have figured as if the personal property taxes refunded out of the ground rents had not been already paid. Take my own case as an illustration, using the actual figures. My ground rent for last year was $20.00 receivable in semi-annual payments of $10.00 each. Shortly after the payment of the first half year's rent, I was notified by the tax collector that I was liable for a tax of $3.00 on my improvements, which tax had hitherto been paid by the Corporation out of the rent fund but which was now assessed against me as personal property. I paid it, plus the fees and fines, amounting to a dollar or so more. On paying my second half year's ground rent I presented the tax collector's receipt which was accepted at its face value and allowed, minus fees and penalties, on my rent, making the total cost to me $17.00 rent, plus $3.00 tax, plus $1.50 fees and fines, a total of $21.50 for my year's occupancy of Fairhope land. Under local option I should have been amenable to a single tax of $20 on my holding, and no fees or fines.* So instead of receiving a bonus for living on Fairhope land, I am still a little worse off than I would be under local option, which we are all agreed is a just and practical method of applying the Single Tax. In other words, Fairhope is actually doing less than she would be compelled under local option to do for all her tenants, while she has been taken to task as if she were trying to do more—for some of them, at least.

Now, in the face of these facts, can any consistent Single Taxer hold that Fairhope is not in honor bound to refund that portion of the total tax indebtedness which is paid in her stead by her tenants in addition to their just ground rents? Is she not rather bound to go further and refund the iniquitous poll tax which she would pay with the rest out of her ground rents, under local option? And if not—why not? Will any one—can any one—explain? ALTONA A. CHAPMAN.

Fairhope, Ala., April 23, 1906.

Mr. Duintjer Discusses Pending Matters.

EDITOR COURIER:—

Your number of April 27 gives us Mr. Mathison's views about the privileges asked for by the Mershon Merchandising Co., and about the use of the timber on the new lands, the splendid donation of Fairhope's noble friend, Mr. Joseph Fels.

Private reasons make it impossible for me to ask for membership of the association, which I would only too much like to do, but I am convinced that the liberal spirit of the association, as well as your personal liberality, not only allows but wishes me, as lessee, to participate in the discussion of its fundamental principles.

I am very much impressed by the advice Mr. Mathison gives about the pending questions, and know that it is in complete harmony with Fairhope's best interests. With Mr. Mathison I believe that the Mershon Merchandising Co. may safely be granted what they ask for, provided that by the lease they are required to deliver the gravel pit, should they cease its use for any reason, in a condition satisfactory to the management of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation. Fairhope's first asset is surely her beautiful location as a health resort, and the place so wisely chosen by the Mershon people is one of her most beautiful spots. It is for this reason that, by the lease, care should be taken that industrial greed, the natural consequence of our bad social system, can never spoil one of our first attractions as a health resort—nature's beauty. Filling in of holes, replanting, the making of walks and roads, fencing, etc., ought to be regulated by the lease—which can easily be done. J. J. DUINTJER.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Banner patterns at Call's.

New fancy Combs at Call's.

Mrs. Unger's baby is very ill.

A good crop of grapes is promised now.

White kid belts, pearl buckles, very swell, at Call's.

Regular meeting of the Council next Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman gave a large dancing party on Monday evening.

Miss Louie Shepherd has succeeded Miss Iva Littlefield as assistant postmistress.

The bathing season is in full swing now for our youngsters—and many of the older ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess have moved over to Mobile, to be with their sons, who are employed there.

Mrs. S. R. Patterson came over from Mobile on Monday evening and is again at home in her Fairhope cottage.

Don't forget regular services at the Christian Church each Lord's day and a cordial invitation is given to you to attend.

Are you wearing a Panama if not why not, we have them, and a full line of other straw goods. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mrs. Unger has rented for a year the Comings' cottage, lately occuried by Colonel and Mrs. Daniels, and will remain here with her family.

Oh yes we have em! nice new line of men and boys summer suits. Come in and see them, they are nobby. Mershon Merchandising Co.

F. L. Sanford, the live real estate man, of Robertsdale, passed through Fairhope on last Sunday with a party of eleven, taking dinner at the Curtis restaurant.

The Curtis Restaurant served forty-three diuners on last Sunday and served them in a way that will bring the diners back there if they ever come this way again.

Irish potatoes are being shipped now; at the present freight rate of 15c a barrel to Mobile, and 2½c for empties brought over, we have an increase of 75 per cent. over the rate when the Str. Fairhope was running.

Mr. W. Mevers of Texarkana Texas spent several days at the Curtis restaurant and is planning to bring his family and spend the summer here. He visited Fairhope about seven years ago and has been much interested in it ever since.

MikeHouston an enterprising colored farmer living near Fairhope made the first shipment of potatoes over the Fairhope Wharf this year. The shipment consisted of seven barrels which went over on Friday, April 27 and brought $5 a barrel.

We ought to have an ice plant—and will one of these days—but in the meantime Captain G. A. R. Lawrence has arranged to supply the local demand having fitted up the "Good Luck," as an ice boat to bring ice over from Mobile, in cargo lots, in sawdust. See his advertisement.

Dr. E. C. Slosson was in town today with his visiting friends, Mr. A. G. Woodbury and wife and Mrs. David and son, of Citronelle. Mr. Woodbury said he had not been on the eastern shore since 41 years ago when he was here with the Federal army. He was quite favorably impressed with Fairhope.

White duck skirts at Call's.

The "good old summer time" is here.

Buggies! Buggies at Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creswell have a handsome new horse.

Plenty of dewberries now, and they are one of the best of our small fruits.

Frank Brown is burning another kiln of brick. He has a lot of orders waiting.

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We have just received a nice line of trunks, and suit cases, we think we can save you some money if you are in need of anything in this line. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Have you seen our latest and newest Concrete Building Blocks? If not it will pay you to make a visit to our cement works at Mr. Littlefield's place. Mershon Merchandising Co.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Pilcher on Thursday May 10th at 3 p. m. The program will consist of a department Symposium. Members are requested to come prepared to give items of interest about the Department in which they are especally interested.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County. J. S. LAMBERT, Bay Minette, Ala.

A party of 28 came over on a launch from Mobile last Sunday, arriving about half past ten and remaining until evening, taking dinner at the Fairhope House. Brother Ross was surprised, but fortunately there were some big red-snappers in the ice chest, and plenty of crabs, and a royal dinner was provided them.

Mr. T. N. Freeman whose garden has been before referred to and who is keeping a close record of all his operations, which will be of much value to himself and others,, reports the result on one patch of peas as follows: Planted in Feb , area 21 sq. yds., 3 yards by 7 yards, one-230th of an acre; fertilizer at the rate of a ton ($20) to the acre, less than ten cents to the plot; yield 5 gallons of green peas, sold at 20 cents a gallon, $1, or at the rate of $230 an acre. The pea vines were pulled up and put into trenches for fertilzer, over which were planted tomatoes.

We have just had a very pleasant visit from an Iowa newspaper man and single taxer, Mr. E. H. Rockwell, of Farmington Iowa, who came in on Wednesday evening and remained until this morning. Mr. Rockwell talked "Fairhope" with Professor Bellangee before the Colony ever had a tangible existence even, and has ever since had a lively interest in it. He is publishing a very succesful paper, the Herald, at Farmington, but like so many others in that country begins to long for escape to a milder climate for the remainder of his days, and natnrally turns to Fairhope to get it and at the same time the society of congenial spirits and opportunity to help in the good work we have on hand. No definite conclusion was reached before his departure as to his coming to stay, but he was greatly pleased with Fairhope and we think we can safely count on having him with us in the near future.

Newest hat creations at Call's.

White lawn shirt waist suits at Call's.

New goods received every day by the Mershon Merchandising Company.

The Carlson plaining mill is getting out some very fine crown and other mouldings.

Mr. and Mrs. Stowell and daughter left for their home in Illinois, on Monday morning.

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See the concrete building blocks made by the Mershon Merchandising Co. before you decide on the material for your new house.

Now is the time to buy your Oxfords; see our full and fine line just received; and keep your money in Baldwin county. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Water Works Progress.

Under the energetic supervision of Wm. Stimpson, work on the water system is being pushed along. The big well has been deepened several feet and has now about six feet of water in it. The tank holding 234 barrels, can be filled from this without lowering the well, more than about three feet, and it will be sufficent for present needs, though it will not furnish an unlimited supply for steady pumping. This can be seeured and will be later by either lowering the present well or sinking a lot of points in the bottom of it.

The main is being laid on Church street and connections are being made with consumers on Fairhope avenue today. An "April drouth" extended over into May, has make every one clearly alive to the needs of a better water supply and prospective water users are eager to be connected with the Colony system.

ICE—ICE—ICE.

Always on storage at the Fairhope Cement Works. Your trade is respectfully solicited. I will deliver ice at your house or store on Tuesdays and Saturdays for $1 per 200lb cake, 60c per 100lb cake, ¾c lb in smaller lots. Call at the Fairhope Cement Works, or telephone your orders to the Bayside Cafe or COURIER office. No ice delivered on Sundays, but will supply absolute needs trom shed. GEO. A. R. LAWRENCE,
The Old Fairhope Standby.

Arts and Crafts.

Although Miss Lyon has finished her three months term of work with the Arts and Crafts, the studio is kept open every afternoon and Mrs. Freeman is teaching on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Miss Lyon is in New Orleans working in the pottery department of Newcomb College. She has had some clay from Fairhope sent her for modeling.

The business meetings of the society will be held on the first Monday of each month at 3 p. m. A full attendance is urged on Monday next.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

For wood and posts, promptly deliverd, see Reimer Poortstra or leave orders for him at the Post Office News Stand.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

Law without Justice.

Pensacola, Florida, April, 1906.

To Whom It May Concern:

Know ye: That we, the undersigned, daughters of Silas Lawrence and his two eldest children, do hereby certify.

That our father, Silas Lawrence, lived in Baldwin county, Alabama, with his family, until April, 1862; and he was a Christian minister and a Union man. He owned a good schooner and quite a stock of cattle and hogs, two horses and a buggy. We owned our land, with a comfortable home. Father provided us with a year's provision, and joined the United States' navy as a pilot. He was pilot in the U. S. navy at the taking of New Orleans in 1862.

Mother and we girls, with four smaller children, left our home and made our way through ten miles of wild woods to the Pensacola navy yard, then held by the U. S. army, taking nothing but what we stood in. We lost everything. Father has often told us that he never got a dollar for what he owned before the war; and not being regularly enlisted, he can get no pension. He is now almost 85, and not a dollar of support —only what is given him.

Notwithstanding his piloting the U. S. navy and preaching against eternal damnation, we always thought him a Christian man. MRS. EUGENIA KOHLER.
MRS. E. O. BURGOYNE.

Subscribed and sworn to by Mrs. Eugenia Kohler this 25th day of April, 1906.
Jerry J. Sullivan, Jr.,
Notary Public, State of Florida.

Subscribed and sworn to by Mrs. E. O. Burgoyne this 26th day of April, 1906.
Jerry J. Sullivan, Jr.,
Adv. Notary Public, State of Florida.

Notice No. 20723.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., May 1, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Geo. H. Dunlap, Jr., U. S. Com. at Mobile, Ala., on June 5, 1906, viz: Willis W. Overholser, Homestead entry No. 36279, for the lots 6, 7, and 8, of Section 26, Tp. 9 south of Range 2 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

J. E. Hanson, R. Fulford, E. Hanson, E. Maygarden, all of Palmetto Beach, Ala.

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The "Single Tax Colony."

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this, as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation, but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing the right by purchase, to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues.

A system of water works is now under construction, which will give water for private use and fire protection throughout the principal portion of the town.

The Fairhope policy elimiuates the land speculator entirely, but for those who WANT LAND FOR USE, whether for residence, business, manufacturing or farming, it can be readily demonstrated to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores, schools, blacksmith and butcher shops, doctors, churches, fine bathing and fishing, and exceptionally intelligent and sociable people.

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For fuller particulars, copy of constitution, lease, etc., address

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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.

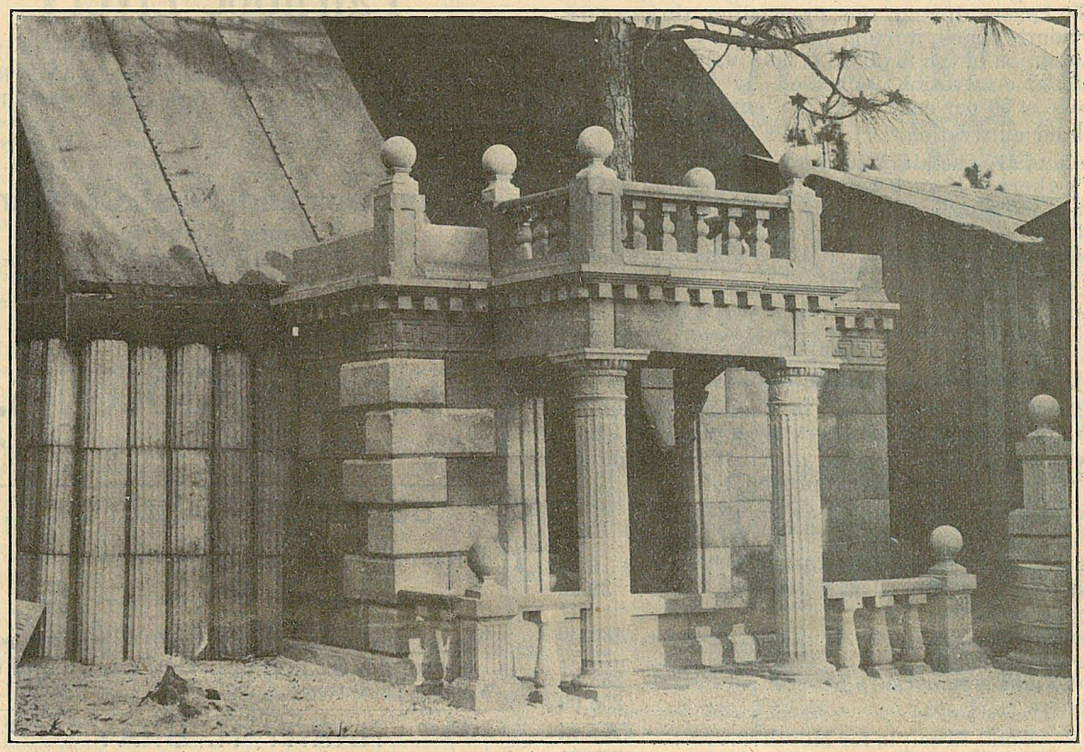
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See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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MAY 15. "COURIER DAY."

Please remember our request to our friends to make May fifteenth "COURIER Day", and to make at that time a special effort to get some new subscribers to the paper. We have sent out to a few hundred of our subscribers the following personal letter. If you have not received it please consider this personal to you and act accordingly.

If you don't get the COURIER in time to make this effort on the 15th, take another day or two for it.

DEAR SIR AND FRIEND:—

I presume upon your interest in Fairhope, the COURIER and its editor, to call to your personal attention the plan mentioned in the COURIER of making May 15th "COURIER Day," and at that time making a special effort to secure some new subscribers to the paper.

Surely you have among your friends some who would be interested in the message of the COURIER whose subscription you could get for the asking, or, if you have not time to see them first, whose willingness to subscribe you might presume upon, advancing the money at the special rate offered for this date and collecting from them later.

Or, there are those to whom you would like to send the paper awhile yourself, hoping to increase their interest in the Single Tax.

The COURIER I know is small, but it occupies a field covered by no other paper, and it will be improved just as fast as the subscription list will justify it.

I ask as a *personal favor* that you take this matter up at once and let me hear from you.

Special rate for May 15, 1906: Yearly subscription, 60 cents; half year, 30 cents; three months, 15 cents; in clubs of ten or more, one year, 50 cents.

Sincerely and fraternally,
ERNEST B. GASTON.

SINGLE TAX IN NEW ZEALAND.

Beneficial Results from a Partial Application of This Reform.

Mr. Arthur H. Weller, in the course of an interesting article in the Co-operative News, Manchester, England, gives the following facts concerning the effects of the partial or modified form of the Single Tax which has been adopted in New Zealand. He says:

"During four years previous to the adoption of the the taxation of land values in New Zealand, the emigration exceeded the immigration by 17,789 persons. During the two years following its adoption, the immigration into New Zealand exceeded the emigration by 15,370 persons. In 1900, this reform enabled New Zealand to remit £160,000 (800,000) of customs duties, and to reduce railway fares and freights by £75,000 ($375,000.) In Palmerston North, 200 houses were erected during the three years following its adoption, as against 50 houses during the preceeding three years. In New South Wales, during the three years following the adoption of the taxation of land values, the area of land under cultivation increased by 905,867 acres, an increase of 50 per cent. over the entire area previously under cultivation."

These facts are certainly encouraging to Single Taxers everywhere. If such beneficial results follow the adoption of the Single Tax in a modified form, what splendid results—what blessings may be expected to follow its complete adoption, and the consequent abolition of all other forms of taxation!

Woodlawn, Illinois. H. Martin Williams.

Council Proceedings.

The Executive Council met in regular session on Monday evening with all members present.

Minutes of members' meeting of April 9 and Council meeting of April 16 read and approved.

Treasurer's report presented as follows:

RECEIPTS.

To correct error in Taxes Refunded	$ 6.19
Rents for 1905	39.00
Penalties on rents for 1905	.41
Rents for 1906	136.30
Wharfage	28.87
Land Fund and Membership Fees	253.01
Water Fund	258.00
Total Receipts for Month	$721.78
Balance on hand April 1, 1906	789.41
Total Credits, April 30, 1906	$1511.19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Lands	$ 150.55	
Highways	119.05	
Taxes Refunded	82.19	
Schools	33.00	
Water Certificates	477.15	
Water Fund	235.81	
Telephones	39.42	
Salaries	12.50	
Postage and Printing	2.90	
Total Disbursements for Month	$1152.57	1152.57
Balance on Hand April 30, 1906		$358.62

Wharfinger reported as follows:

Week ending April 21—freight, $19.16; passenger, $4.25 (31 coupons); paid treasurer $14.05.

Week ending April 28—freight, $22.76; passenger, $3.85 (34 coupons); paid treasurer $15.97.

Week ending May 5—freight, $21.76; passenger, $3.45 (27 coupons); paid treasurer $15.13.

Following bills allowed:

H. Gilmore, 4 days on wharf hill	$6.00	
W. S. Sumner, 5 days on wharf hill	7.50	
C. Kraak, 1 day on wharf hill	1.50	
E. Smith, team 1 day on wharf hill	2.00	
		$17.00
Wm. Stimpson, for part payment on school expense, itemized bill to be rendered		25.00
J. H. H. Smith, probate judge; recording Mann and Hoyle deeds		2.00

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Mrs. Ora A. Sweet, teaching April		55.00
Miss N. Clements, teaching. April		52.25
R. E. Curtis, oiling windmill March and April		2.00
E. B. Gaston, postage in April	$2.52	
Local, "House for sale"	.35	
Printing wharf coupons	2.00	4.87
F. W. Rose, pd Percy Stokes for burying carcass		1.25
Jno. A. Patterson, boat charges on telephone material	1.05	
Chgs on water works material	1.15	
Chgs on nails for wharf	.45	
Paid A. Stearns, wharf work,	14.37	
Paid Libbeous Jefferson "	8.63	25.65
J. W. Braam, labor on installing Bellangee and Gooding telephones		4.80
C. Koopman, labor on Gooding telephone		1.35
Wm. Gray, labor on Gooding telephone		.60

Committee appointed to consider and report upon utilization of timber on newly acquired land reported as follows:

FAIRHOPE, ALA., May 7, 1890.

To Executive Council, Fairhope S. T. Corporation:

The undersigned, your committee appointed to consider and report upon the utilization of timber resources upon the land recently donated by Mr. Joseph Fels, beg leave to recommend as follows:

1.—That no turpentining privileges be granted on said land.

2.—That said land be not opened for lease at the present time.

3.—That no cutting of green timber be allowed, save of saw-log size.

4.—That an effort be made to see if down and standing dead timber cannot be profitably disposed of for wood, piling, posts or ties.

5.—That the saw timber should be utilized primarily to supply the local demand for building material, and to give employment to local mills and people. To this end we believe that the best method will be to contract for the manufacture of the timber and sale of the lumber, if favorable contracts can be made, which we are assured can be done, the difference between the contract price for manufacture, and the selling price of lumber, being converted into the treasury of the Corporation. Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. BANCROFT,
F. W. ROSE,
E. B. GASTON.

Moved and carried that report of committee be approved and committee continued to contract for sale of timber in line with their recommendations.

Mr. Bellangee reported receipt from Mr. A White for balance of payment on "White tract" but that he might be delayed in forwarding a deed, because of requirement that deeds made in California for Alabama must be acknowledged before a commissioner of deeds for Alabama, and in present confusion existing in San Francisco, he might not be able to find such at once. Mr. White also stated that he would appreciate very much at this time payment of the $100 advanced by him toward the water works some years ago. Moved and carried that $100 be borrowed from the land fund to pay Mr. White.

In regard to the application of Mershon Merchandis- Company for lease of ground on beach and gravel pit, it was voted to hold a special meeting for the consideration of this matter on Friday evening.

Transfer from L. S. Massey to Fairhope Improvement Company of the land on beach granted him for pavilion site, was approved. Superintendent Lands and Highways directed to put road to wharf in order.

Matter of setting poles for telephone extension to

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The Cincinnati *Post* is publishing as a serial Tolstoy's latest work, "What For?" and recently reproduced a signed photograph of Tolstoy contributed by him to Daniel Kiefer's collection of photos of prominent single taxers.

In this issue appears the announcement of Prof. J. S. Lambert as a candidate for re-election as superintendent of education. Mr. Lambert has made a record for faithful and intelligent service, which should cause his renomination without opposition—as now seems probable.

The candidates for representative are adopting the commendable policy of coming out in the public press and announcing their positions on questions of public policy. The people are not so much interested in the candidates personally as in their attitude toward pending questions.

In a letter just received from Dr. M. R Leverson, he expresses regret at not being able to reach Fairhope on his trip south this last winter. The Doctor is devoting his entire energy now to completing a work on Vaccination, its Pathology and relations to Biology. We greatly enjoyed the Doctor's visit here a year ago last winter and are also sorry he did not reach Fairhope again.

Rev. Robert C. Bryant, of Rockford, Ill., renewing his subscription to the COURIER says: "I am much interested in Fairhope and trust you may be truly succesful in the undertaking. I am in full sympathy with your position that the management of affairs should be in the hands of out and out single taxers. I plan a visit to your town some time soon and have thought I would like to be one of you."

Land Owners Have Not Lost in San Francisco.

Hardly had the ink got dry on the editorial in which last week we drew a distinction between those property interests of San Francisco that have suffered by the disaster and those that will profit by it, when the wires confirmed us. We had described the improvement interests as losing and the landed interests as gaining. And precisely that difference is what a staff correspondent of the *Chicago Record-Herald*, Richard Fairchild, reported from San Francisco on the 26th as having already begun to disclose itself. "It has become obvious within the last few days," writes Mr. Fairchild, "that instead of shrinking, real estate values have risen rapidly and will continue to rise." The values that are rising are not improvement values, for the improvement values have been swept away; they are site values, the values of the location on the earth's surface known as San Francisco. The owners of these will profit by the disaster, unless they owned improvements and personal property enough to make their losses on this kind of property offset their gains on the other. And yet the improvers who rebuild San Francisco will be taxed for public purposes as heavily, dollar for dollar, as the siteowners who for a consideration merely allow them to improve! *The Public.*

The Assessor's "Black Magic."

The unwise assessor is about the only alchemist. The trouble is, however, that people as a rule do not like his magic. A hundred dollars put into paint and spread upon a house frequently causes the assessor to spread five hundred dollars more taxes upon his duplicate. Sometimes only two or three hundred are added, but for the traditional assessor levying taxes in the traditional way a coat of paint on a house invariably conveys the idea of prosperity, a spirit of progressiveness, that must be sternly and relentlessly repressed by a fine—*Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat.*

Free Alcohol for Industrial Uses.

A bill is now pending before the senate, having passed the lower house, for the removal of the tax upon "denatureized" alcohol,—alcohol rendered undrinkable, for use in the arts and in manufactures, for fuel, light, motive power, etc. This is a very important measure and you should write your senators requesting them to work for its passage. Mr. Ingram, of Detroit a large manufacturing chemist, when here a couple of years ago, said that with the tax removed the ordinary family with a simple and inexpensive apparatus, could make enough alcohol from the waste materials of the home to, light the premises and do the cooking.

It would be a hard blow at the Standard Oil trust, for alcohol would then come into sharp competition with kerosene and gasolene, the materials for its manufacture being everywhere and unmonopolizable.

A petition asking our Senators from this state to favor and push this bill, has been prepared and residents are urged to drop into the COURIER office and sign it.

How Single Tax Would Raise Wages

It may be well to point out again how the Single Tax, while lowering rents, would raise wages. By forcing idle lands into use, it would necessarily create a demand for labor, and lessen the supply. The normal condition nowadays is that workers compete with each other for jobs that are insufficient to go round. The re-

sult, of course, is, that wages always tend downward. But the very law of supply and demand which today depresses wages, would, under Single Tax conditions, continually elevate wages.

For the competition, instead of being only on the part of workers for employment, would be counterbalanced by the competition of employers for their services. The effect this would have upon wages is pretty evident.—*Taxation.*

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

Today I tasted a delicious new fruit at Mr. Swift's place, it was the loquat, well known in California. My one loquat tree died before it came into bearing, but I shall plant again. It is sometimes called the Japan plum; but it is not a plum; the appearance of the big seed would indicate that it may belong to the same family as the zapote of Mexico. It is very juicy, sweet, slightly acid, and of a very delicate flavor. The skin is firmer than that of the apple. The tree has long broad leaves and is a luxuriant grower. Surely there would be a demand for this fruit. Like the persimmon, it seems to have no parasite attacking it. Some do not like the flavor of the Japan persimmon, but one can hardly imagine any palate not being pleased with the loquat. Two other fruits, one of them about the most delicious in the world, the red raspberry, and the other the Japan wine-berry, also a raspberry, I have struggled in vain with for several years. This year the latter, tho it has poor conditions (being under a large fig tree,) is set full of fruit and the growth is healthy and fine. The red raspberry shows fruit promise for the first time and the vine or bush has got such hold of the soil that I am offering the young shoots —some of them—at five cents each; the rest I shall plant for a new patch.

Municipal Ownership Campaign in Denver.

EDITOR COURIER:—

The election of aldermen and supervisors of the City of Denver, Colorado, on May 15, will be a fight between plutocracy on one hand and the Municipal Ownership League on the other. The latter has just nominated a splendid ticket, containing a number of our best Single Taxers. The political machines of both old parties there are strongly entrenched in the interests of public utility corporations. Fairhope is indeed fortunate in being entirely free from these encumbrances.

Fairhope, late of Denver. T. P. LYONS.

Dr. H. S. Greeno, president of the B. C. Good Roads Association, met with the county comissioners and representatives of the L. and N. railroad at Bay Minette on Monday and urged the cause of good roads throughout the county, particularly the proposed road between Fairhope and Robertsdale via Silver Hill. He secured an order from the board for a survey of the route, to be made by P. A. Parker, and it is hoped that during June a contract may be let for the proposed road. Another good roads rally will be held at Robertsdale on June 8, under the auspices of the Good Roads Association and the L. and N. will run a special train and give free transportation both ways from both ends of the new line to those attending.

Resolutions, Greeno Lodge, No. 598, A. F. & A. M.

At a stated communication of this Lodge, held today, the following resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, it has pleased the Grand Architect of the universe in His wisdom to remove from her earthly tabernacle to a more perfect abode above, the wife of our Worthy Treasurer and esteemed Brother, Nathaniel Mershon, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that we, officers and members of Greeno Lodge, No. 598, A. F. & A. M., extend to him our condolences and profound sympathy in his bereavement, and it is further

RESOLVED: that we recommend to our afflicted Brother to humbly submit to the decree of Him who doeth all things well.

[Signed] H. S. GREENO, W. M.
J. P. SLOCUM, G. W.
C. M. NELSON, J. W.

By E. T. MOLYNEUX, Secretary.

Council Proceedings.

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Van Bavel, on street between Dr. Borst and Mershon field referred to Telephone committee and Superintendent of Lands and Highways.

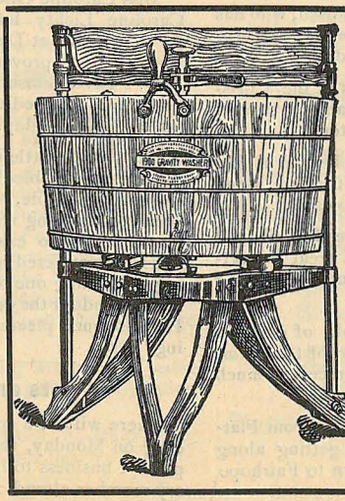
Mr. Mathison presented proposition to make wharfage free on products produced on Corporation land. After some discussion it was moved to lay same over until next meeting.

Application for membership of Wm. L. Heller, of Lancaster New York., referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Bellangee, Yarnelle, and Call; its acceptance recommended by them and on motion accepted.

Secretary reported the sale of old house on White tract, to George Cain, highest bidder, at $5.00.

Moved and carried that wharfinger charge one cent a barrel on empty barrels coming over wharf.

George Knowles on motion, allowed balance due him, to be applied on rent.



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Eugene Lawrence and wife have moved into the Black cottage on Section street.

Water Trustees Stimpson and Rose went to Mobile Tuesday, on water works business.

Laurence Tilson gave a pleasant dancing party to his friends at the hall last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Manteuffel are the happy parents of a son, their first, born last week.

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Mrs. Freeman Sr. has been very ill for several days past but at latest report was believed out of danger.

The Fitzgerald family has moved from the Black cottage into the Miss Rathburn cottage next to the COURIER office.

Miss Alice Herring left on Monday morning for her home in Iola, Kansas—rather unexpectedly to her friends.

Have you seen the ladies white hand bags at Mershon Merchandising Company's? They are nobby and the latest out.

Mr. Pilcher of the Mershon Merchandising Company, spent two days in Mobile this week, on business for his company.

Mrs. Ahrens' mother, Mrs. Rausch, who has been with her for several months, left for her home in Chicago on Thursday.

Don't forget regular services at the Christian Church each Lord's day and a cordial invitation is given to you to attend.

Our "April drouth" was broken by a fine rain on Monday morning—a little late, however, to help out on the early potatoes.

Regular meeting of the Fire Department Monday evening. Business of great importance to be considered and a full attendance desired.

Mrs. Comings spent a couple of days in Mobile this week in the interest of the Summer Normal next month and received much encouragement.

Mr. M. M. Cope writes friends, from Flatwood, Ala., that while he is getting along nicely there, he plans to return to Fairhope in the not distant future.

Dr. Q. J. Brown and wife and Mrs. O'Connor have come over and they are now occupying their beautiful home on the bay front.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Farwell left for their home in Saint Paul, Minn., on Thursday morning after a pleasant visit of some weeks.

Albert Stearns and Libbeous Jefferson have put in nearly two weeks on the wharf putting in several thousand feet of new decking and some new piles and stringers.

Albert Stearns who is one of our most persistent fisherman, caught a young lobster in his cast net on Wednesday evening: something we did not know was ever found here.

The Mershon Merchandising Company has made an advance contract for a considerable quantity and feel confident that a ready demand will be found for all that can be produced.

Tom Denton, colored farmer adjoining the Colony, has good crops of both potatoes and beans. He has been selling beans to supply local demand for some time and shipped some this week.

Infants', Misses' and Ladies' white Oxfords, and white hose are the articles that make you cool and comfortable in hot weather. You will find them at the big store of Mershon Merchandising Co.

Arthur Massey's sail boat fared badly in the heavy blow from the north on Monday morning. She broke from her moorings and was dashed against the wharf. A breakwater for the protection of small vessels is greatly needed.

Miss Ada B. Rector, of Washington, D. C., who has been looking Fairhopeward for some time and more eagerly since Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe visited us and reported to her, now expects to come about July, to make her home here.

Another good crowd came over on the Carney last Sunday, some simply to spend the day and others looking for accomodations for the summer season. The Bayside Cafe did a thriving business in lunches, soft drinks, ice cream, etc,.

The many friends of Colonel Daniels and his family will hear with regret of the death of Mrs. Daniels' mother, Mrs. Dwelly, news of which was received by Mrs. Howland last evening in a letter from Mrs. Daniels. She died at Graniteville, S. C., on the 9th inst. from appoplexy.

Miss Caroline Gilcrest and her niece Miss Caroline Lichty left on Thursday morning for their home at Des Moines. Miss Gilcrest was greatly improved in health by her stay here. Dr. Atkinson, whose guest they have been accompanied them to the city and remained until Friday evening.

Mr. C. E. Littlefield, who is superintending the cement block work on a Presbyterian church in Mobile, came over on Tuesday evening, bringing with him Hon. John Craft, of that city, to examine the cement block houses constructed here. Mr. Craft is thinking of placing one or more building contracts and may adopt the cement block construction. He was much pleased with the cement buildings here.

Arts and Crafts.

There will be a special meeting of the society on Monday, the 14th, at 3 p. m. Important business to be transacted. Let every member attend.

White lawn shirt waist suits at Call's.

Please note that orders for wood of Van Bavel & Koopman are to be left at the COURIER office—not elsewhere.

There will be a grand lawn party at the Beach hotel tomorrow—Saturday—evenining with all sorts of refreshments and amusements including dancing, the proceeds to be for the benefit of the Battles public school.

"Father" Stearns, who has been visiting with the Charles Stearn's, and Geo. Miller's at Pensacola, will soon return to Fairhope, so Mr. Albert Stearns informs us.

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Mershon Merchandising Company has extra charging bottles for the Royal fire extinguishers of which a number have been purchased in this vicinity recently.

Mrs. Mary Hunnel left on Tuesday morning for Chicago where she will visit her daughter Mrs. Higgins. She also expects to visit children in Des Moines, before her return, which she plans will be about October first. "Mother" Hunnel is one of the pioneer Fairhoper's, having been one of the very first party of Colonists from Des Moines where the Colony was organized. She would we know be glad at any time to see any traveling Fairhopers or any one interested in Fairhope. Her Chicago address is "7119 Normal Avenue."

The Carlson planing mill is getting out the door and window frames, ceiling, flooring, brackets, mouldings and all dressed stuff, for the cottage Mr. Brann is building for Capt. Curran, at Battles, and doing a fine job of it. Mr. Carlson has the machinery to do it with and knows how work ought to be done. Mr. Trenholme our local architect, also assisted in the preparation of the detailed specifications for the work. The mill shut down about two days because of an accident to his gasolene engine, the bed of which broke. With the help of Mr. Keller, the break was very cleverly and efficiently repaired.

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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County. J. S. LAMBERT, Bay Minette, Ala.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

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LESLIE HALL.

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Mr. Abe Strauss has improved so much in health and is so much encouraged thereby and by the prospect for a canning industry here that he has determined to remain and take hold of this much needed industry. To this end he has purchased the W. A. Baldwin property including both the dwelling and planing mill, being well located and adapted for a canning factory. Mr. Strauss has also ordered some processing kettles from the McMillan Co., Mobile which will be delivered soon. He expects to make a specialty of figs for this season at least, and will be ready for this year's crop, which promises to be plentiful. Mr. Strauss has had considerable experience in both the manufacture and sales departments of the canning industry and we believe will make a success of it.

Mr. Baldwin will, we presume, move to Volanta, where his chief interests have been for some time.

Library Association Notes

The Library Association and the Council met in joint session on Wednesday evening and the Council voted unanimously to constitute the Library Association a committee on the new library building. The Library Association immediately afterward appointed an executive committee consisting of Messrs. Dr. Rowe, A. K. Trenholme and E. B. Gaston, with president, Mrs. Comings and secretary F. W. Rose, to take up the matters of location and plans for the building and the securing of additional funds.

The matter of location was discussed at some length, the following locations being suggested: The Coleman corner, Thompson corner, lot north of Powell residence, The Pines, corner of Fairhope avenue and new street west of Dr. Mershon residence, park, north end of Creswell tract, and corner of Fairhope and school streets; so there are plenty of possible sites. The Association will meet again on next Wednesday evening at "The Gables," all are invited to join the Association and help push the library project to a successful conclusion.

Notice No. 20723.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., May 1, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Geo. H. Dunlap, Jr., U. S. Com. at Mobile, Ala., on June 5, 1906, viz: Willis W. Overholser, Homestead entry No. 36279, for the lots 6, 7, and 8, of Section 26, Tp. 9 south of Range 2 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this, as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation, but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing the right by purchase, to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues.

A system of water works is now under construction, which will give water for private use and fire protection throughout the principal portion of the town.

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See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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The Small Beginning of Fairhope.

The following statement rendered on Jan. 9, 1895, covering the business operations of the Fairhope Industrial Association, from its organization in 1894, is interesting as showing the small beginning of Fairhope:

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Stock and Penalties	$2206 90	
Fairhope Courier Subscriptions	43 69	
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		$2255 59

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Secretary's Salary, 11 months@$40,	$ 440 00	
Expenses of Locating Committee	195 50	
Paid on Land	771 00	
Typewriter	67 00	
Publishing Courier	76 68	
Liberty Bell and ptg Constitution	65 00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	212 03	
		1827 21
Balance,		$ 428 38

FIRE DEPARTMENT DRILL.

Fine Performance of Water Works.

The Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department had a drill on Monday evening, and gave an exhibition of what it could do with a fire, aided by the chemical extinguishers and the new water works. A couple of rousing fires were built down opposite the cottage occupied by Capt. Foster, and at the ringing of the fire bell the department flew to the fire cart and hustled it down Fairhope avenue to the scene of the fire at a lively gait. One of the chemicals was put into action at once, and threw a stream with satisfactory force, but without making very much impression on the fire (we understand the fluid is much more effective in a closed space), but when the hose attached to the hydrant at the corner was turned on the fire, it snuffed it out almost like snuffing a candle. The pump at the beach well was put in action and with sixty pounds of steam pressure, threw a stream to the tops of the tall pines in the park. To see the rigid hose and the water shooting up 60 feet or more in the air was very gratifying.

San Francisco Land Values.

From The Public.

Our views regarding land values in San Francisco are further confirmed by Associated Press dispatches. These are to the effect that the local syndicate which owned the Lick House has been offered $750,000 more for the site than they paid for the site and the building together two years ago, and they have declined to sell. The offer is locally regarded as a strong indication of down-town site values. It is at the same time an indication of something else, which it is to be hoped the legislature of California will not overlook. The apalling destruction of the values of improvements and personal property is in impressive contrast with the survival and even the enhancement of site values It is hoped that the legislature will notice this significant difference between the two kinds of property. It is a difference to be considered if exemption from taxation is allowed as a relief measure. The values that are restored by toil and sweat ought to be exempt a longer time than those which, without sweat or toil, rise out of the ashes of the stricken city, not only undiminished but augmented.

DISCUSSION OF FAIRHOPE POLICY.

Letter From C. K. Brown.

EDITOR COURIER:

In the May 4 COURIER Miss Chapman does not get at the gist of the controversy. She seems to forget that Henry George's theory was the abolishment of all taxes except the one tax on land value.

This would be very simple and just, could it be done.

Local option in taxation, the Fairhope plan, or any other plan that has been proposed, will not accomplish the desired results until we can have the Henry George Single Tax in its fullest sense; which means one tax and one only, and that upon land values. So long as we have personal and indirect taxes, etc., to pay, we can only have the Henry George theory partially demonstrated.

Now, under existing laws, we have national, state, and county taxes, direct and indirect, and the Fairhope plan is to get rid of as many taxes as possible.

To do this we try to take the full rental value of the land. But what that is, under existing circumstances, is a problem not yet solved.

We cannot get rid of the personalty tax. The laws of the county and state make each person give in and pay his own tax.

Now the Colony refunds this tax to each tenant, taking it out of the ground rent. Now everyone must admit that is not getting rid of this tax. It only shifts it from the individual to the community. How does it work?

There was collected last year about $2100; about one-third of this was needed to pay the personalty tax of the tenants, leaving the other two-thirds to be used (according to our theory) for the equal benefit of all the tenants.

That seems all right, but how does it work? Let us see. A, B, and C are able, and do build on their holdings fine improvements. A pays into the treasury $17.50 for rent, which may be all right, but the taxes on his improvements are over $30. Now Miss C. says her rent is $20 and her tax $3; so she pays into the treasury $17 for the benefit of the community, while A draws from the community $12 more than he pays in, thereby the community loses that much in public improvements. If each one paid his own personalty tax,

as the law compels us to do, our rentals could be one-third less than they are now.

That would make Miss C's rent $13.34, while A's would be $11.67, equal to $25.01 for the community. Under the present system they pay $37.50 rent and $33 tax is refunded, leaving $4.50 for the community; so it takes all but a few dollars of Miss C.'s rent to pay their taxes.

Miss C. closes her article by asking: "Now in the face of these facts can any consistent Single Taxer hold that Fairhope is not in honor bound to refund that portion of the total tax indebtedness which is paid in her stead by her tenants in addition to their just ground rents? and if not, why not? Will any one—can any one —explain?"

It seems to me that I have already explained *why* to any unprejudiced mind.

But I will state further that the plan works bad, as the ground rent must be about one-third more in order to get this "refund money" which makes the rent so high that it is driving people off of Colony land as fast as they can dispose of their improvements.

C. K. BROWN.

Comment by the Editor.

Without assuming better ability than Miss Chapman to reply to the foregoing comment upon her article, the editor offers the following:

Mr. Brown's proposition is indisputable that the full benefits of the Single Tax cannot be had until there is one tax and one only—and that on land values—and not only in a state or nation but throughout the world, and (it may be added) not only a single tax on land values, but a tax which will take the whole of land values. But it by no means follows that partial steps may not be wisely taken in the direction of that much desired end before the complete program is inaugurated.

The Fairhope plan is designed to apply the Single Tax as far as possible under existing laws.

The Single Tax is not primarily concerned with the sum total of taxes to be paid, but the method under which they shall be distributed over the people. And when critics complain that the Fairhope plan is simply "a shifting of taxes," they lose sight of the fact that as a tax-reform measure, that is just the purpose of the Single Tax; to shift the burden of public taxation. To distribute it upon the basis of benefits received from the community, as reflected in land values, instead of on the basis of industry and enterprise evidenced by the possession of wealth.

Single Taxers do not promise that the Single Tax will decrease public revenues, but rather that it would yield more revenue for all proper public purposes than is now derived from all forms of taxation. Out of local land values they would pay local public expenses, and also the local community's proportionate share of the county, state and national expense.

If the Single Tax on land values would produce as much public revenue as is now derived, the county and state tax upon the people of Fairhope, under the Single Tax, would be as great as it is now. It would be simply a difference of its adjustment. Instead of the man who built a nice home, or the merchant who put up a good store and carried a big stock of goods, being singled out for special punishment, each would pay according to benefits received, as measured in his land values.

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In one place Mr. Brown complains that a part of that which should be used for the local benefit is used to pay the taxes on improvements and personal property, but in another he contends that if it were not for that policy the "rents might be reduced one-third"—and there is "the milk in the cocoanut." If rents were reduced one-third and the tax on improvements and personalty were not paid out of the rent fund, the immediate financial result to the community would, it is true, be the same; but the other third which would still have to be paid, instead of being laid upon the land values, would be laid upon industry and enterprise, the very thing about which Single Taxers complain.

Just one class would be benefitted and that would be those who hold valuable land unimproved or poorly improved; those, for instance, who raise oats on building lots, or who hold 20 to 40 acres and cultivate one to five.

One error into which so many fall, is in assuming that a policy which benefits the man who is able to put good improvements upon his land must do so at the expense of the poor man. The fact is, we assert, that both rich man and poor man benefit under our policy—provided always that they put their land to reasonably good use. We will not try to figure for those who hold land out of use, or who hold valuable land which they are not able or willing to put to its best use.

We make this challenge, which we have frequently made before: that there cannot be a single instance cited of a poor man, or a rich man, in the town or in the country, holding Fairhope land and putting it to anything like such use as it is best fitted for, of whom we cannot demonstrate to any man used to figuring business propositions, that he is ahead in dollars and cents by the Fairhope policy.

This also touches the question of too high rents. Mr. Brown is simply wrong in his statement that people are leaving Fairhope because their rents are too high. Nobody holding land and using it has been or is being driven from Fairhope by high rents, and no man thinking of locating in Fairhope has ever been kept out by a feeling that rents were too high.

Justice of the Fairhope Policy.

EDITOR COURIER:

I desire to congratulate Miss Chapman on her able defense of the Fairhope policy of paying state and

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The spring number of the *Single Tax Review* has been received and presents a very interesting program for Single Taxers.

Hon. C. B. Hoffman of Kansas, sending his dollar for renewal of subscription, says: "Of course I could not get along without the paper, because I want to keep in touch with Fairhope and the excellent work you are doing there."

Single Taxers learned with deep regret that Mr. Jas. H. Barry, editor and publisher of *The Star*, San Francisco, lost his entire plant in the late disaster. Whether he will be able to resume publication of the *Star* we have not heard. Our sincerest sympathy is extended him in his great loss.

We are in receipt of an interesting pamphlet by Mr. T. G. Bush of Birmingham, entitled "Railroads; their Relation to the People." Mr. Bush makes a strong appeal, from his standpoint, for fair treatment of railroads, not only in their interest, but in the interest of the people of this state; but nowhere do we note a consideration of the most important point in the relation of railroads to the people—that they are highways, and of necessity involve in their building and administration governmental powers. Such powers can never be delegated to individuals without danger of abuse.

Roosevelt's Radicalism.

The Secretary of the Pittsburg Single Tax Association calls our attention to the following extract from a late message of President Roosevelt, which had escaped our notice, and which is very significant and encouraging:

"Furthermore, the time has come when no oil or coal lands held by the Government, either upon the public domain proper or in territory owned by the Indian Tribes, should be alienated. The fee to such lands should be kept in the United States Government, whether or not the profits arising from it are to be given to any Indian tribe, and the lands should be leased only on such terms and for such periods as will enable the Government to keep entire control thereof."

The secretary of the Pittsburg club adds: "The president's attitude on the question was unanimously endorsed as being the only real, equitable and permanent basis for the solution of the whole monopoly question."

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Call, Wm. and Mrs. A. B.	" 10.
Fairhope House	" 8.
Fairhope Builders' Supply Company	" 12.
Fairhope Courier.	" 2.
Fairhope Lumber Company	" 14, 2 rings
Fairhope Pharmacy	" 11.
Gaston, E. B., residence	" 2, 2 rings
Gooding, S. E.	" 9.
Home Telephone Co. Central	" 14.
Littlefield, C. E.	" 3, 2 rings
Mershon Merchandising Company	" 3, 3 rings
Mershon Merch. Co. cement works	" 3, 2 rings
Mershon, Dr. C. L.	" 11.
Patterson, John A	" 4.
Stimpson, Wm.	" 12.
Wharf	" 4.
Wilson & Nelson, butcher shop	" 6.

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By co-operative arrangement with the Home Company connections will be made free to near-by subscribers on its line. A charge of 10c will be made to Bay Minette, Magnolia Springs, Robertsdale, and Bon Secour; and 25c to Mobile.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

That our school garden is a success is proven by the interest that children take in talking about it and in describing their modes of operation. Take any one of the school gardeners who has done any work—for there is always a small number who fail to take hold right—at the first attempt only, let us hope—and just say to him: "You have a garden at the school, I believe?" and see his eyes brighten and note the intelligent interest he shows in all the processes. Already the

practical results of their instruction shows in the home. While sitting on the front "gallery" of my neighbor's house last Sunday morning, a little chap (I must not say it was "Cherub," since he has so long outgrown all signs of babyhood) came around from the rear garden with a fine big lettuce, *all his own work*. In the next of these "letters" I will, if possible, tell you something definite that will interest you, little friend Arnold, who long ago asked me for flower seeds which I sent you from Fairhope "way down" to Topolobampo. Did you make any of them grow? Anywhere on that rock one may be excused for failure. I was for five years on the very top of it, Arnold, as your parents will tell you, there, in old Alberton Hall, where we kept the library and printed the *Credit Foncier of Sinaloa* for all that time. The three preceding years the Howlands had printed it in Hammonton, N. J., and then in 1888 they moved the plant, library and household goods to where you now are. What a memorable day was that when four of our strong colony horses tugged press and outfit up to the top of that steep rock! Your father will tell you all about it, but your mother had not then joined the colony. But she can tell you about my gardening up there; for you see I will "garden," no matter where I am. To be sure it was all a jungle of acacias, that rock, notably the fragrant opoponax and climbing vines. Everybody wonders how plants and even trees can grow where you cannot anywhere dip up a spadeful of soil. My great success was the *bisnaga* cactus, a big globular form that would not "begin" to go into a barrel, and one lovely amaryllis, the *corona imperialis*, that I have here at the Pines and have cultivated ever since. On that rock it was a task. I had to dig up "no end" of stones, and scrape and sweep a whole day to get enough soil to plant the huge bulb that a friend gave me. It came up soon and grew prodigiously. I watered it and laid stones around the stem to preserve the escape of the moisture. That moisture seemed to draw the ants—the same little red ant, apparently, that so troubles us here, only they are as crazy after sugar as ours here are for kerosene. I know you will wonder over that taste of theirs and ask me the cause of it. I do not know, nor does anyone so far as I am aware. It seems to make them drunk. I never saw so many ants as swarmed on those stones around that lily. I felt certain that they would kill it, and I resorted to heroic treatment: boiling water applied with a sprinkler every day for some days. If the lily grew prodigiously before, it grew phenomenally after that. Never in my life did I witness such magnificent growth and flowering! If we could only collect our Fairhope ants and make fertilizer of them! This stimulating principle may be in the acid which is so strong in the ant, as you know if you have ever got one of them in your mouth; but you may know without that test, for the formic acid of commerce is made out of that very acid; hence the name of it, for *formica* is Latin for ant.

DISCUSSION OF FAIRHOPE POLICY.

(Continued from 3rd page.)

county, as well as local taxes out of rent. Her article in the COURIER of May 4th ought to settle the controversy as far as Single Taxers are concerned. Indeed, the wonder is that such a letter, addressed to "Our Single Tax critics" (not to critics of the Single Tax) should ever have been needed.

Fairhope, as I understand, was established for the purpose of illustrating the application of the Single Tax principle as nearly as may be under the existing state and national laws. How can any person calling himself a Single Taxer consistently desire to limit the experiment to the raising of local revenue, when state and county taxes can so easily be included in the illustration? Suppose the legislature of Alabama should determine to raise the state revenue by a tax on land value, would these critics approve such legislation? To be consistent they would have to do so, for such a tax would come out of rent, and, though there would be no taxes to refund, the financial result would be the same as that of the present Fairhope policy. Taking Miss Chapman's figures for illustration, the $200 levied for state and county purposes would then be fairly distributed in proportion to the rental value of each person's holdings, including Mr. M's tax of $75; thus giving the same result as by the present system of refunding.

If Fairhope is to illustrate the working of the Single Tax principle, by all means let the illustration be made as wide as possible.

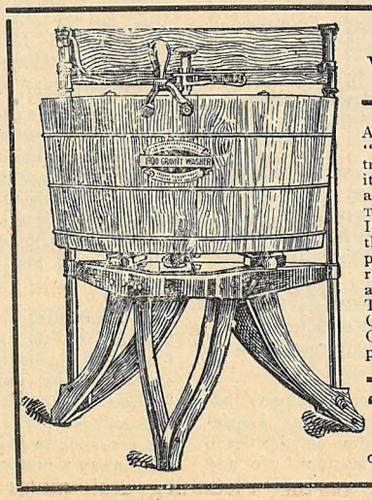
S. J. CHUBB.

Toronto Junction, Ontario.

Mr. P. W. McKay, wife and children, came in from Flatwood, Ala., last evening, to spend a few days at Fairhope before returning to their Pennsylvania home for the summer. Mr. Himrod and family had intended to come with them, but felt at the last that they did not have time.

The Council met last Friday evening to consider the application of the Mershon Merchandising Company for a lease of land for a cement block factory. After much discussion it was voted to grant them a lease to the tract desired, which includes the mouth of the gully north of Mr. Swift's, being about 290 by 375 feet, extreme measurements, extending to within 125 feet of the bay shore. The rent for the balance of the year was fixed at $25, and the charge for gravel fixed at 20 cents a square yard, and allowed to charge 30 cents a yard to others for gravel delivered at the mouth of the pit. The matter of wharf privilege was deferred to the next meeting and referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Stimpson, Rose and Gaston.

Mrs. J. F. Schindler and daughter Dorothy left this morning for Cleveland, via Cincinnati, and after a short visit there with Mr. Schindler, Mrs. Schindler will go on east, visiting New York, Boston, and other eastern cities. She will also attend the annual conference of the Woman's National Single Tax League, which will meet at Brooklyn on May 29, 30 and 31. She will attend the conference as a delegate from the Woman's Henry George Club of Fairhope, and will read a paper on Fairhope on Tuesday afternoon, the 29th. The ladies of the club, and Fairhope, will be fortunate in having so able a representative as Mrs. Schindler, and we are sure a very favorable impression will be made on the ladies of the National League—who are indeed already very favorable to Fairhope.



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Don't forget regular services at the Christian Church each Lord's day and a cordial invitation is given to you to attend.

The Editor has been summoned as a grand juror in the U. S. Court for the Southern district of Alabama, Mobile, on May 28.

When the steamer "Baldwin" was laid up undergoing repairs last week, the increase in travel through Fairhope was very noticeable.

Mr. Frank Brown has completed burning his kiln of brick and it is the best he has burned. He also burned quite a quantity of excellent tile in the kiln.

Mrs. Ferguson, who has been the mainstay at the Fairhope House for some months past, will continue to operate the hotel, with the assistance of her son.

Mr. Ezra P. Kinne of Bayside was a pleasant visitor at the COURIER office on Wednesday. Mr. Kinne is thinking seriously of building a cement block cottage there.

The Mershon Merchandising Company's cement construction gang were obliged to knock off on Wednesday for lack of cement, and came home for the balance of the week.

E. H. Rockwell, the Farmington, Iowa, publisher and Single Taxer, who visited us the first of the month, gave a very interesting and complimentary report of his trip in his paper of May 10.

Our Mr. T. P. Lyon had a very good short article on Fairhope in the "Rocky Mountain News," of Denver, which has caused a number of inquiries for further information to be received by the Secretary.

The Fairhope Improvement Company has taken up the matter of building the amusement and refreshment pavilion on the beach in connection with the Bayside Cafe and work is now being pushed on it by Moorman and Vanderbeck, contractors.

Miss Ivy Powell has been quite ill again for a week past.

Infants', Misses' and Ladies' white Oxfords, and white hose are the articles that make you cool and comfortable in hot weather. You will find them at the big store of Mershon Merchandising Co.

The Executive Committee of the Library Association met at The Gables on Wednesday evening and will meet again at the same place on Sunday evening considering matters connected with the proposed new libra ry building.

The Pleasure Bay, bright with new paint throughout, and gay with flags, brought the Sunday school of the St. Francis Street Baptist church, Mobile, over to Sea Cliff for an excursion and picnic on last Saturday. There was a big crowd.

The pupils of Mrs. Anna G. Pilcher, assisted by local talent will give a piano recital on next Tuesday evening at the church at 8 o'clock. The parents and friends of those interested and all lovers of music are cordially invited to attend.

One hundred and nine barrels of potatoes were shipped from Fairhope wharf on Monday morning, 67 on Tuesday, 152 on Wednesday and 101 Thursday. The crop is averaging light but the price is keeping up pretty well. $3.60 to $3.75 a barrel.

It is reported that the Bay Steamship Company is looking for a tract of land on this shore suited for a picnic ground, which they will fit up with various amusements and attractions for picnickers, and to which they will run excursions with their boats.

Captain George Lawrence has been confined to his bed and suffering greatly for several days, but visiting him a couple of days since, the editor found him full of Fairhope and its interests, which are ever first in his mind. A communication from him written on his bed of sickness will appear in next issue.

The Lawn party at Battles on last Saturday evening for the benefit of the Battles public school was a very successful affair. A very large and well behaved crowd was in attendance, an excellent program was rendered, refreshments were plentiful and a good sum was realized. A large party went down from Fairhope.

In Mr. Brown's kiln of brick just burned were placed a couple of pieces of decorative work in the fine pinkish clay found cropping out in the gullies here and in well digging, one the work of Misss Lyon, and one made by Mr. Littlefield and they burned beautifully, taking a light cream color and an extraordinary hardiness.

Mr. Beesly, writes us from Detroit that he has been appointed to a foremanship position on the Panama canal, and will write the COURIER letters from time to time. Mrs. Beesley will remain with children in Hastings and Chicago, for the present, Mr. Beesley is a competent and pushing American, and will see that work in his charge moves.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Stites left on Wednesday morning for their former home at Barker Creek, Mich., bearing with them the regrets of their many Fairhope friends over their leaving, but their best wishes for their happiness and prosperity there. While Mr. Stites did not come to Fairhope a Single Taxer, he went away a pretty good one, and a good friend of Fairhope, its policy and its people, as he has been while here.

Owing to the inability of the leader for the day to take a whole day off the picnic meeting of the Henry George Club with the Nortons at Daphne, was called off by a called meeting a week ago and the club met as usual with Mrs. Gaston, yesterday, and listened to a very interesting and instructive paper by Mrs. Comings on "Notable attempts to Ameliorate Industrial Conditions." The club voted to turn over to the Library Association the funds collected for the new library building and the work of further solicitation for the same.

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Mr. Pilcher spent two days in Mobile this week on business for his company.

Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright left on Saturday evening for Cleveland. Mr. Cartwright who is a stenographer and typewriter by profession, did not think there were opportunities enough in his line to justify his remaining here, and Mrs. Cartwright feared the summers would be too hot for her. Mr and Mrs. Cartwright are thorough-going single taxers, fully in accord with Fairhope policy and very agreeable people, and we were very sorry they did not see their way to remain with us.

The former Ruskin colonists now living at Fairhope had a reunion at the residence of W. S. Baldwin recently, and Dr. E. L. Page took an excellent picture of the group. It included Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Baldwin and Clayton (Ernest not being at home); Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bell, their sons Rienzi and Elzivir and daughter Irene; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shepherd, daughters Celeste (now Mrs. Will Davis) and Louie, and sons Daniel, Jr., Emmet and Alfred; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Braam, Mrs. Mary E. Otto, Mrs. Grace Kennedy Page, and Percy Stokes.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ross left on the Pleasure Bay Sunday evening, expecting to take the Sabine of the Mallory line on Monday for New York. A number of their friends were in on Saturday evening to express their regret over their departure, and wish them health, happiness and prosperity, wherever their lot might in future be cast, and a number were down to the pier to say their last good-bye on Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have made many friends who regretted greatly to have them leave Fairhope, and they confessed to a feeling of genuine regret when it really came time to go; but neither of them felt that the climate here agreed with them, nor were they suited with the hotel business. We understand, in fact, that it was not their intention when they came to continue permanently in the business, but to turn it over soon to Mr. W. L. Ross, who, however, found it inadvisable to come Mr. Ross does not yet know just what he will do east, but he will probably go back into the insurance business, in which he was engaged for some time before coming here. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are ardent Single Taxers and will retain a deep interest in Fairhope and its loyal people. We are sure the pleasant features of their stay here will loom larger in their minds as time passes and are not without hope that we may see them back again some day.

Firemen to Celebrate July Fourth

Following the Fire Department drill on Monday evening the firemen held a meeting at the hall. Fire Chief E. D. Brann presented his resignation, but the choice of a successor was laid over until the next meeting.

It was unanimously voted to celebrate the Fourth of July and a special meeting is to be held soon at the call of the president to make further arrangements, and at this meeting all citizens will be invited to attend.

The executive committee was instructed to correspond regarding hose and a hose-cart, with authority to purchase if they secure a favorable proposition.

Infants' summer vests, Ladies' long sleeve summer vests at Mershon Merchandising Co.

See Carlson about the metal shingles before you decide on the covering for your roof.

Mershon Merchandising Company has extra charging bottles for the Royal fire extinguishers of which a number have been purchased in this vicinity recently.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County. J. S. LAMBERT, Bay Minette, Ala.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

I hereby announce myself as a canditate for Representative in the Legislature from Baldwin County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and respectfully solicit the support of the people of the County.
LESLIE HALL.

Notice.

The New Church Reading Circle meets every first and third Sunday of the month at 10:30 at Winterhaven Cottage, residence of Mrs. Towner, second door north of Mr. Mogg's.

Religious and economic subjects considered and discussed from the standpoint of the Bible and New Church doctrine. All earnest and sincere truth seekers are cordially invited to attend and take part in these meetings.

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Notice No. 20723.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., May 1, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Geo. H. Dunlap, Jr., U. S. Com. at Mobile, Ala., on June 5, 1906, viz: Willis W. Overholser, Homestead entry No. 36279, for the lots 6, 7, and 8, of Section 26, Tp. 9 south of Range 2 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this, as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation, but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing the right by purchase, to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues.

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The Fairhope Courier.

Devoted to the Single Tax and its practical application by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.
See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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THE WHOLE QUESTION.

For the Courier.

All men have equal right to life,
Here let reformers stand;
And who have equal right to life
Have equal right to land.

All men have equal right to land:
And by this truth is meant,
Men who have equal right to land
Have equal right to rent.
See? SAMUEL BRAZIER.

Water Works Notes.

The following parties are now connected with the water mains and using "city water:" G. M. Bancroft, J. J. Mogg, W. S. Sumner, Miss Richards, E. B. Gaston, A. A. Chapman, F. W. Rose, A. J. Wolf, 2 cottages; C. K. Brown, 5 cottages; S. H. Comings 2 cottages, Dr. Mershon residence and store, Mershon Merchandising Co., and Curtis Restaurant.

Superintendent of Construction Stimpson would have had all the mains laid before this had he been able to get pipe and fittings as needed; as it is, the mains have been extended across the gulley to Fels ave.; south on Section street to the Carlson planing mill and north to Magnolia in addition to what has been previously reported.

Mr. Bellangee is in charge of the pumping station, and has been rendering a double service, flushing out the mains and tank, by filling up the latter and then using the water through the fire hose to wash down the bank at the hill and fill up the ditch left there. The water directed into the bank, with the tank pressure, bores a hole into which the sides cave, and are carried down by the water into the ditch. When the ditch is full the operation is stopped until the surplus water subsides, when it can be again repeated.

The Citronelle *Call* of the 18th contained a five column half-tone illustrating the havoc wrought by the destructive fire which visited that thriving town on May 12, wiping out ten business houses and six residences. The fire broke out early in the evening and very little wind was blowing, but having no water works or fire fighting equipment, little could be done to stay the progress of the flames. The fear of just such a disaster at Fairhope was one of the potent reasons why some of us were so persistent in urging the putting in of our water works. One fifth, probably one-tenth of the loss suffered by this fire would have put in a water system which would in all probability have enabled the confining of the fire to the building in which it started, at least, besides the very great convenience of water under pressure for daily use. We note that the Citronelle Council has adopted a fire ordinance, governing the class of buildings to be erected in a certain portion of the town. We recommend that they take immediate steps toward securing a municipal water works plant.

COURIER REMEMBERED BY FRIENDS.

The thanks of the editor are due and are tendered to a number of friends who remembered "COURIER Day," May 15, and helped to swell the subscription list. The following responded with clubs:

Jno. A. Patterson, Fairhope, 5 new names for a year; Frederick Chapman, Fairhope, 1; James McBride, Akron, O., 4; Samuel Milliken, Philadelphia, 3 three months; Capt. G. A. R. Lawrence, Fairhope, 2 yearly; Albert C. Holloway, Akron, O., 5 yearly; John Cairns, Belknap, Conn., 7 three months; I. H. Miller, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1 yearly; John F. Ford, Brooklyn, 3 six months; E. C. Wolcott, Warren, O., 3 yearly; Chas. R. Eames, Elgin, Ill., 3 three months; S. J. Chubb, Toronto Junction, Ont., 1 yearly, 1 three months; Adolph Feldblum, Esq., Brooklyn, 3 new yearly, and balance of check for $4.80 he says to "use as you please." C. P. Betts, Jacksonville, Fla., 2 six months. Dr. Thos. S. K. Morton, Philadelphia, sends $5 and says: "Kindly place 10 copies in libraries or elsewhere." Joseph C. Campbell, Rochester, Pa., writes: "I would remember 'COURIER Day' and herewith enclose my check for $5 and would kindly ask that you mail me ten Fairhope Booklets and keep the balance of the money for the good of the COURIER. These little books have caused considerable discussion in our town about Fairhope which may some day do good. I lay them on the different tables in our banking room, and customers who are waiting their turn frequently put in the time reading of the advantages of Fairhope." With the one new name sent in by W. L. Barnes of Charlestown, Ind., he also sent $5, the balance, after extending his own subscription, to be used at the discretsion of the editor.

A number of other good friends took the occasion to renew their own subscriptions and send cheering messages.

We have decided to extend for a little time longer the special rate made for new subscriptions, namely: 60 cents a year, 30 cents for six months, 15 cents for three months; or 50 cents a year in clubs of ten or more, and shall hope to hear from many more. Remember that an increased subscription list will not only put the message of the COURIER regularly before new readers, but will make possible the enlargement and improvement of the paper.

Mr. Rose's friend, Mr. Dixon, now in Tucson, Ariz., writes on receipt of the booklet: "Your book is nicely gotten up and explains the plan of your town in such a way one imagines he can see it all between the lines. From what I hear and read of Fairhope it reminds me of one big happy family." Mr. and Mrs. Dixon expect to come to Fairhope next year, having rented there for a year.

Council Proceedings.

Executive Council met in regular session on Monday evening, with all members present. President Brown in the chair.

Wharfinger reported receipts as follows: Week ending May 12, freight $25.55, passengers $4.75 (34 coupons), total $30.30, paid treasurer $18.18; week ending May 19, freight $49.77, passengers $3.15 (36 coupons), total $52.92, paid treasurer, $31.75.

Following bills allowed:

J. W. Braam, carbon blocks, zincs, blue vitriol, etc., for telephone system, supplies for balance of year nearly	$18 24	
A. K. Trenholme, work on map	1 00	
M. Dyson, oiling wind mill, 1½ months	75	
Barney-Cavanagh Hardware Co., wire, brackets insulators, etc., for telephones	19 10	
J. A. Patterson, freight, etc., for water works	$11 56	
paid boy cleaning bath-houses	35	
" Albert Stearns, work on wharf	25 00	
" H. Gilmore, " "	2 55	
" L. K. Jefferson, " "	15 00	54 45
Missouri Lamp and Mfg. Co., 4 fire extinguishers		42 00

The secretary was authorized to send Mr. Fels a blue print copy of the plat of Corporation lands; also to furnish a copy each to the water works committee and superintendent of lands and highways.

Blue prints to be furnished anyone wanting same at 50 cents each.

The matter of making wharfage free on products produced on Colony land was taken up and discussed at length, but the motion to adopt this policy was lost.

It was moved and carried that the contract system be pursued as far as practicable and that bids be called for on public work and purchase of supplies.

Mrs. Pilcher's Piano Pupils Give Second Annual Recital before Large Audience.

The second annual piano recital by pupils of Mrs. Anna G. Pilcher occurred at the Christian church on last Tuesday evening and was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. The performance of the pupils reflected great credit upon them and their excellent instructor. The program was as follows;

1 Piano Duo — Bridal Bells — *Drumheller*
Misses Vera Mershon and Bessie Littlefield

2 Nocturne — Reve D' Une Angel — *F. D' Orso*
Miss Goldie Tiffany

3 Vocal Solo — Down in the Deep Let Me Sleep — *H. Petrie*
Dr. Geo. A. Sheldon

4 Duet — Rose Waltz — *Streabog*
Misses Leah Gaston and Margery Pilcher

5 Solo — a. Tarantelle — *Heller*; b. Andante Celebre — *L. Von Beethoven*
Miss Hazel Pilcher

6 Recitation — Music on the Rappahannock
Mr. Paul Y. Albright

7 Duet — Smile Waltz — *E. Mack*
Misses Martha Ahrens and Leah Gaston

8 Solo — The Tulip — *H. Lichner*
Miss Irene Bell

PART TWO

1 Duet — Selected
Misses Hazel Pilcher and Frances Gaston

2 Vocal Solo — I Like You — *Wm. F. Petrie*
Mr. Wm. Dealy

3 Solo — Bells at Eventide — *C. Krogman*
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Mr. E. B. Gaston

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b. Invitation a la Valse — *Von Weber*
Miss Vera Mershon

7 VOCAL SOLO — Hunting Four-Leaf Clover — *J. W. Bischoff*
Miss Goldie Tiffany

8 SOLO — a. Il Trovatore — *Dorn*
b. Barcarolle — *G. A. Grant Schaefer*
Miss Frances Gaston

9 DUET — Persian Gavotte — *Chevelier de Kontski*
Miss Vera Mershon and Mrs. Pilcher

Fairhope Public Library Contributions.

(Continued from 1647 to 1658.)

From an anonymous donor :—
1648-9—Old Diary Leaves. Second and third series. 2 vols. Col. H. S. Olcott.

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From James F. Morton, Jr.:—
1656—The Curse of Race Prejudice.

From H. Martin Williams :—
1657—Live Questions. Altgelt.

From the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture :—
1658—Working Plan for Forest Lands in Southern Alabama.

From Thos. P. Craig :—
1659—The Menace of Privilege. Henry George, Jr.
1660—The City the Hope of Democracy. Frederick C. Howe.

M. HOWLAND, Librarian.

Library Association Committee Meeting.

The executive committee of the Library Association met at "The Gables" on Sunday evening and after further discussion of the question of site voted by three to one to recommend to the Association the Thompson corner, on Fairhope Ave., and Church street. Some sketches of floor plans and elevations prepared by Mr Trenholme and Miss Lyon were considered, and it was voted to ask Mr. Littlefield to prepare a plan adapted to the materials produced by his company It was the idea of the committee that the building should include if possible within the amount available, a good sized reading room, a room to store under modern methods, at least 5000 volumes, a room which would seat 100 people for small meetings, and one or two smaller rooms. A basement was favorably talked of especially for the location suggested.

A meeting of the Library Association is called for Saturday evening at the hall, to hear the report of the committee, and a full attendance is hoped for, It is also hoped that every resident will qualify for membership in the Association by paying one dollar, and help decide the important details regarding the new building and when it is done and the library housed therein to make it as potent an educational force in the community as possible.

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J. B. Barber formerly of Anna, Ill., now at Waverly, Iowa, who visited Fairhope through the winter writes: "I think I may be with you again in the fall. I enjoyed my visit at Fairhope very much, as did those from Anna who were with me; one of the party who was with me told me this A. M. he wished he was there now."

"All must live upon the earth, thus have not all a right to its use without paying another for the privilege? If some land is more valuable than others, by means of the presence of population, the occupiers of such valuable land should pay for their privilege; but should they pay another individual who has not created the value, or the community which has?"

W. L. Barnes of Charlestown, Ind., responded to our "COURIER Day" proposition with a check for $5 and added: "Both the COURIER and Fairhope must prosper and grow. I am convinced that your little city is doing more toward educating the people in the lines of sound sociology than any other town or city in the nation. Fairhope is indeed a town 'with a purpose.' This purpose should not be compromised, but your Colony should adhere strictly to the great doctrine promulgated by Henry George. It is right and the right will prevail."

Samuel Brazier, of Boston, contributed one of the best articles to the spring number of the *Single Tax Review's* symposium on "Private Property in Land." In a letter to the editor of the COURIER Mr. Brazier says: "I am very glad that such an enterprise has been attempted and hope it will grow to be a greater success than is now dreamed of. I wish you were able, as I hope you will be some day, to make the COURIER a larger paper and a medium for general Single Tax advocacy, containing every week some important article on the general world-wide question."

The letter-head upon which Mr. Jos. Hyder, secretary of the Land Nationalization Society of England, writes us, bears the name of Alfred Russel Wallace (the noted scientist) as president, and an imposing list of vice presidents, of whom sixty-eight are members of parliament. This is indication of the strength of the land reform movement in Great Britain. The society was established in 1881 to "equitably restore the land to the people and the people to the land." We are to receive *Land and Labour*, the society's journal, regularly in exchange for the COURIER. Mr. Hyder says of Fairhope in his letter: "As an object lesson in the working of the principle of public ownership your venture should be very valuable and I trust it will receive increasing support."

Hard Times Elsewhere.

The editor's correspondence discloses a multitude of people who are having a hard time to make both ends meet, and for whom the future holds small hope. One Philadelphia friend expresses his regret that he is unable to renew his subscription to the COURIER, which, he says, is "a good paper in a good cause." "The printers' lockout in this city is the cause," he adds. "This has left the most of us stranded financially. About 600 of us gather daily in the hall and discuss the situation."

Another friend, a very capable man actively identified with the Single Tax work a few years ago, writes from Brooklyn: "I am as poor as it is possible to be and not be submerged."

These are only samples of scores of such letters which reach us. It is our hope and purpose to make of Fairhope a place where, by the elimination of local land speculation at least, and the ease of access to natural opportunities and stimulus to enterprise which all Single Taxers know must follow, opportunities may be opened to such to find homes and employment here. Indeed we cannot but think that most, if not all such, if possessed of stout hearts and a willingness to apply themselves to whatever work offered, could immediately improve their condition at once by coming here, and with a certainty that conditions will constantly improve under Fairhope policies, whereas the contrary is quite certain to be the case elsewhere.

Wants Genuine Single Taxers to Control.

EDITOR COURIER:

I sincerely hope that genuine Single Taxers will remain in control of Fairhope's affairs. We who subscribed to its land fund did so with the understanding that they would control and certainly never intended that the money should be devoted to any other purpose than the establishment and continuance of a Single Tax community.

Let those who do not like the Single Tax live elsewhere. They may come to East Orange if they like and buy their own land. It will take considerable money to buy it and no Single Taxer will help them so far as I know.

Fairhope Clay Is Valuable.

Miss Lyon has returned from a short stay at New Orleans, where she made some experiments with Fairhope clays in the Newcomb Pottery (connected with the Tulane University). All of the samples tested were found of value; that from Dr. Greeno's farm being found very well adapted to art pottery and modeling. Prof

E. Woodward, director of the art department, and Prof. J. H. Dillard (the latter the well known Single Taxer and contributor to *The Public*), both plan to visit Fairhope this season. Miss Lyon will remain at Fairhope during the session of the June Normal, at least.

A Fair Report on Potatoes.

Mr. J. W. Oberg, our neighbor, did fairly well on his potato crop this season in spite of unfavorable weather, his potatoes being first nipped by frost and later discouraged by drouth and being but about half a crop.

He furnishes the following statement of results on five acres:

Sold 107 barrels at $3.65		$390.55
Sold 13 barrels at $3.75		48.75
	Receipts	$439.30
Seed and fertilizer	$193.35	
Barrels	42.00	
Freight and Wharfage	18.00	253.35
	Net Returns	$185.95

This gave Mr. Oberg $185.95 for his labor in raising a crop on five acres, occupying the ground about four months. He will follow the potatoes with cotton and corn and should get big crops of both without additional fertilizer.

Striking Instances of Land Values.

EDITOR COURIER:

Enclosed find clipping from the *Mobile Daily Item* of the 14th inst.:

Wall street is to have a new skyscraper which will enjoy the distinction of occupying the most valuable plot of ground in the world. This is located at the southeast corner of Broadway and Wall street, opposite Trinity church. It will be put up by a St. Louis company at a cost of $300,000, and will be ready for occupancy about January 1, 1907.

The new skyscraper will be one of the most remarkable buildings ever constructed. Although it will rise to a height of 220 feet, the foundations will be only 30 by 30 feet. This is the tallest building ever put up on so small a base, and architects have had to give particular attention to utilizing every inch of this space and to bracing the structure against wind.

The price paid for the 1,170 square feet that comprise the site of the new skyscraper was $700,000. This figures out at about $600 per square foot, or $4.15 per square inch. In other words, this means a value per acre of $26,051,413.40.

Early in the eighteenth century this piece of property was sold for $515. By 1870 it had advanced to $5,000. The next time it changed hands was in 1827, when it brought $18,575. Since then it has remained in the same family until bought by the "No. 1 Wall Street Corporation" on behalf of St. Louis capitalists.

I am wondering if its editor doesn't see the "Single Tax Cat."

According to the article referred to, this skyscraper to be built at a cost of $300,000 is to have a ground space of only 30 by 30 feet, and the enormous price put into the pocket of some individual for this little piece of earth is $700,000, and the price paid early in the eighteenth century was $515! Talk about land values, here we have them.

Is it not a fact that if this immense unearned increment had been taken and used where it belonged for the whole people, together with other like land values in the city of New York, that all the other forms of taxation could have been abolished? And would not there have been an abundance of funds at hand to have not only paid for all public services, but also a sufficient fund for a pension for every aged and helpless human creature in the great city. O God help us to turn on the Light of the Gospel of Truth!

Yours for the COURIER and Humanity,

GEO. A. R. LAWRENCE.

Library Buildiug Fund Contributions.

The following subscriptions to the library fund have been lately received by the editor along with renewals of subscriptions.

J. J. Points, Omaha, Neb., ... $1 00
Geo. Stevenson, Mt. Roskill, Auckland N. Z. 3 35

We think another person remitted $1.00 which we have overlooked. Will any other person who has sent us a remittance for the library within the last couple of months please notify me. E. B. Gaston.

The cement block work being done by the Mershon Merchandising Company in Mobile is attracting a great deal of attention and is being most favorably commented upon not only by observers generally, but by architects and builders. The company has secured the contract for furnishing the cement stone facing for the Cleveland building, now being rebuilt after being severely damaged by fire, and is figuring on a number of other contracts, some of them quite large. In order to attend to the work in hand and in sight in Mobile, a yard will be established there and the material manufactured near the place where it is used.

Cottages for Rent I have for rent for the summer a number of nice cottages, furnished and unfurnished, some with water under pressure, bath and water closets; all favorably located. Free foot wharfage to tenants and free bathing privileges. E. B. GASTON, Fairhope, Ala.

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Mrs. Ferguson reports business at the Fairhope House quite encouraging.

Capt. McDermaid and family left for their Illinois home on Thursday morning.

FOR SALE—Good horse suitable for farm purposes. Peerless Laundry, Mobile.

The steamer Caloosa commanded by Capt. Passo, is now running direct between Daphne and Mobile and reported to be doing a good business.

I will have in a shipment of sinks, garden hose, reels and plumbing material in a few days, and will be able to furnish and install same. Will Stimpson.

A fine rain on Tuesday, followed by other showers since has greatly revived our gardens and facilitated sweet potato planting, which is now in order.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy of Mobile, who occupied Miss Haworth's cottage last summer, were over on Sunday and expect to spend the summer here again.

The genial C. C. Cook, of Booneville, Iowa, arrived late last week, to look after some matters for the George E. Baldwin estate of which he is executor.

Among last Sunday's visitors from Mobile was a pleasant party including Mr. Harford of the Herald, Misses Sarah and Clara Kruger and Dora Edwards.

Miss Lillie Gass and a party of friends came over on Saturday evening to stay over Sunday, and Mr. Peter Gass was over on Tuesday. The family will move over soon.

Three of the tastiest jobs of painting in town are grouped together on Fels avenue, in the Gooding, Graham and Dr. Rowe cottages, and they are in very pleasing contrast.

WANTED—We will give 5c each for all the empty Smith's syrup cans that are brought to our store in good order. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Miss Ada Rector of Washington arrived on Tuesday evening for a visit of a few days, to investigate with a view to locating. She is a very pleasant lady, and we hope she will decide to make a home with us.

The first peaches of which we have heard this season were picked by Mrs. Ada Graham from trees on her place, a part of the former Olsen place. A sample of the "first fruits" should always be brought around to the Courier office.

Mr. P. Y. Albright and wife, who came to Fairhope from Pittsburg, Pa., about six weeks ago, have decided to make their home here. As yet Mr. Albright is undecided whether to build a house or to buy the improvements from some one else.

Mr. T. P. Lyon left on Sunday evening for Mobile to take the Mallory steamer, Rio Grande, on Monday for an eastern trip. He will attend the Women's National Single Tax League Conference at Brooklyn, the closing days of this month. He will probably be gone a month.

Good Gingham petticoats, double ruffle, only 75 cents at Call's.

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Mrs. Chas. Hall Perry and little son, and mother Unger left for their home in Illinois on Wednesday morning after a stay of about three months, during which Mrs. Perry, who is suffering from lung trouble, was greatly improved in health.

Some potatoes and beans have been hauled from this vicinity to Robertsdale for direct rail shipment. Some of these days Fairhope must have a railroad connection. We would not exchange our water transportation facilities for a railroad but we want both, and will have the latter some of these days, if we have to build it ourselves.

Dr. H. E. Scott exhibited at the Courier office yesterday a monster onion grown by him on his place at Battles. It was of the "white pearl" variety, grown from a set planted in October, and was 16¼ inches in circumference. The doctor has every prospect of an orange crop worth several hnndred dollars on his Satsuma trees next fall.

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Dr. C. E. Atkinson gave a pleasant luncheon party on Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Sumner and Miss Harper who will leave for their Ohio home next week. The following ladies were present beside the guests of honor, Miss Gooding, Mesdames Swift, Towner and Littlefield.

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Summer Normal.

Beginning June 5 and continuing four weeks, Mrs. M. L. Johnson will conduct a kindergarten in connection with the summer normal. Tuition, $2. Children between the ages of 4 and 7 will be received. Register with Mrs. Comings.

Will anyone desiring teachers to room or board during June at advertised rates, please notify Mrs. Comings?

This summer normal will afford our own young people an opportunity to improve themselves. Two have already registered. Are there not others?

Arts and Crafts.

Meetings for work are held regularly on Mondays from 2 to 5 p. m. at the studio. Business meeting first Monday in each month. Room is open every afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Beginning on May 26 there will be a sale of home-made pies, cakes, bread, caudies, etc., every Saturday afternoon. All members are entitled to place articles here for sale.

Miss Lyon has returned from New Orleans and on Monday, the 28th, at 7 p. m., will begin a class in clay modeling at the studio. This will be preparatory to terra cotta and pottery work. All desiring to join the class should consult Miss Lyon on or before that date.

W. S. Lighthall of Marlow, was a caller at the Courier office on Tuesday, and exhibited some splendid heads of barley grown on his place. The heads were large and well filled out with big plump grains. It was grown on land on which a fall crop of Irish potatoes was grown and of course, without additional fertilizer. Mr. Lighthall also had fine oats, just harvested He resents the talk so often heard that "you can't raise feed here," and takes pleasure in proving that you can.

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We neglected to note in last issue, the pleasant visit, from Saturday evening, the 12th, to Monday morning following, of Mr. John Bowen, of Memphis Tenn., now engaged with his friend and partner, Mr. Powers, (who visited us a few months since) in fishing in the rivers near Hurricane at the crossing of the L. & N. Mr. Bowen, who has been a reader of the COURIER for several years is deeply interested in Fairhope and was greatly pleased with his personal investigation. He expects to make his home here eventually and hopes to spend a part of this summer here and to have his daughter here next winter.

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Mr. Carlson's repair to his gasolene engine, which we reported last week, did not prove permanent and on Monday morning it gave away again and beyond repair, necessitating the shutting down of the mill. A new base for the engine was received by express from the manufacturers on Tuesday evening, but a new concrete foundation which Mr. Carlson has put in, will require a few days to set thoroughly before the engine can be safely started up again. This is very unfortunate for Mr. Carlson, who had orders ahead which would have kept him running steadily—as indeed, he has had, ever since he started up.

Don't forget regular services at the Christian Church each Lord's day and a cordial invitation is given to you to attend.

Wednesday was Father Knowles' 79th birthday. He was working, as he has been right along, on the new Bancroft house, but a pleasant little surprise was perpetrated upon him when the families of F. L. Brown and J. W. Braam, with Mrs. Bancroft, came in at noon and took a picnic dinner with him and Mr. Bancroft in the new house. The Editor and wife intended to go, but were kept away by the rain. In spite of his 79 years and a dulling of his sight and hearing which are quite annoying to him, Father Knowles accomplishes more than many a man of half his age and is an inspiration to the whole community for his industry and public spirit. We are glad to say that he seems good for many years of usefulness yet among us.

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For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

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LESLIE HALL.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this, as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation, but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing the right by purchase, to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

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Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

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See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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OUR PICTURE.

The illustration this week is from a photograph by Mr. Arthur Dealy, showing the beginning of the water works construction, Monday, Feb. 19, 1906, the view showing the commencement of the system—the well—located at the foot of the bluff, not far from the Bayside Cafe.

Posed in the ring bounding the well are Supt. of Construction J. J. Mogg, in the foreground; to his right Committeeman Pilcher and President Stimpson, and on his left Secretary Rose, who composed the efficient board of water works commissioners.

In the carriage are Mr. Wm. Gaston, of Iowa, and his sister, Dr. Clara Atkinson, of Fairhope. Leaning against the tree, back of the well, are Wharfinger Patterson, with Mr. Wolf on his right, and Father Knowles and E. B. Gaston on his left. Dr. Rowe is seated near the well, with quite a group of visitors further up the bank, including Mr. Lewis, of Iowa, and other interested spectators.

There will be big doings in Fairhope on the Glorious Fourth, particulars of which will be announced later. Everyone will be welcome, friends of the Colony from abroad especially so, and we'll have a pleasant time on Fairhope's beautiful water front.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

May 26.—Miss Ada B. Rector, of Washington, D. C., who has charge of the telephone department of the United States post office, is visiting Fairhope and is a guest of the Pines. She is a very intelligent, cultivated lady, and as she may decide to build a home in our colony, we are doubly interested in her. Yesterday Mrs. Gaston invited us to ride over the town with herself and "Dr. Clara," and we had a very agreeable afternoon looking at the new cottages. Dr. Rowe was not at home, but we took the liberty to go over his place. He has hundreds of pigeons, mostly, or perhaps entirely, of the homing, or carrier varieties. The pretty creatures flew about in their large wire enclosures and did not seem to suffer from their confinement. The house has water, a nice bath room and a specially constructed refrigerator, opening into the house, but receiving ice on the outside porch. The doctor has a fine wind-mill, and if he does not have a fine garden by and by it will not be from lack of water but from pure "shiftlessness," and our enterprising Dr. Rowe is not likely to manifest that negative quality. Mrs. Graham was ill and we did not see the inside o

her cottage, but Miss Gooding showed us all over her pretty neatly-kept home. * * * The next call was at Ingleside, the home of the Colemans. It shows wealth, taste and indefatigable industry. Unfortunately the land does not belong to the Corporation as yet. Mrs. Coleman, who used to be my nearest neighbor, received us very graciously and we spent some time admiring her two beautiful children, Henry George and Genevieve. When Mr. Coleman joined us we were shown over the domain. I noticed the most colossal stack of hay I think that I ever saw. We were all delighted with the young Jersey heifers, almost as tame as kittens, and all of them in prime condition. Perfect order and neatness shows everywhere. Mr. Coleman told us that his crop of fruit, especially the Japan persimmons, promised to be immense. When we left we chose to walk down the broad avenue lined with rare shrubs and trees which Mr. Coleman explained to us. Mrs. Coleman accompanied us, carrying her baby in her arms. That was the most charming attraction of the walk.

The day before this I took Miss Rector to see the new cement block cottages of the Zurhorsts' and their neighbors. Miss Rector was delighted with these houses and is very likely to choose this style should she build here. The inside is "hard finished," like those of the best city houses. The blocks can be made in any shape and will lend themselves perfectly to architectural display. In this respect it is like the beautiful Caen stone—I am not certain how to write it—which you see so much in France, and of which the Louvre and the Tuileries are built. It is of a beautiful cream color, so soft when quarried that it can be cut into the most elaborate and elegant designs for facade ornamentation. Then it hardens and so remains for centuries. When I wondered at the extent of such sculptures on buildings in Paris this was the explanation given me. Who can say that we may not sometime have such buildings in Fairhope? Beautiful southern palaces built around an open court with the central fountain spraying ferns and rare aquatic plants! Meanwhile we can build the common southern residences, with wide halls through them connecting by doors with opposite "galleries" or verandas. These halls make the coolest and best "living" rooms possible. But most of our northern people learn the lesson with great difficulty. As a rule they want to build stuffy little rooms like those of the Pines, which have scarcely more ventilation in them than has an egg. And the trouble is that it is so difficult to change them afterward. This house had two outside doors. It now has six, but the construction was such that it was not practicable to make any of them exactly opposite, as they should be. The French window, as it is called, open to the floor and closing in the center, is so well adapted to ventilation, and looks so well behind lace curtains—if women will have them—that I wonder we do not see more of them. One of the six outside doors at the Pines is a heavy "French window;" three of the others are our ordinary two-pane windows changed into doors. We have to learn by experience that there is no comparison between the effectiveness for ventilation of opposite windows and opposite doors.

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* * * Those flowers, dear A, that we gathered for Mr. Dickey are at last heard from. He writes from Chicago on the 25th instant: "I hardly know how to apologize for delay in acknowledging your kindness in sending the beautiful flowers from Fairhope. We were very sorry that they were delayed until late Thursday afternoon, the day after my daughter's wedding. However we enjoyed their fragrance, if not their full beauty. I wish you to convey the thanks of Mrs. Dickey and myself to all those who assisted you in gathering them for the festive occasion. I enjoyed my visit to Fairhope more than you realize, and though I know that most of you felt that I did not appreciate it as I should, I am sure that in time you will find your mistake. Anyway I do not regret the controversy that I had with your people, and I think that when they come to know me better they will feel the same way."—Let me assure you, dear friend D, both for myself personally and for all the people who met you here, that we remember you with great pleasure, even in the controversy, in which all showed a good spirit. We hope you will return when Mr. Post comes to address us, as you believed he would do. I am to have an outing in or about August and am anxious lest he should come when I am away. That would be a calamity. We are all so anxious to see and hear him, and have the benefit of his counsel.

x x x On Friday last I went with Miss Rector to see our schools. For myself, I confess I went mostly to find out what the children knew about Single Tax, which they have been studying, somewhat desultorily, I believe, since the opening of the Corporation term. Both Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet reviewed their pupils for my benefit, and afterward I asked them numerous questions myself. They answered well and had decidedly a comprehension of the foundation principles of the Single Tax philosophy. I was sorry that they were not all able to answer, or at least a great majority of them; but I am confident that few grown-up members of the Colony, aside from the officers and leaders, could, off hand, have done better. The committee of our Henry George Club appointed to look after this matter have not been as active as they might be, and as they will be, I have reason to think, hereafter. On being invited to talk to the children about the city of Washington, Miss Rector responded graciously and thoroughly interested them in the subject, covering much ground in a few minutes. Martha Washington's cat-hole in the door at Mt. Vernon proved of absorbing interest. Little Helen Call was greatly excited when she repeated the story to her grandmother at home. She is impatient to grow up so that she may visit Washington and look for that cat-hole at Mt. Vernon!

In a note from Gustav Buscher, our late visitor from Switzerland, he says: "I congratulate you upon the splendid gift of Mr. Fels. I hope it will have a good influence upon the development of the Colony. I shall be glad to hear of it from time to time."

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Single Tax Doctrine.

This week we ran across the following, published some years ago in *Self Culture*, a magazine of knowledge published by the Werner Company, who are also the American publishers of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, and which is an answer by the editor to a correspondent:

Land being a natural element and absolutely necessary to existance, should not be an object of speculation and monopoly; "that it being beyond the power of any man or set of men to add a single inch to the earth's surface, or a pound to its bulk; that land being the only source from which wealth can be obtained, or by which life can be sustained, is the natural heritage of all."

The savage Red Jacket said: "What, sell the land? Why not sell the air, the sea, and the sunshine?" and Black Hawk: "The Great Spirit has told me that land is not to be made property, the earth is our common mother."

Blackstone, the great authority on common law, said: "There is no foundation in nature or in natural law why a set of words upon parchment should cover the dominion of land."

Herbert Spencer observes that "To deprive others of the right to the use of the earth is to commit a crime only inferior to taking away their lives and personal liberties."

An argument of Single Taxers is that land being the heritage of all alike, and the value of certain locations being enhanced by the community, then whoever used a particular portion should pay those who surrendered their rights (pay into the public treasury) whatever his special privilege is worth.

The recent utterance of President Roosevelt that "the time has come when no oil or coal lands held by the government, either upon the public domain proper or in territory owned by the Indian tribes, should be alienated," which has been noted before in these columns, requires more extended consideration. This most significent admission has been suppressed by the plutocratic press. It may not yet appear to them that the recognition of this basic economic principle is like the proverbial ghost, "it will not down!" When the president of the United States recommends in a state paper as radical a remedy as the foremost thought of the world has evolved, a policy of ignoring will serve but the most temporary purpose. It is immaterial how little the author may discern of the truth underlying his dogmatic position. The significant fact stands forth that the futile expedients hitherto attempted have been recognized as failures and that of the multitude of remedies which are scoring for the pole the president, with his unerring, sporting instinct has selected the winner! Unless, however, he is "riding for a fall," the support of many hitherto hostile or indifferent among the press is to be expected. Most surely will Single Taxers everywhere respond to this clarion note from the head of the nation and who knows, perhaps Theodore Roosevelt may occupy a niche in the temple of fame for which his environment may be more responsible than his economic erudition!

Town Meeting Plan Improved On.

The leading article in *The Public* of May 26 is on "The Intiative and Referendum," and is a paper by Mr. Post read and discussed at the twelfth annual meeting of the National Municipal League at Atlantic City, N. J., April 26. It is a very strong article, as, indeed, readers of the COURIER will take for granted when it was written by Mr. Post, and one of its most interesting features to Fairhopers is its reference to the New England Town meeting system and comparison of the same with the initiative and referendum provisions as now generally advocated.

It will be remembered that a few months since, when the critics of Fairhope were so active in their criticisms and suggestions, that the adoption of the "town meeting plan" for conducting Colony business was insistently urged, particularly by Mr. Parker, Mr. Norton, and Mrs. Hail. It was then claimed by the COURIER that the initiative and referendum provisions of the Fairhope constitution, providing that on petition of ten per cent. of the members, any act of the Executive Council or any measure proposed by the petitioners must be referred to a vote of the members, with the further provision of the "imperative mandate," by which any or all officers might be recalled at any time by the majority—were a great improvement upon the town meeting plan.

That is the position of Mr. Post in the article referred to. Says he:

By the Initiative we understand the reservation to the people of the power of originating legislation by direct vote; the Referendum is the reservation to the people of the power, also by direct vote, of vetoing the objectionable legislation of representatives. Considered as correlative methods of popular government, the two differ from the town meeting system only in their adaptation of its essential principle to larger uses. At the town meeting the people vote on questions of public policy orally or by show of hands and in the confusion of a mass meeting. This is direct legislation in its narrowest and crudest form. In its broadest and most refined and effective form, direct legislation is by the Initsative and the Referendum. For the confusion of mass meetings these substitute camgaigns of orderly discussion, culminating in individual voting by ballot. In place of off-hand popular legislation on all subjects, as at town meeting, they would repose legislative authority in representative bodies precisely as now, but would safeguard this delegation of authority by reserving to the people their inherent power of command and veto,

to be exercised at all seasonable times and with reference to all legislative subjects. They would enable the people themselves, who are the ultimate source of governing authority, to compel legislation if the legislature were laggard, and to stop legislation if the legislation were swift. Designed to guide and govern legislation with reference rather to principle and policy than to detail and form, the Initative and the Referendum are to the New England town meeting as is a modern dwelling house to the old log cabin.

Summer Normal

Will open on Monday, June 4, at 9 a. m., at the school house. A good attendance is expected and everyone contemplating taking the course should be present at the first lessons, as work will begin at once.

Mrs. Johnson arrived on Wednesday evening, and with her unbounded enthusiasm the school must be a success.

This is an unusual opportunity for our own young people and those in this vicinity, and it is hoped many will take advantage of it.

The kindergarten will also have its first session at 9 a. m. at the school house on Monday. Children from 4 to 7 or 7½ years of age will be received. Tuition for kindergarten $2 for the month.

Arts and Crafts.

Miss Lyon's class in clay modelling meets on Monday and Friday evenings at 7 o'clock.

The regular monthly meeting of the society will be held on Monday, June 4, at 3 p. m. Let every member be present.

On Saturday afternoons there will be a sale of home-made bread, cakes, pies, candy, etc.

Our old friend, O. N. Bancroft, of Bartow, Fla., who has been a reader of the COURIER almost from the beginning, writes: "I am still hoping to be in shape to visit you at least before I pass in my resignation to a life title on earth. I am glad of your progress, which, by the way, is only natural where people possess brains to distinguish right from wrong, which it seems some few are deficient in, even in Fairhope."

LUTHER BURBANK'S BOMB

Explodes and Exposes the Wrong of Our School System

Luther Burbank is unquestionably the greatest student of life and the philosophy of living things, in America, if not in the world.

He contributes an article to the current *Century Magazine* that should become epoch-making, in condemnation of our premature, memory-cramming, high-pressure process of child training, that is so fast making us a nation of dyspeptics and nerve wrecks.

He would have no child begin school work till ten years of age or older, nor attempt any abstract memorizing whatever, as it causes congestion of all the blood vessels of the brain, producing the almost universally felt splitting headaches, or that overfull feeling of the brain that comes from engorged blood vessels, stretched to an abnormal fullness by the mental effort, too straining for the growing brain, and tends to nerve stimulation, précocity, and early deterioration.

There is abundant evidence that in this is enough to account for all the pitiable nervousness and poor digestion that are so fast degenerating us as a nation, and that if continued a few generations more will so destroy our virility as to make us incapable of either reproduction or of enough economic production for self support.

There is also rapidly accumulating plenty of evidence that children that have no text book study at all till 10 or even 14 years of age can then make up and will surpass in average scholarship those who have been subjected to the high pressure system of our common schools at the premature age of five to seven years as is the usual custom.

Burbank tells in startling true words the utter worthlessness of a life with its nerve power destroyed or weakened, as it is sure to be if subjected to the present memory-cramming study of text books, in its growing years, but he is less radical than some others of high eminence as to the age when study and memory work may begin. for he puts the age at ten, while others would have it 12 and even 14 years.

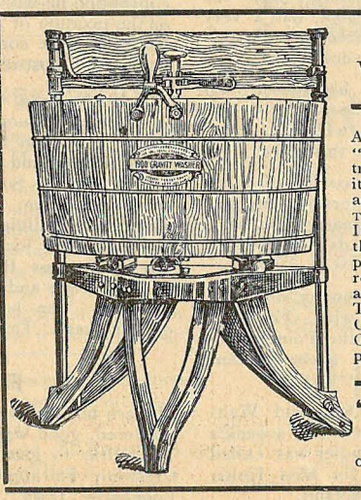
If this latter age could become the established custom and an organized system of recreative education introduced, as contemplated by the seer Froebel, which should train the hands in doing things, such as gardening, whittling, braiding and general manual training we would have such an average of high scholarship by the age of twenty as the world has never yet seen coupled with such robust health as is scarcely yet dreamed of.

Such was the purpose in organizing the "American League of Industrial Education" and we invite correspondence on this topic.

S. H. COMINGS.
Cor' Sec'y American League of Industrial Education.
Fairhope Ala.

Cottages for Rent I have for rent for the summer a number of nice cottages, furnished and unfurnished, some with water under pressure, bath and water closets; all favorably located. Free foot wharfage to tenants and free bathing privileges. E. B. GASTON, Fairhope, Ala.

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An important meeting of the fire department is called for tonight.

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The Fifth Thursday club held a pleasant meeting at "The Gables" yesterday.

The editor has been in Mobile every day this week, serving on the United States grand jury.

Last evening Miss Scott's class in expression gave a very creditable recital before a large audience in the hall.

Dr. Nourse of Mobile gave an instructive address Tuesday evening before the School of Philosophy on "The Proletariat."

Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Dorchester's sister has rented the Comings west cottage aud is expecting her mother soon to occupy it with her.

Mr. Maurice Stapleton is back in the butcher shop after having been away for several days visit to his wife and three children at Columbus, Ga.

I will have in a shipment of sinks, garden hose, reels and plumbing material in a few days, and will be able to furnish and install same. Will Stimpson.

Mrs. Davis and Miss Schenk of Paris, Ill, left this week for their home, promising to return next winter. They were much pleased with Fairhope.

Closing out a line of men's pants to make room for new goods. Some slightly damaged, but all good value at small cost. Mershon Merchandising Company.

A cabbage grown by Miss Mary DeCoudres in her school garden, and weighing 3lbs 10 oz for the trimmed head only, was exhibited at the COURIER office last week.

FOR RENT—Red Roof farm, five acres, two cisterns, seven room house and good barn, just out of Fairhope. Only $7.50 per month. Inquire at Curtis Restarant.

Sunday was "Childrens day" for the Christian Church Sunday school, and a very pleasant program was rendered by the children in the evening to a crowded house.

E. J. M. Stevens renews his subscription to the COURIER and says he and his wife hope to see us next winter, which we hope they will. We missed them this winter.

Capt. Foster of Fairhope, commanded the Str. Dolive on a pleasant excursion Saturday from Mobile to Ft. Blakely, carrying a large Sunday school picnic. The day was a very enjoyable one for all.

Mr. J. Jacoby was here Sunday and was very favorably impressed with Fairhope. He is the new manager of the Point Clear hotel, and invites Fairhopers to be present at the opening June 2.

Messrs. Will and Arthur Dealy and Walter Schindler, left on Sunday for a week's camp at the gulf. Mr. Schindler was called back by an unexpected call for Miss Helen to return to her home in Cleveland.

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Friends of the Sellers family, who occupied a part of Dr. Atkinson's house last winter will hear with great regret that since their return to Iowa both Mr. Sellers and Mrs. Sellers father have died, within two weeks of each other.

The Fairhope Canning and Preserving Company's plant is being rapidly put in shape, a nice double furnace and two kettles being now installed. Mr. Strauss expects to be ready for business June 20, and invites the public to call and inspect his method of work.

Mr. Marshall Carney was over on Sunday with his handsome naptha yacht, Haskell, bringing Messrs Clare and Archie Littlefield and a couple of others and took several back with him in the evening. The Haskell is 45 ft. long has a 32 horse power engine and makes good time.

Mr. Barnhardt should be added to the list of good gardeners. He has a fine garden which is helping materially on the food supply for his big family and says he has not used an ounce of commercial fertilizer nothing but manure from his cow and chickens and a horse kept on the place.

A bunch of goats which is allowed to roam the streets and trespass upon the property of villagers is a great nuisance and we regret very much to note is the property of residents. A proper regard for the rights of other people would lead anyone who wants to raise such notoriously mischievous creatures to keep them at home.

Mr. C. P. Betts, arrrived on Thursday evening of last week from Jacksonville Fla., Mr. Betts was here in February and was so much pleased that he has returned to spend the summer and, we hope, will decide to remain permanently. He has also interested a number of other people about Jacksonville, some of whom promise to visit Fairhope, at least.

Next Tuesday Prof. Freeman bids farewell to the School of Philosophy and his work here for a time, and will leave to make a tour of the northern part of the state in the interests of the Socialist party. At the state convention he will stand for a proper plank on the taxation of land values only, and will try to hold the convention down to practical points that most reformers can agree on.

Local No. 480, Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of Alabama will give a grand excursion and basket picnic party from Marlow and other Fish river points to Navy Cove, on Sunday June 18th, by the steamer Baldwin. The proceeds will be applied to the building of a lodge and ware house for the local. The ride down Fish river and across Bon Secour bay will be a delightful one and doubtless a large crowd will go. The boat leaves Marlow at 8 o'clock sharp. Tickets 50 cents, Children 25.

For Sale

Modern house, seven rooms, finely finished, plastered, good water, outbuildings, lot 139x248, title to ground. Enquire of F. A. Creswell, Fairhope, Ala., or C. C. Cook, Booneville, Iowa.

S. S. Mann left for Iowa on Tuesday morning to look after some business interests there. He expected to be gone about six weeks.

Miss Robertson left on Monday morning for Chicago after a stay of several weeks at the Fairhope House.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner, among our most esteemed winter residents and most loyal friends of Fairhope left on Monday morning for their summer home at Geneva O.

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Word has been received by local friends from the Ross'. Mr. Ross was to go to work on June first in his former position that of an insurance inspector for the Jno. R. Waters agency, of New York, a traveling position and Mrs. Ross and Elizabeth will live for the present, at least, with Mrs. Ross' aunt, Mrs. H. V. Hetzel, at Germantown. Philadelpeia.

FOR SALE—Good horse suitable for farm purposes. Peerless Laundry, Mobile.

Miss Carrie Betts gave a dancing party on Monday evening in the town hall in honor of her birthday, at which their was quite a large attendance. She had Parkers band, from Mobile, and the music was excellent, everybody had a fine time and went home wishing that she would have a birthday every week, or oftener.

Men's summer suits and white duck shoes are it, we have em. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. Harrison Gilmore is building a house on Colony lots opposite the Zurhorst house on Fels Avenue. It will be two stories high. we are particularly pleased to see Mr. Gilmore locating here, because he is an accession from the surrounding country and a native Alabamian and we are sure he is making no mistake in casting his lot with us.

For wood and posts, promptly deliverd see Reimer Poortstra or leave orders for him at the Post Office News Stand.

We are sorry to record the fact that Dr. Henry Bors, an eminent physician who came to Fairhope about two years ago and who is a Single Taxer and an excellent citizen, has decided to move his family to Silver Hill. We are sorry to lose the doctor and his excellent family, but wish him every success in his new field of labor.

Have you seen the ladies white hand bags at Mershon Merchandising Company's? They are nobby and the latest out.

The Mershon Merchandising Company have opened a branch yard in Mobile on Lipscomb St. near Royal where they will manufacture their concrete bocks. Many of the fancier ones used for trim are delicately moulded and the liability of moving same in transportation necessitated taking this step. The regular standard block, fence posts, shingle, tile etc, will be made here in Fairhope.

Don't forget regular services at the Christian Church each Lord's day and a cordial invitation is given to you to attend.

The editor visited on Monday the new Presbyterian Church, now building on the corner of Dauphin and Ann streets, Mobile, under direction of the Messrs. Hurlburt, architects and for which the Littlefield Concrete works is furnishing the trimming. The building is being constructed of a gray pressed brick, made in St. Louis with which the concrete harmonizes beautifully. The concrete work is being done right on the ground, and there we found at work our Fairhopers, Messrs. Dyson, Howarth, and Ernest Baldwin, with H. Clare Littlefield, assistant supervising architect. The sand used in the facing of the concrete blocks is the fine white sand imported from Fairhope.

See Carlson about the metal shingles before you decide on the covering for your roof.

The name of the Littlefield Concrete Co. has been given to the new branch of business as well as the old, so that distinct records may be kept seperate from the Merchandising Company's, in this particular department. Mershon Merchandising Co.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County. J. S. LAMBERT, Bay Minette, Ala.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

I hereby announce myself as a canditate for Representative in the Legislature from Baldwin County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and respectfully solicit the support of the people of the County.
LESLIE HALL.

Notice.

The New Church Reading Circle meets every first and third Sunday of the month at 10:30 at Winterhaven Cottage, residence of Mrs. Towner, second door north of Mr. Mogg's.

Religious and economic subjects considered and discussed from the standpoint of the Bible and New Church doctrine. All earnest and sincere truth seekers are cordially invited to attend and take part in these meetings.

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MRS TOWNER, Leader.

Notice No. 20723.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., May 1, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Geo. H. Dunlap, Jr., U. S. Com. at Mobile, Ala., on June 5, 1906, viz: Willis W. Overholser, Homestead entry No. 36279, for the lots 6, 7, and 8, of Section 26, Tp. 9 south of Range 2 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

J. E. Hanson, R. Fulford, E. Hanson, E. Maygarden, all of Palmetto Beach, Ala.

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this, as a tax for public purposes in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation, but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing the right by purchase, to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues.

A system of water works is now under construction, which will give water for private use and fire protection throughout the principal portion of the town.

The Fairhope policy eliminates the land speculator entirely, but for those who WANT LAND FOR USE, whether for residence, business, manufacturing or farming, it can be readily demonstrated to be far better and cheaper than owning.

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See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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FAIRHOPE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Closing Exercises Delightfully Rendered on the Beautiful Bay Shore.

The closing exercises of our public school took place on the platform under the large magnolia tree, on the bay shore, last Wednesday, June 6, which closed probably the most successful term in the history of Fairhope, and which reflected great credit upon the efficient teachers, Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet, the latter presiding at the organ and acting as mistress of the ceremonies. Seated in front of the platform, under the bluff, were a large audience, composed of the parents and friends of the school. The happy and smiling faces of the children, nearly all dressed in white, the beautiful trees and shrubbery, and the magnificent bay presented a very pretty scene.

The exercises opened with the singing of "America" by the entire school.

Recitations were rendered by Clayton Baldwin, Alice Johnson, Arthur Gaston, Dorothy Rowe, Vera Littlefield, Annie Mae Oswalt, Margery Pilcher, Alfred Shepherd, Harris Oswalt, Cornie Gaston, Martha Ahrens, Daphne Brown, Mary De Coudres, Fae Stersic, Theresa Oswalt and Irene Lawrence, all of whom did exceedingly well.

Vocal solos were rendered by Gertie Lundgren, Judith Swanson, Minnie Lawrence and Uhlma Hail, and each one sang sweetly.

Mae and Fae Stersic sang a duet in excellent style, Ruth Toft and Helen Call rendered a dialogue in a pleasing manner, and the A B C song by First Reader class pleased everybody.

A madolin and guitar duet by Misses Swanson and De Coudres produced the sweetest kind of music.

An exercise, "Who likes the rain?" was participated in by Hilding Swanson, Esthell Larson, Tillie Poorstra, Adriana Koopman and Harry Stradling; and "Bo Peep" by Wilmot Getty, Herbert Borst, Volney Mathison, Arthur Gaston, Leo Fredricks, as sheep; Theresa Oswalt, Ruth Toft, Helen Call, Annie Van Bendegom and Minnie Lawrence as Bo Peep.

A symposium by little boys, "What they would like to be," was quite novel, by Georgie Scriven, Herbert Borst, Volney Mathison, Neil Van Bendegom, Worden Wilson, Jesse Stimpson and Frank Bernhardt.

A broom drill by Etta Van Bendegom, Agnes Larson, May Rose, Louise Bernhardt, Lawrence Bernhardt, Gertie Lundgren, Violet Swanson, Emma and Ethel Johnson, Olive Worcester, Bertha Parker and Elfe Scriven, was very pretty, as was the flag drill and song by Warren Stearns, John Rose, Neil Van Bendegom, Milton Ewalt, Don Littlefield, George Wilson, Wilmot Getty, Jake Van Bendegom, Ralph Mershon, George Worcester, Leo Fredricks and Ford Patterson.

The "Trials of a Teacher" was a laughable sketch by May Rose and Ralph Brown, and both sustained their parts finely.

The exercises closed with an "After School Dialogue," which was well rendered by Bertha Parker, Leah Gaston, Fae Stersic, May Rose, Gertie Lundgren, Hazel Williams and Mae Stersic.

Trustee Oswalt read the following names of the pupils who have been present every day during the session: Clayton Baldwin, Alfred Shepherd, Bertha Parker, Uhlma Hail and Jesse Stimpson. May and John Rose attended every day after entering late.

Mr. Oswalt gave notice of a meeting to be held in the hall Friday night, June 15, for the purpose of making arrangements for next year's school.

Mr. T. N. Freeman, who had charge of the school garden work, made a brief report, giving the following as having secured an average of over 90 per cent: Miss Baldwin, Mark Molyneux, Mary DeCoudres, Albert Shepherd, Donald Schindler, Leah Gaston. He also exhibited a basket of biscuit made from wheat grown in the school gardens, which he said would be contributed to the dinner to follow (when they proved to be excellent eating).

After Mrs. Comings had called attention to the normal school now in session, all did justice to the contents of lunch baskets and ice cream, the latter being sold by Miss Scott for the benefit of a gymnasium which she expects to establish in connection with her elocution class. The rest of the day was spent in bathing and other amusements, and a jolly time had by all present.

Council Proceedings.

The regular meeting of the Executive Council was held Monday night, June 4, with all members present.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Treasurer's report for the month of May was presented, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Rents 1905	$ 18 61
Rents 1906	382 71
Rent penalty	3 30
Wharfage	130 57
Land fund	2 40
Telephones	12 00
Water fund	664 49
G. M. Bancroft, cash advanced for Corp. taxes	280 00
Total receipts for May, 1906	$1494 08
Balance on hand May 1, 1906	358 62
Total credits	$1852 70
Total disbursements	1597 03
Balance on hand May 31, 1906	$ 255 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Highways	$ 38 39
Wharf	72 28
Taxes refunded and Corp. taxes	448 13
Schools	190 17
Telephone	19 47
Water works fund	687 94
Salaries	25 00
Well, White $100, Knowles $14	114 00
Sundries	1 65
	$1597 03

On motion the trustees were requested to go over the treasurer's books, so that correct balances in different funds, up to the retirement of late treasurer, be ascertained.

The following bills were allowed:

To work on Fairhope avenue and wharf hill:	
H. Rathje, 3 days	$ 4 50
Stewart Lawrence, 2 3-4 days	2 75
Wm. Gray, 2 days	3 00
E. B. Gaston, horse 2 days	2 00
G. M. Bancroft, 2 7-8 days, horse 3 days	7 30
H. Gilmore, 1 day	1 50
Wm. Stimpson, 2 5-8 days, $3.95; hand, 3 1-4 days, $4.88; team, 4 days, $8.00; horse and wagon, 7-8 day, 87 cents	17 70
Total	$38 75
For work on wharf:	
A. Stearns	18 28
Geo. Swift	10 31
L. K. Jefferson	10 97
A. Richardson	84
Cleaning bath houses	20
Freight	15
Total	$40 75
G. W. Wood, collecting	1 20

Wharfinger reported as follows:

Week ending May 26—freight, $24.39; passenger, $3.05 (34 coupons); paid treasurer, $16.36.

Week ending June 2—freight, $21.48; passenger, $4.70 (52 coupons); paid treasurer, $15.71.

Treasurer reported receipt from Mr. Bancroft of a temporary loan of $280.00, having used the same in paying Colony taxes. Moved and carried that action of officers be approved.

Moved and carried that a voucher be drawn in favor of Mr. Bancroft for $280.

A voucher was ordered drawn for $2.70 in favor of the Gulf Electric Co., for telephone supplies.

A voucher was ordered drawn for cost of advertising land recently presented by Mr. Fels—$4.

Moved and carried that secretary press for collection of the rent due from Col. Greeno, sending him notice.

Moved and carried that superintendent of lands and highways be instructed to prepare specifications and call for bids for such work on the "hill" as he thinks feasible.

Moved and carried that a special meeting of the Council be held on next Monday evening, to consider matter of water charges.

Moved that the suction pipe to pump be lowered to within one foot of the bottom of well.

Committee on hall reported, recommending taking out a license for the hall, giving the use of it free for meetings held for the benefit of the community, such as V. I. C., Henry George Club, Library, educational

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Moved and carried that the secretary notify Mr. Oswalt that all money for tuition of outside pupils during the three months in which the school was conducted by the Corporation must be paid into the Corporation treasury.

Bills of Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet allowed.

The Blasphemy of It!

We were recently asked if we were "entirely satisfied not to have any title-deed to the land on which we built our home?" We promptly told the infidel that we knew of no one but God Almighty who had any authority to issue a title-deed to our home-site or any other portion of the earth's surface, and as we were without any advices of His having delegated this authority, we did not care to be a party to the blasphemy of giving or accepting a deed to land, which, according to Scripture, is God's footstool, and no more properly to be conveyed to man's authority than a piece of His throne, which by the same authority is declared to be heaven, and as yet we do not hear of anyone's offering to deliver deeds to a home-site there.

We know of no sin of the race that by history or common observation can be seen to have caused so much misery, degredation and wickedness as this defiance of the law of God and nature, in grasping the land and natural opportunities of the earth by a few, and denying the common ownership of them to the race, so evidently intended by the Creator.

Yet people who pretend to have great reverence for God's laws—those handed out to them by their particular school of theology—are indifferent to this high-handed usurpation, and all the wrong it causes and stands for, and scoff at all attempts at correcting the wickedness.

Nor is the sin only denounced by Scripture, Blackstone, the great writer on English law, declares that no title to land can be found that does not go back in its beginning to fraud, force or usurpation.

S. H. COMINGS.

Friend Comings might also have told his unbelieving friends that he has a legally executed lease for 99 years from the legal owners of his home-site, which lease is on record in the Recorder's office of the county, that gives him just as perfect control, and use of his place, as would a warrantee deed, with this advantage, that if at any time he should fail to pay his annual rental, the place would be sold to some one who would take it, and his improvements would be sold separately for his own benefit; whereas under the usual system of tax sales the improvements go with the land, and the owner has a total loss, so all the advantages, aside from the moral right, is with the man who takes land under the Single Tax system. EDITOR.

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FELLOW MORTALS! do not linger,
Weeping o'er what might have been;
Progress points with jeweled finger
To the battles yet to win.

Yes, today life's contest rages,
And we need not turn the leaves
Backward through the book of ages,
For the lesson that it gives.

There are wrongs that must be righted,
Even in this land of ours;
There are other lands benighted,
Yet to feel Truth's sacred showers.

Let us toil to heal the nations,
Waiting for the dawning, when
We shall read in deeds and actions—
"Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

—Francis S. Keeler.

Baldwin Times Unfair Criticism.

The *Baldwin Times* last week republished a portion of an editorial which appeared several months since in the COURIER, and to which it appears the *Times'* attention had been lately directed by a subscriber, who had clipped it from the Rockford, Ill., *Register-Gazette*, where it was reproduced.

The article in question touched upon the great land speculative bubble which Baldwin county is blowing and the part being played therein by the large land companies operating east of Fish river, who, having bought up thousands of acres at nominal prices, were reselling to northern wage-earners at 1,000 to 2,000 per cent. advance. Commenting upon the article the *Times* said :

Our subscriber mentions a friend of his who dropped $600 in the Fairhope Colony and thinks we ought to warn the public against it.

The Fairhope company differs from the companies it criticises in that it operates west of Fish river and not east of it. It raises rents and not prices. It has outdone the other companies in its "glowing and extravagant pictures of the charming homes and 'easy money' awaiting them here." This company has much to explain before the bar of public opinion, and it ill becomes it to throw stones at its respected neighbors.

The Times, it will be noticed, does not deny the COURIER'S charges, but retorts by saying, "you're another." If this were true it would be no defence, however much pleasure it might give the *Times* to say it. But the fact is, it is not true at all. The least difference between Fairhope and the companies referred to is the side of Fish river upon which they are located.

The companies on the east side of the river were organized and are conducted solely for the profit of their officers and stockholders. Every dollar of the advance in the value of land which they control, above the cost of re-selling, is divided in salaries and dividends. Not one dollar of the advance in the value of land controlled by the Fairhope Colony has been or will be distributed in dividends and the salaries of $300 a year to the secretary and $50 to the treasurer are given strictly for service rendered. The Fairhope lease contracts guarantee to the lessees the expenditure of every dollar of rentals for their benefit, and the rentals are fixed by the resident members of the Colony, themselves lessees.

The Fairhope Colony has *not* outdone the other companies in its "glowing and extravagant pictures of charming homes and easy money;" but has, on the contrary been very conservative in its statements regarding the country and has all the time insisted that Fairhope offered no opportunity to any one to get a dollar without working for it.

Somebody may have "dropped $600" in Fairhope. People are dropping money by unwise expenditures all the time everywhere, but nobody has dropped $600 into the Fairhope Colony as such. Fairhope has nothing to be explained at the bar of public opinion which will not, when truthfully presented, demonstrate the good intentions of its founders and the beneficent working of its policies.

Single Tax and War.

In his "Wealth of nations" Adam Smith declares (page 683.). There is no art which one government sooner learns of another than that of draining money from the pockets of the people."

How true this statement is may be seen in the fact that all civilized governments have adopted the infamous dodge of raising taxes by the secret, indirect methods.

It is the easiest way to rob the people. Governments can raise vast sums of money for royal families, standing armies, large and unnecessary navies, secret service expenditures, campaign expenses, and other corrupt purposes, which they could not raise if the people always knew when they paid their taxes, how much they paid and what it was paid for. Now the hand of the government is always in their pockets, and they don't think of it.

Lord Derby said that no government in Europe would dare to ask the people for the enormous sums spent on war if the taxes had to be paid directly. It is probably true that not one of the great wars that have afflicted Europe during the last two hundred years would have occured if the money could not have been raised by the indirect methods of customs and tariff duties.

It is also just as true that our unnecessary and un-

righteous war in the Phillipines would not have disgraced the American nation if the people had been required to pay for it by a percentage of their weekly earnings, or by any other direct method. They have paid many hundreds of millions of dollars, and will have to pay more to satisfy the greed and ambition of a few men who favored "forcible annexation," which is "criminal."

A St. Petersburg press dispatch of the 5th tells of the demands of the radical peasant workmen group in the lower house of parliament. These include "not only complete nationalization of land, but socialization of industry."

Whether or not the writer correctly stated the program seems somewhat doubtful, from the following further statement, which provides for individual use of the soil in agriculture at least, subject to a tax levied according to its value:

The mines, which at present are not being worked, would, according to the programme, immediately escheat to the state. After taking such land as needed for state and public needs, the remainder will be distributed to anybody desiring to till it, preference being given to the local agriculturists. The workers of the soil would pay an occupation tax in accordance with the character and amount of ground taken.

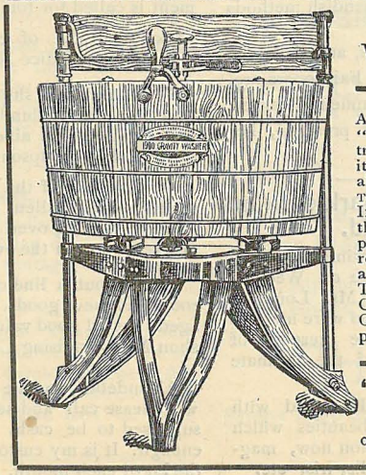
"I hope your special request has brought you in a goodly number of new subscribers. The Fairhope picture looks brighter each time I turn to it. When the next industrial panic comes many more eyes will be turned toward Fairhope as a 'shelter in the time of storm'.". CHAS. R. EAMES, Elgin, Ill.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

June 4, * * * I've been trying to gain time to answer your letter, dear Augusta, ever since it came with the good news that you had escaped being in San Francisco on the day of its destruction, by a mere chance. I need not say how glad I am for that chance, dear friend; but as to visiting Vineland if I am so fortunate as to realize that visit to my niece in New York, I certainly would consider it a misfortune to be so near you, comparatively, and return without seeing you. And yet, I fear that I will have to do so. Anyway I will write you from New York, if I go so far. My going is not yet certain. x x J. B. Hobart, Tasmania, Dear friend, did I tell you the fate of the big root of the Australian tree fern that you sent me last year? the roots were massed together in a long cylindrical shape which could not be planted in any pot available, and I resorted to heroic treatment. I cut off the whole lower part of the root, some three inches of it and planted the top of it in a bucket. For months it showed no sign of life and I was beginning to make out a formal confession to you, when lo! the long looked for signs of life appeared. Now it is a stately fern with five lovely fronds and the sixth commencing to unroll. I keep it on the west veranda: where I live most of the time in the hot weather, just beside my type-writer table, and it is pleasant to look at it and think how, by the grace of brotherhood, it has so unexpectedly come to cheer and delight me 'way up from the under world. Please tell me what degree of cold this species will endure, and if its habitat is a very moist soil. And this reminds me, D.—that you asked me if the mulberry would grow in Fairhope, for you were dreaming of establishing a silk growing plant here to give employment to the women and children. This industry is well adapted to those who are without capital, if only you have a little bit of land on which to plant the mulberry. As a home industry I think it has no peer, and I speak from experience—a succesful experience in southern N. J. We had the white mulberry, which is perhaps the best of all because of its ample foliage, but I should say the Stubbs' mulberry would be ideal because of the size and quantity of its leaves. I shall be happy to give information of this subject to anyone interested, as far as I can, and to show what literature on the subject that this library posseses. I will add that it is easy work and I know of none more pleasant in its details. You watch the growth of the work from the tiniest mite to handsome, big creature, blind and most innocent, lovely green in color and "cram full" of translucent, gelatinous liquid silk. I brought some of the mulberry branches into the house (Casa Tonti,) to watch the process of spinning. I set them up in the bay window of the library behind the lace curtains, not supposing but that they would prefer to spin on the branches of the mulberry to anything. But those precious creatures were enterprising! After using a few twigs of the mulberry they sallied forth in search of new places and the lace curtains seemed to just suit them and me too, for I could watch them at their work through the openings in the lace very effectively. x x x I did not try to wind the silk from the cocoons but sold them as they were. You will want to know the price, but the only thing my memory retains is that it was satisfactory. We would have continued the experiment but for the Mexican venture.

Cottages for Rent I have for rent for the summer a number of nice cottages, furnished and unfurnished, some with water under pressure, bath and water closets; all favorably located. Free foot wharfage to tenants and free bathing privileges. E. B. GASTON, Fairhope, Ala.

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Public Meeting Thursday Night Adopts Resolutions.

At a large mass meeting in the hall Thursday evening, June 7, strong resolutions were adopted unanimously, as follows:

WHEREAS, The most flagrant methods of fraud upon the people of the United States have been and still are being practised by the Beef Trust, so called, and

WHEREAS, The health and even the life of the citizens of the country have been and still are being put in serious jeopardy by the perpetration of their nefarious methods, and

WHEREAS, The evidence adduced against the Beef Trust, so called, proving that this combination, feloniously and for gain, has distributed throughout the length and breadth of the land products unfit for human consumption; be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, the citizens of the Fairhope Single Tax Colony, in mass meeting assembled, do protest, unanimously, in the name of common humanity, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the United States be requested to give adequate attention to the evidence which has been put before the world depicting these heinous crimes in all their putrid details, to the end that every energy of his great office and the colossal strenuousness of his personality may be properly directed to not alone the complete suppression of these evils, but to the merited punishment of those, worse than ghouls, by whose hands these monstrosities have obtained; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we have faith that our request will be given its due merit from the fact that the President, in a recent state paper, has shown a degree of basic economic thought far in advance of current doctrine, when his recognition of the evils of past alienations of public lands led to the promulgation of the dictum that no further alienation of the public coal and oil domain be had, and that as the same economic log c will condemn the land tenure by virtue of which the Beef Trust obtains its rebate and private car privileges from the land-franchised railroads that the President is welcomed in his probable application of his dictum to this fundamental basis of the Beef Trust's power of monopoly.

VOTED, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the President of the United States, as a token of our confidence in his right effort, and to the press, that still greater public disapproval of these fiendish methods may be aroused.

The speeches were vigorous, and the spirit of the meeting showed that Fairhopers are, like most Americans, very much in earnest in this matter. F. W. Rose presided, Dr. Rowe acting as secretary.

Marriage of Louis Barkley and Iva Littlefield.

Two of Fairhope's most estimable young people were united in marriage on Wednesday evening, June 6, when Mr. Louis S. Barkley and Miss Iva Littlefield were married at the Littlefield home, in the presence of the relatives and a very few of the intimate friends of the family.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with ribbbons and with the floral beauties which Fairhope yields in such profusion now, magnolias, cape jessamines, gladiolis, iris, etc.

To the strains of the Mendelssohn wedding march, played by Mrs. Pilcher, the bridal couple entered the large parlor, preceeded by Marjorie Pilcher and Vera Littlefield scattering flowers, and accompanied by Vera Mershon and Hazel Pilcher, Ralph Sweet and Earl White with Bessie Littlefield as maid of honor.

The ceremony was simply but impressively performed by Rev. Claude E. Hill, of the First Christian Church, Mobile.

After the ceremony delicious ice cream and cake were served. The groom came here with his parents from Chicago about two years ago. He is a young man of sterling qualities who enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Littlefield. She was Mr. Oswalt's very efficient assistant in the post office for a couple of years and is a young lady of attractive personality and varied accomplishments.

The young couple went at once to the home of the groom in "section fifteen" where they will reside.

Summer Normal.

The Kindergarten and the class in Child study and Psychology in connection with the Summer Normal should interest every parent in the community.

The work in the kindergarten is most interesting and already twelve children between the ages of 3½ and 7½ are enrolled.

The lectures on child study, Psychology, will be given on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3 P. M. in the school house. That something is wrong in our educational methods all admit. This class is for the discussion of the latest thought and experience of those who are seeking the better way. Beside those enrolled in these classes there are five taking complete or partial courses.

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Mr. Thomas of the Citronelle Call and his office boy, Joe Allen, paid Fairhope a visit Sunday, coming over on the morning boat and returning in the evening.

Closing out a line of men's pants to make room for new goods. Some slightly damaged, but all good value at small cost. Mershon Merchandising Company.

All indebted to the Peoples Drug Store will please call and settle. Drug bills are supposed to be cash. Thirty days is long enough. It is my custom to present accounts the 1st of each month. H. E. Scott, M. D.

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Greatest ever—white silk elbow mitts. Call's.

The name of the Littlefield Concrete Co. has been given to the new branch of business as well as the old, so that distinct records may be kept seperate from the Merchandising Company's, in this particular department. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Latest—white lingerie belts, pearl buckles. Call's.

Be sure and attend the school meeting called for Friday evening, June 15th. Let us not put off the matter of making our arrangements for school next year until nearly time for school to begin, as we have done heretofore, but let us attend to it at once so all can know what to count upon.

Fritzie Scheff belts, latest thing—coming. Call's.

The handsome new pavilion in connection with the Bayside Cafe, was opened for use on Sunday and was greatly enjoyed by many Mobile and local people. It is a great addition to Fairhope's facilities for the comfort and entertainment of visitors.

Master Earl Stersic celebrated his fourth birthday Thursday with his little friends.

Mr. Massey gave a dance on Thursday evening in his fine new pavilion in honor of his birthday. He had George Parker's band from Mobile, and everybody enjoyed themselves immensely. This is the first of a series of dances that will be given by Mr. Massey in the pavilion during the summer.

Miss Ivy Powell spent last week with Miss Edith White, who lives near Point Clear.

Mr. Carlson, after annoying and expensive delay on account of the breaking of his engine, has his planing mill again in steady operation and is endeavoring to make up for lost time, by running early and late He has added to his equipment a fine turning lathe of large capacity.

Mr. Paul Molyneux is back in Dr. Mershon's drug store after a week's vacation.

Mr. P. Y. Albright has purchased Mr. Vanderbeck's house on Magnolia Ave. and expects to occupy the same in a few days. A new double gallery, new separate kitchens and other improvements are being made on the place, which will improve it in comfort and appearance. Mr. Paton and his mother will continue to occupy part of the house.

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See Carlson about the metal shingles before you decide on the covering for your roof.

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Dr. and Mrs. Page and little son Lyman visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page, for several days this week.

The Fifth Thursday Club had a very pleasant meeting, on last Thursday with Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb Comings.

Mr. Earl Fisher and his sister, Miss Mabel, from Citronelle, have rooms at Dr. Atkinson's. Mr. Fisher is attending the Normal school.

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The W. C. T. U will hold its meeting next week—on Thursday at 3 P. M—at the platform under the Magnolia on the beach. A special program will be given, which will be followed by a picnic lunch. For this the ladies are requeted to provide sandwiches, salad, cake coffee and lemonade. Young people are especially invited to attend this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County. J. S. LAMBERT, Bay Minette, Ala.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

I hereby announce myself as a canditate for Representative in the Legislature from Baldwin County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and respectfully solicit the support of the people of the County.
LESLIE HALL.

Notice.

The New Church Reading Circle meets every first and third Sunday of the month at 10:30 at Winterhaven Cottage, residence of Mrs. Towner, second door north of Mr. Mogg's.

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The "Single Tax Colony."

Fairhope, to outward appearances, as other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the most casual observer, is yet unique among the towns of this or any land.

It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this, as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation, but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing the right by purchase, to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues.

A system of water works is now under construction, which will give water for private use and fire protection throughout the principal portion of the town.

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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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The Fairhope Courier.

Devoted to the Single Tax and its practical application by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.
See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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Unsatisfactory Steamboat Service.

The Bay Steamship Company to which the eastern shore is indebted for the fine steamer *Pleasure Bay* and which is also operating the *Jas. A. Carney*, the best of the E. S. T. Company's fleet. is making a great mistake it seems to us, in continuing to run the *Pleasure Bay* along the whole shore down to the Point Clear north wharf while running the *Carney* direct to the Point south wharf.

This schedule cannot be planned to meet the convenience of patrons who patronize the boats winter and summer, nor it would seem, to the advantage of the company, unless its stockholders' interests at Point Clear are more important than the business of its boats.

If we are correctly informed the Point Clear business has not been for years enough to pay the cost of operation of a direct boat and is practically confined to three months in the summer—and is further divided this season with the *Baldwin*, which, leaving Mobile at 3 p. m. runs direct to the Point. Yet the Point is given a direct, exclusive steamer, while the people of Battles, within a few hundred feet of the north wharf, having about as much business as the Point and no other steamer, and of Fairhope, whose wharf yields a better patronage the year round than any other on the shore, are required to travel the old, long route around the shore, with stops at Volanta, Montrose, and the three wharves at Daphne, and we presume soon at Sea Cliff.

Had the company arranged a schedule to have one steamer take the shore from Volanta say up, and the other take the lower landings up to Fairhope, each leaving at 7 o'clock, and both leaving Mobile at 4 in the evening, the business would be nicely divided between them, all shore towns put on as nearly an equal footing as possible in the present stage of development, and we are sure a larger summer population attracted to the shore than ever before.

Fairhope, whose first gallant attempt to provide herself and her patrons with quicker service ended so disastrously last November, would be glad to keep out of the boat business, but must not be expected to furnish more business than any other point and put up with the poorest service. She will be compelled to take steps to protect her interests if the present schedule is to be considered permanent.

We are indebted to Wm. Ryan, New York, for a picture postal showing the "Gillender Building," New York City, nineteen stories in height, and costing $191,000 but occupying ground (only 25x39 feet in area) valued at $539,000, nearly three times the value of the building; and yet some people are afraid that paying taxes on improvements out of ground values, will some day swamp Fairhope.

Council Proceedings..

Council met on Monday evening in special session to consider the proposed rules for the management of the water works, and rates for water, as prepared by Mr. Rose of the water committee.

After much discussion the same were adopted substantially as read, and as given hereafter.

The Council also voted its approval of the employment of Miss. Clements and Mrs. Sweet as teachers for another year, on the same terms as last year, the Corporation to employ them for whatever portion of an eight months school year was not covered by the public money.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE FAIRHOPE WATER WORKS.

ARTICLE I.

The general supervision and management of the Fairhope Water Works shall be vested in a committee of three members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, who shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the first meeting of said Council after the election in February of each year, whose duty it shall be to give general direction as to the operation and management of the machinery, pipes or mains, fire plugs or hydrants, connected with said water works, and shall have power to appoint a clerk, a superintendent of construction and an engineer, subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE II.—Duties of Officers.

Sec. 1. The clerk shall be the general administrative officer of the water works committee. It shall be his duty to enforce its rules and regulations and report any violation thereof to said committee. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings held by the committee and keep a complete set of books of accounts, showing the receipts and disbursements, and on the third Monday in January of each year he shall submit to the Council a full and detailed report of the condition of the water works. He shall also furnish the treasurer with bills for the collection of water rents, and perform such other services as may be required by the committee. His salary shall be fixed by the water works committee and approved by the Executive Council.

Sec. 2. The superintendent of construction shall superintend all extensions of the mains and connections therewith, and report to the clerk all material necessary to be purchased, and after the work is done report to the clerk all connections made and any other matters that may be deemed necessary. For such service he shall be paid such salary as the committee may deem proper, subject to the approval of the Council.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the engineer to have care and supervision of the running of the boilers, pumps or other machinery attached to the water works and report from time to time to the clerk such information as may be necessary in regard to the working, improvements, etc. His salary shall be fixed by the committee upon approval of the Council.

WATER RATES PER YEAR.

Dwelling houses, 6 rooms or less	$ 9 00
Each additional room	50
Bath tub, in connection with other supply	3 00
Each additional bath tub	2 00
Water closets, each	3 00
Urinals, each	2 00
Hydrants in yard or garden, in connection with other supply,	4 00
Drug stores	9 00
Soda Fountain, in connection with other supply	3 00
Stores, factories, or work shops, 10 employes or less	9 00
Each additional over 10 employes	30
Stables, livery	12 00
Stables, private, in connection with other supply, per head stock	1 50
Printing office, with engine	9 00
Restaurants	4 00

Rents for all purposes not hereinbefore named will be fixed by estimate by the committee; provided, that no service shall be assessed to yield a revenue of less than $9 per annum.

The committee is hereby authorized to make any revision, correction, or change in the foregoing rates that may be deemed necessary, subject to the Executive Council; provided, that no water taker be called upon for an increase of rate during any unexpired term for which the water rent has been paid.

ARTICLE III.—Rules

Sec. 1. No person shall put any filth, animal matter, or any other substance into the well, or do any injury thereto, and no person, unless authorized by the committee, except in time of fire, shall take water from the fire plugs, or turn on the water, or commit any act tending to obstruct the use thereof, or injure in any manner any building, machinery, pipes, or fixtures of the water works. Any person violating these rules shall be prosecuted according to law.

Sec. 2. No person will be allowed to tap the mains without the consent of the committee.

Sec. 3. No water taker will be allowed to supply water to others, except by a special permit from the clerk.

Sec. 4. Hose larger than ¾ inch will not be permitted, except on an additional charge; and sprinkling gardens or other premises without a nozzle with opening not larger than ¼ inch is forbidden; and all sprinkling should be done between such hours and on such days as the committee shall designate.

Sec. 5. If a hydrant, pipe, or hose is found out of order, leaking, or converted into a jet or jets, or is suffered to run when not used, the committee shall order the supply cut off.

Sec. 6. All rents are due and payable quarterly, in advance, on the first day of January, April, July and October, at the office of the treasurer; and if said bills are not paid on or before the 15th day of said months, the treasurer shall notify the clerk and he shall turn off the water.

Sec. 7. When the water is turned off, it shall not be turned on again until all back rent and damage shall be paid, and a further sum of one dollar for turning off and on the water.

Sec. 8. The committee shall have free access at all reasonable hours of the day to all parts of the premises to which the water is supplied.

Sec. 9. No deduction will be made from the rates on account of any fixtures not being used. If they are not wanted, the clerk should be notified, who will have them disconnected, and further charges for their use will cease; but a charge of 50c will be made for both turning off and on the water.

Water rates, by any plan of assessment, must necessarily be fixed so that the aggregate rents obtained shall at least pay the current expenses of the management and repair of the water works. To adopt a plan that will be perfectly just in all cases is almost im-

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The Value of Memory Training.

EDITOR COURIER:

Permit me a word or two of comment upon the article in your last issue headed "Luther Burbank's Bomb," inasmuch as during the session of the Summer Normal in Fairhope, educational topics may be justly assumed to be of present living interest here. Undoubtedly the "memory cramming" charged upon the present system cadnot be too strongly condemned as pernicious, idiotic, wickedly tyrranous; but, on the other hand, I have been led to the emphatic conclusion that the subject of memory training, exercising and strengthening is one highly important, and one which our educational reformers have very inadvisedly come to undervalue and almost quite ignore.

It may be admitted that the old-time schoolmen have given memory—merely verbal—an unduly exclusive consideration, to the neglect of other faculties of the mind; but it would appear that ours of latter days, in repenting of that error, have fallen into its opposite extreme.

Facility in memorizing "a form of sound words" is very essential to the learning of the foreign or classical languages, and often as a necessary initial step in the acquisition of scientific or other facts whose formulas cannot at once be rendered intelligible to the learner.

In connection with this, the writer is constrained to express his preference for the old-time text-books of a former generation, wherein the subject to be taught was put into the shape of concise statements—quite usually as questions and answers—which readily "caught upon" the mind,—over our ornate school manuals of to day, wherein the matter is spread through lengthy, diffuse paragraphs, utterly defying the verbal memory of the pupil to compass, or to "boil down" their many details to a satisfactory general statement of his or her own.

We would, indeed, do wisely and well not to depreciate the value of verbal memory, which has been so highly esteemed in ancient times and in the Orient, that much has been then and there taught preferably by word of mouth and not committed to writing, lest through undue reliance on the aid of books the memory should become weakened by disuse, and we have recorded marvelous feats of memory as a result.

We would do well to greatly lessen the number of obligatory studies imposed upon the young, making all grades above the most elementary quite elective in their study courses, the students themselves, rather than parents or guardians, being electors. In this way alone, it seems to the writer, can be remedied the condition described, of memory-cramming, with mind and body wrecking, and the memorizing faculty restored to its ancient vigor, securing thereby enduring results.

Fairhope, Ala. FRED'K WM. CHAPMAN.

Dishonest Dollars.

While waiting until our sociologists determine just how much money a man can honestly earn would it not be well for the American people to set themselves resolutely to the task of preventing the accumulation of what they know to be dishonest dollars—those dollars that through unjust laws are taken out of the pockets of the many for the enrichment of the pockets of the few? —*The Commoner.*

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The Philadelphia *Record* of June 9th, had an article about Fairhope, illustrated by views of the business center, schoolhouse and Mogg residence.

The COURIER is indebted to a number of loyal friends who have sent in clubs of new subscribers and cheering messages, and will make further mention of same next week.

J. L. Caldwell, of Amarillo, Texas, sends us a marked copy of the *Herald* of his city with a very complimentary mention of Fairhope, for which we thank both the editor and Mr. Caldwell. Other editorial articles in the *Herald* indicate that the editor is a man of convictions and the courage to proclaim them. The paper's influence in the community must be distinctly uplifting to all its best interests. We do not know whether or not the editor is a Single Taxer. He ought to be, and if he is not it is not the fault of Caldwell, who is as zealous a one as is to be found.

We have received number one, volume one of *The Mountain Pine* published by the Crystola Publishing Company, George B. Lang, manager, at Crystola (Green Mountain Falls P. O.) Colorado. Crystola is a new attempt at a "model community" under the shadow of Pikes Peak, of which we shall later try to give further information. *The Mountain Pine* is a neat monthly publication which will, it announces; "preach socialism of the American kind," which it defines as "equality of opportunity, the right of every man to live upon the earth, to labor and enjoy the fruits of his toil." This is a declaration which all of us can approve, however much doubt some of us may have as to socialism being the or a means of making it effective. Mr. Lang is an experienced newspaper man, was one of the charter members of the Fairhope Association though never at Fairhope, and we wish him success in his new undertaking.

Sorry She Left Fairhope.

DEAR MR. GASTON:

I presume you have, by this time learued of Mr. Beesley's appointment to a position on the Panama canal. I regret exceedingly that I left Fairhope. Had I known then what I know now, I should never have come away. Sometimes I feel like picking up and coming right back to stay there till such time as Mr. Beesley sends for me. Even if he should stay one, two, or three years, whatever the limit might be, I certainly shall want him to come there to build his future home. For part of the time I am trying to keep warm over a stove. Yesterday and today it really needs the heaters going; it is so cold I can't keep from shivering.

Hastings, Mich., May 27. MRS. F. J. BEESLEY.

THE FOURTH AT FAIRHOPE.

Remember that Fairhope is going to celebrate the "Glorious Fourth" again this year and a record-breaking time is to be expected. The firemen, whose entertainments have all proven such huge successes, have the matter in charge.

There will be plenty of music by the band, an oration by Rev. Claude E, Hill, of Mobile; a rare program of sports by land and water, refreshments galore, dancing in Massey's elegant new pavilion at the water's edge and other attractions, winding up with a grand minstrel show by local talent.

Count on spending the day at Fairhope.

Woman's Single Tax League National Convention.

We had hoped to have a report of the annual convention of the Woman's National Single Tax League from Fairhope's representative, Mrs. Schindler, or our Mr. Lyon, who also attended, but Mrs. Schindler found time only to drop a card, saying that it "was a great success."

From *The Public* we learn that "the convention adopted resolutions calling upon Congress to tax franchises in the District of Columbia; expressing sympathy with the efforts that are being made to illustrate as far as possible the operation of the Single Tax in the Colony of Fairhope, Ala.; rejoicing in the active agitation for municipal ownership; welcoming the political campaign for equal taxation and limited franchises now going on in New Jersey; recognizing in the matter of separation of improvement values and land values a distinct gain in the direction of just taxation; expressing confidence in good results to come from the governmental inquiries into insurance frauds, railroad irregularities and the adulteration of foods, including the revelations concerning the beef trust; noting the agitation and progress of the Single Tax cause in other countries; endorsing the claim of women to the ballot, and approving the initiative and referendum."

MINE, THINE AND OURS.

Sermon of H. S. Bigelow, Pastor of Vine street Church, Cincinnati, O. June 3, 1906.

William Morris sings of a time when "all mine and all thine shall be ours, and no more shall any man crave for riches that serve for nothing but to fettter a friend for a slave."

For many that time has already come. We decry the materialism of the age. But the cruel contrasts of our society would go unchallenged if the age were not already hungry for a more wholesome life.

The vast majority are modest in their own ambitions and wish their neighbors well. Commerce has her car-

magnole and the frothing dancers drop at the feet of their dollar idol. But not all, not even the majority are eager to get rich by their brother's poverty. The vast hoards of monopoly are conspicuous. But we do not see the unselfishness of the millions who remember pity as well as property rights and whose humanity softens the "mine" and the "thine."

The Need of The Age.

That reformer has a wrong point of view who assumes that this is a selfish age and one which unduly exalts its property rights. This age does not need the gospel of communism. Unrequited labor is already generous to a fault and men who are themselves pinched with poverty are building churches and hospitals and feeding the poor.

Sordidness is not the besetting sin of this age. There is no lack of charity. Men need a clearer conception of their property rights and a more intelligent insistence upon them. Our society suffers more from a neglect of property rights than it does from the self-aggrandizement of men.

Common Property Rights.

A sermon might be preached from a text in an editorial in the New York Independent. The editor said:

"In moral right all men are the true owners of natural advantages not created by individual men, and of all artificial advantages created by act and authority of the state."

The greatest moral need of this age is that men should appreciate that definition of their property rights and should get the intelligence to assert them.

Before the discovery of borax beds in this country borax was duty free and could be had for three cents a pound. When invaluable beds of pure borax were found in Death Valley, Congress put a duty of five cents a pound on borax. Since then the price of borax has been seven cents. A granite-ware mannfacturer in Pittsburg says that this difference in price adds ten thousand dollars a year to the cost of his output. This is an example of what is meant by "artificial advantages created by act and authority of the state."

Last April a farm of sixty-one acres in Fayette County, Pa., sold for twenty-eight hundred dollars an acre. For agricultural purposes this farm may have been worth three thousand dollars because there was coal beneath the surface.

The St. Charles hotel is one of the land marks of Pittsburg. The building would hardly be worth wrecking, the value being all in the site. Twenty years ago the present owner, a banker, reluctantly took hotel and site for a bad debt of seventy-five thousand dollars. This site is now worth seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. These are examples of the natural advantages which in moral right belong to all men.

Communism and Monopoly.

The great trouble with us is not that we lay too much stress on "mine" and "thine," but that we have permitted the monopolist to take "ours"

Communism is the invasion of individual property in the interests of all. Monopoly is the invasion of common property in the interests of the few. Both are intolerable. Reep thine. Give me mine. Let us share ours equitably. Then, if any is given away, let it be as the heart prompts, not as the state commands. To Utopia there is no shorter way than Justice.

Mr. Fels' Straight Talk to Englishmen

Replying to H. Rider Haggard, who, at a conference on the unemployed question in London, advocated emigration as a remedy, Mr. Fels spoke as follows, as reported by *Land Values*:

Mr. Joseph Fels replied to this quite effectively. It was the private ownership of the land, he declared, that was the cause of poverty; it mattered not whether there was protection or free trade. The reason why people in the country crowded to the towns was because the conditions of life in the rural districts were so horrible. There were in England twenty million acres of unused land. He knew it because he had been offered a great deal of it. (Laughter.) There was enough land in Essex, if thoroughly well cultivated to support half the population of London. To his mind emigration was justly unpopular. (Hear, hear.) The conditions in some of the cities of Canada were little better than those in London. The Salvation Army had started three colonies in Canada at a cost of £80,000, and they were inhabited by only 500 people. With these figures before one it was ridiculous to talk of emigration. Let us colonize our own country.

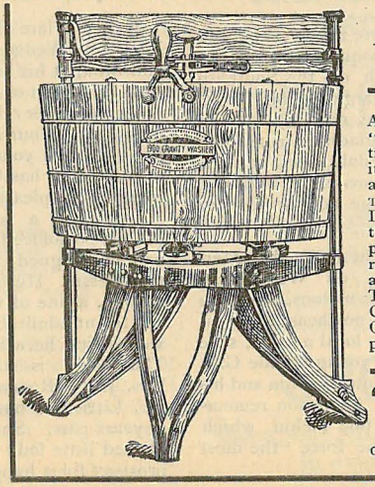
Mrs. Frances M. Milne writes the COURIER with renewal of her subscription:

"I enjoy the COURIER very much and aside from its interest as a weekly history of the Colony, I regard its editorials as among the best in Single Tax columns. It has given me great pleasure to find quotations in it from my book "For Today," and I admire very much the setting you gave "Doubting Castle."

The Burbank correspondent of the *Citronlle Call* says: "Farmers here are adopting the method of planting seeds first and fertilizing after corn has made a growth of twelve to fifteen inches; this system seems to prevent great, tall stalks, while the ears are larger and better."

Cottages for Rent I have for rent for the summer a number of nice cottages, furnished and unfurnished, some with water under pressure, bath and water closets; all favorably located. Free foot wharfage to tenants and free bathing privileges. E. B. GASTON, Fairhope, Ala.

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Fine strings of white and speckled trout and other fish are being caught now, and the bay is helping materally in the local food supply.

Mr. T. N. Freeman was over to St Elmo Mobile County delivering a lecture this week and was also at Bay Minette. Monday he goes up toward the northern part of the state, where he has some appointments.

Master George Smith returned home on Saturday from attendance at the industrial school, conducted at Semmes about 16 miles from Mobile, by Mr. Griffin formerly of the East Lake Alabama Industrial school.

Our fall line men's and boy's hats are in, and we must say they are up to date. No trouble to show them. Come while the sizes are complete and get yourself a new hat; the old one looks mighty scrubby for a Fairhoper to wear. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Rev. Claude E. Hill, of the First Christian Church, Mobile, with his family, will occupy this summer the Improvement Co's cottage which they occupied last summer, and Mr. Hill has been secured to speak for the local church on Thursday and Sunday evenings during the summer.

Last Sunday evening a very attractive "Children's Day" program was rendered at the hall by the Congregational Sunday-school. On next Sunday evening, at the Point Clear Baptist church, at Battles, the program will be repeated. Many of the children participating are pupils of Miss Maud Scott, and reflect much credit upon her teaching.

The editor and wife were favored on Monday with a beautiful boquet of gladiolas from the Fairhope branch of the Southern Floral Nursery Co., in charge of Mr. J. D Stratten. Mr. Stratten has recently set out a quantity of cannas, gladioli, roses etc. Mr. L. H. Read, of Fruitdale, head of the company is expected down soon and will probably provide for a large increase in the stock here.

Henry Gunnison brought in to the Mershon Merchandising Co. on Wednesday, 40 fine Monte Cristo water melons, from the Stapleton brothers' farm, northeast of town. These were the first on the local market, save a few picked and sold by young Cornie Gaston from a little patch planted by him and his aunt, Dr. Atkinson. Mr. Gunnison remembered the editor with a fine melon which was put where it did the force "the most good."

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Mrs. Lucy Stapleton and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bryant have rented the George Robinson place and expect to run a hotel this summer.

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The editor is indebted to Mr. J. M. Beckner for a sample of his "cowhorn" Irish potatoes, a variety new to him, but of which Mr. Beckner says he has kept the seed for 30 years. The potato is white, peculiar in shape, as its name implies and exceedingly fine texture and flavor, especially when baked.

A cow belonging to Mr. Stimpson, attacked little Paul Unger, while on his way to the kindergarten, conducted in connection with the summer normal, tossing him on her horns above the fence some witnesses say, and inflicting painful iujuries. She would doubtless have killed him had not Mr. Jos. Keller run to the rescue and drove her away.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbeck left this morning for Grand Rapids Mich., their former home, where Mr. Van will remain for a month and then go to Rising Fawn, Ga., to engage in the lumber business. He is interested with several other men in a lumber deal there which will probably require three years to finish. Mrs. Van will go west during the summer, visiting friends in Nebraska and other states and return to Grand Rapids where she expects to form private classes and teach raffia work.

Mr. Vanderbeck retains a portion of the lot held by him having transferred only half of it to Mr. Albright and they promise to come back sooner or later to live with us again, which we hope they will, for they are very excellent people and warm friends of Fairhope.

Henry Clare Littlefield was married at Mobile on Wednesday to Miss Cecile Reneau, and brought his bride over on the evening boat for a visit of a few days with his parents, and other relatives. The groom is the eldest son of our Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Littlefield and is a young man of great promise whose career has been watched with much interest and pleasure by his Fairhope friends. He occupied a responsible position in the Mobile postoffice for several years and last winter resigned to accept a position with the Messrs. Hulbert, leading architects of Mobile, a line of work for which his taste and talent admirably fit him and in which we predict, he will achieve marked success. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reneau of Mobile with whom Mr. Littlefield has made his home for several years past. She is a vivacious and accomplished little lady and the couple have every prospect for a happy married life.

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Mr. J. A Hagstrom left at the COURIER office a sample—and a generous one too—of the potatoes grown by him. They were of the "Pride of the South" variety and as fine potatoes as we have seen in Alabama, both in appearance and quality. Much to Mr. Hagstrom's disgust however, his potatoes, though extra fine in quality, did not sell well on the market, because white, while the demand is for the red Triumphs. He had to accept nearly a dollar under the ruling price. Passing Mr. Hagstrom's place the other day, we noted his fine patch of corn, the best we have noted this season and looking like Iowa or Nebraska. He informed us that the only fertilizer used was cow manure, broadcasted and plowed under, in regular western style.

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Grand Farmer's Excursion.

Farmers don't forget the grand excursion of Summerdale local No. 480, of the Farmer's Educational and Cooperative Union, of America, from Marlow and other Fish River points, to Navy Cove, next Sunday, June 17.

The steamer Baldwin will leave Marlow at 8 o'clock sharp, touching at all lower landings on the river. Rigs will be taken care of at Marlow hotel, by the Union, refreshments will be served on board, there will be good music and speaking and a royal time is anticipated. Round trip tickets 50 cents, children between 10 and 15; 25 cents, under 10 free.

Annual Meeting Henry George Club.

The Annual meeting of the Womans Henry George Club will be held with Mrs. Gaston Thursday June 21st 3 P. M.

All members knowing themselves to be in arrears for dues will please come prepared to pay up and have a vote in the meeting. A full attendance of the members is desired.

Secretary.

Teachers' Examination.

The semi-annual state examination for teachers will be held at the school building at Bay Minette, on the first Monday in July, beginning at ten o'clock a. m.

Applicants for certificates will take due notice, and be present at the above stated hour.

J. S. LAMBERT,
Co. Supt. of Ed.

SUMMER NORMAL.

Lectures by Mrs Johnson

The attendance—or rather lack of it—at the summer normal has been much of a disappointment to those having the matter in charge, but they are going ahead to make the presence of Mrs. Johnson, of as much benefit as possible.

A kindergarten is being conducted as a training school, from 8:30 to 10:30 each morning, which 14 or 15 of the children between 3½ and 7½ years, are attending; and all other children in town between those ages would be welcomed.

A series of lectures on child study and psychology are being given which are extremely entertaining and instructive not only to those who contemplate teaching but to parents and all others.

It has been arranged to have these lectures continued throughout the next two weeks, on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at the school-house and on Tuesday and Friday evenings at the hall. Parents are especially invited to attend these lectures. There is no charge tho' a collection may be taken up at the evening meetings to help pay the expenses of the course.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County. J. S. LAMBERT, Bay Minette, Ala.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

I hereby announce myself as a canditate for Representative in the Legislature from Baldwin County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and respectfully solicit the support of the people of the County.

LESLIE HALL.

Notice.

The New Church Reading Circle meets every first and third Sunday of the month at 10:30 at Winterhaven Cottage, residence of Mrs. Towner, second door north of Mr. Mogg's.

Religious and economic subjects considered and discussed from the standpoint of the Bible and New Church doctrine. All earnest and sincere truth seekers are cordially invited to attend and take part in these meetings.

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Rev. Claude E. Hill has been secured to deliver the Fourth of July address at the Fairhope celebration. He is an earnest and eloquent speaker and will give an address which should be heard by a large audience.

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this, as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation, but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing the right by purchase, to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

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All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues.

A system of water works is now under construction, which will give water for private use and fire protection throughout the principal portion of the town.

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Devoted to the Single Tax and its practical application by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.
See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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Spend the Fourth at Fairhope.

Remember that Fairhope is going to celebrate the Fourth of July and outdo all former efforts in that line. See programme on inside page and plan on spending the day with us.

The Woman's Single Tax League Conference.

Reported for THE COURIER by Mrs. Isabelle Schindler.

EDITOR COURIER:

My good sisters (who live in Boston) have so much planned for my entertainment and have been conducting me about so generously, that letter writing has been made almost impossible. However, this morning, I will try and snatch a few minutes in which to write you a little about the W. N. S. T. League's sixth annual conference, held in Brooklyn, May 29th, 30th and 31st.

The Conference was held in a very desirable and centrally located hall, and the first thing that I noticed on entering the hall, was the "home" feeling which took possession of me, caused, no doubt, not only on account of the desirable surroundings, but largely from the genial social atmosphere which pervaded everything.

Our first meeting, held on Tuesday, and which occupied the entire afternoon, was both instructive and entertaining, as the reports of officers, as well as the miscellaneous business, told not only of effective work having been done, but gave promise of greater things being accomplished in the near future; and the musical part of the program—furnished by ardent Single Taxers—was unusually inspiring.

The only address given on Tuesday afternoon—other than the one on Tairhope—was by Miss Eva J. Turner of Brooklyn, on "The Block Kitchen; or, One Kitchen for the Whole Block." Miss Turner has given much thought to this subject, and although she mentioned several arguments against such a system, was, on the whole, heartily in favor of adopting some such plan—principally for the purpose of giving women more time to read and think.

I can assure you—Mr. Gaston, and other Fairhope friends—that I was most fortunate in being a delegate from Fairhope My welcome was of an unusually hearty nature, and the interest shown in Fairhope by the many people with whom I came in contact did not wane, although I remained in the city several days after the conference closed.

On the last day of the convention a gentleman stepped up to me and accosted me as "a Fairhope enthusiast," although I felt sure I had left unsaid, for lack of time, many good things which might have been said of Fairhope.

I have been invited to give a talk on Fairhope in Orange, N. J., before returning home, and will do so if I can conveniently arrange my plans for a trip there.

The program as carried out on the first evening of the conference was very fine indeed. The music was excellent, and the addresses were of the best. The address of welcome by the borough president, Bird S. Coler, was heartily received, and the response by our Mrs. Burleigh of Philadelphia was just what such a response should be, and I am quite sure that everyone felt that Mrs. Burleigh was "the right one in the right place." And now comes the part which I feel my utter inability to report, namely, John Z. White's address, "The Single Tax."

We all expected a great deal from Mr. White; and he not only fully satisfied us, but caused us to go so into ecstacies over his clear and logical statements, that every now and then he had to pause for some time, until quiet was restored.

On Wednesday May 30th at 11 a. m. the friends met at the grave of Henry George, and completely covered both the mound and the ground around the grave with beautiful flowers. There was no service held as the family requested there should not be; but the feeling of love and reverence expressed by everyone was much more effective, I think, than any program prepared for the occasion could have been. Several members of the George family were at the grave, and the two hours spent there was more like a large family gathering, than a company of strangers.

The special social feature was on Wednesday evening the 30th, when a reception and banquet was given in honor of delegates and friends. The addresses were so numerous and varied, that I will not undertake to give personal mention but all may be assured, that with such ability and force as was shown in the talks given at this gathering, Single Tax must take rapid strides toward realizing the principles as taught by our leader and friend the beloved Henry George.

The closing meeting of the conference was held on Thursday morning May 31st, when reports of committees were given, unfinished business attended to, and officers for the ensuing year elected.

Our Mrs. Crosby—retiring president, was elected honorary president, as her wisdom and advice were needed to help carry on the work of the coming year.

Mrs. Ryan, our able secretary, was elected president, with able assistants in the form of vice president, secretary, &c.

The luncheon tendered to delegates by the hostess club was a very pleasant closing to the conference, which was thought, by all, to have been a decided success throughout

The visiting delegates felt that too much could not be said of the kindly treatment tendered them by the Brooklyn club, not only in the way of entertainment at their pleasant homes, but in other ways, which added much to the pleasure of our stay in the beautiful city of Brooklyn.

I hope it may be the pleasure of many of our Fairhope people to attend one or more of the yearly conferences held by the Woman's National Single Tax League, and I can assure them, as one who knows, that it will be time and money, well spent. With good wishes to all of my Fairhope friends, I am, Sincerely yours,

ISABELLE SCHINDLER.

145 Cornell St., Cleveland Ohio.

The M. and O. R. R. has made another cut in time between St. Louis and Mobile, the morning train in Mobile now leaving St Louis at 11 a. m. making the time twenty-one hours and twenty-five minutes.

Report of School Garden Committee.

In December 1904 just at the close of the year a meeting was held in the hall at which Mr. R. F. Powell and Mr. T. N. Freeman gave addresses on school garden work. The meeting was well attended and a resolution was passed recommending that a committee be appointed to plan for a school garden in Fairhope. This committee, consisting of R. F. Powell, T. N. Freeman, Dr. Henry Borst, Mrs. Marie Howland, Mrs. Bell, and Mrs. Comings, was appointed at that meeting. Later the Council ratified these appointments and gave the committee full authority to improve the school grounds and prepare them for the school garden.

In the summer of 1905 the grounds were drained and leveled and walks laid out at a cost of $51.15. In November Mr. Freeman took charge of the work, trees were planted, the beds prepared, seeds bought, a cold frame made, combination hoes and rakes furnished for the children and they were ready for the work of the school garden proper.

Although it had required over $50.00 to prepare the grounds, the actual cost of the gardens for six months, from Nov. 15, 1905 to May 15, 1906, was only $36.25 and Mr. Freeman was allowed $50.00 for his services.

In January 1906 Mr. Powell gave a lecture illustrated with stereopticon views of school gardens in Philadelphia and other places. It was just before plots were assigned to the boys and girls and it aroused such unbounded enthusiasm all could not be accomodated, but 24 girls and 24 boys were provided for.

The enthusiasm has continued unabated and it not only has had a good effect upon the boys and girls, but parents report better help at home and in some instances say that they have learned valuable lessons as to the care of plants from the children. Some of the vegetables from the gardens were sold, many were used as a part of the noon lunch; plants were taken home and gardens have been planted where there had never before been any attempt to raise anything.

At the close of school some wheat that had been grown in beds bordering the walks was harvested and ground into flour in a hand mill, thus giving a practical lesson in primitive methods, The flour was afterward made into biscuits which were distributed and greatly enjoyed at the picnic dinner given in connection with the closing exercises of the school.

The children have not only had lessons in practical gardening but in botany and chemistry, as well as some history of primitive methods. Best of all they have learned a lesson in control and respect for the rights of others, for in no instance has a plot been disturbed in any way by either boy or girl.

While the school law of Alabama requires the pupils to study agriculture from a book, there was no time allowed for practical garden work during school hours, so all of it was done at recess and after school, the boys in their enthusiasm often going without dinner that they might work in their gardens.

Instead of an unsightly yard partly covered with water endangering the health of the children, we have had an attractive spot in which both teachers and pupils have taken great pride—the only school garden in the county we believe.

Mr. Freeman has been untiring in his efforts and the committee has held many meetings, often on the school grounds, to consider the best ways to help forward the work. At a recent meeting Mr. Freeman consented to carry on the work another year.

We have had $148.85 from all sources and have spent $137.90 leaving $10.95 on hand and $35.00 in unpaid pledges with which to begin on next seasons work. Most of this money has come from friends outside of the Colony and was sent to Mr. S, H. Coming, who has acted as treasurer.

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All seem to agree that the school garden has been a great help in many ways and should be continued.

L. J. NEWCOMB COMINGS.
Chairman pro tem.

Council Proceedings.

Regular meeting of Executive Council, June 18th, 1906. All members present. Vice President Stimpson in the chair.

Minutes of meetings of June 4th and 11th, read and approved

Following bills allowed.

J. W, Braam telephone work	$ 5 70
Probate Judge recording fees	1 55
Stikes Hardware Co. 3 kegs of nails for wharf	7 20
Will Call, five days work on well	7 50
L. Jefferson, 3 days on well	4 50
J. A. Patterson Supt. of Public Services.	
Freight on piece of round iron for wharf	.10
Freight on pump piston for well	.10
Paid A. L. Stearns for 6 days on wharf	15 00
Paid L. Jefferson for work on wharf	9 19
Paid Ralph Coutant for cleaning bath houses	.25
	$24 64

Bill of A. L. Stearns for five days on well at $2.50 not allowed, because excessive for that class of work.

Bill of George Academy for $25 for teaching in May, referred back to school committee.

Superintendent of Public Services reported receipts on wharf, week ending June 9th, freight $21.58, pass. $4.15 (54 coupons) total $25.68, paid treasurer $15.41. Week ending June 16th, freight $21.08, pass $3.40 (42 coupons) total $24.48, paid treasurer $14.69.

Partial report of Will Stimpson on school finances referred back to him for completion.

Moved and carried that after public school closes, no pupils be admitted by teachers, without exhibition of receipt from treasurer F. S. T. Corporation for tuition for current month.

Moved and carried that wind mill pump be put in order, provided same can be done without removing pump pipe.

Matter of management of hall laid over until next meeting for investigation of law.

Following transfers of land approved:

Empire Stites to Mrs. Ila Coutant, lot 3, block 9, division 1.

W. H. Dorchester to P. Y. Albright 100x279 ft. fronting south on Magnolia Ave, 200 ft. east of Section St. transferree to be notified of Corporation's desire with regard to street.

Following applications for land granted: Wm. Stimpson for lots 6 and 7, block 30, division 1.

A. A. Corbett and Miss Louise Manly for west half of lots 1x2 block 1, division 4.

A. A. Corbett for east half of lots 1 and 2, block 1, division 2.

Rent for balance of this year on these lots divided on following basis: $12.50 on west portion, and $10 on east portion.

Mr. G. W. Wood reported that Mr. Coleman had performed his part of contract regarding widening of Fairhope Ave, between his land and ours in section 17 and hoped that Corporation would do its part as soon as convenient.

Moved that a special meeting of Council be held on next Monday evening to hear the report.

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Unfairness of The Standard.

In two recent issues the *Standard* devotes much space to criticising statements made regarding the advantages of Baldwin County, and classes Fairhope as among the offenders in circulating misleading literature, a charge which the COURIER indignantly resents as wholly unjustified and unfair. We will say right here, that the most glowing statements regarding this section which have ever appeared in Fairhope literature, were written by Mr. Norton for such publication. One of these statements that of Mr. Norton regarding grape growing, we printed many copies of in circular form, in addition to printing it in the COURIER and long ago withdrew it from circulation because of its misleading character. We credit Mr. Norton with no intention to mislead, but further experience of his own showed that his statements were not justified.

Along with the COURIER's statements of facts as to what had actually been done, it has made it a rule to caution people against jumping to the conclusion that they could always do as well and show them that here, as everywhere, the rewards of the agriculturist were only won by hard labor and against the everywhere hazards of markets and seasons.

The COURIER has done only what the *Standard* did in the very issue in which it assumed such a "holier than thou" attitude—publish *facts* regarding what *named people had actually done.*

Another instance of manifest unfairness in the *Standard's* article was classing the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation with land speculative companies. Said the *Standard:* "Those who buy up land and hold it out of use are aiding in making it more difficult for those to secure land who would use it, and of those most guilty in this county of 'booming' the land while holding more land than they can themselves use are the land companies and the Fairhope Corporation."

The editor of the *Standard* knows that whereas the purpose of the land companies referred to is to make it harder for those who want land to use to get it, to the extent of $15 to $25 an acre and even upward, which is "velvet" to their officers and stockholders, that the purpose of Fairhope is to prevent that very thing; to forestall speculators and hold the land open for those who would use it without purchase price and subject only to a rental designed to equalize conditions to all holders, and all of which is guaranteed to be expended for their joint benefit. All of the land owned by the Fairhope Corporation was bought and is held subject to the demand of users on such conditions, and wholly without profit to those who furnished the money to buy it.

Instead of helping to boom the price of land, as asserted by the *Standard*, Fairhope has won the hatred of the land speculative companies, by its efforts in the other direction, and the editorial in the *Baldwin Times*, which furnished the *Standard* its text, was intended as a "roast" for the COURIER, for decrying the high prices asked by the land companies.

If anything further were needed (which it was not) the criticisms referred to conclusively show, that fairness in dealing with Fairhope is beyond the conception of the *Standard.*

Good Roads Meeting Favors Bond Issue.

We failed to report last week the good roads meeting at Robertsdale, which was quite well attended. Among those present from Fairhope were Dr. H. S. Greeno, president of the County Good Roads Association, C. K. Brown, G. W. Wood, W. H. Dorchester and C. L. Coleman. The meeting partook largely of the nature of a political rally. Ex-Governor Johnston and ex-Congressman Stallings, Messrs. Moog, Jenkins, Hall, and Byrne, the four latter being candidates for representative, all being present and embracing the opportunity to address the people.

As anticipated by the COURIER the meeting resoluted in favor of issuing bonds and a committee was appointed to educate the people up to the point of voting for bonds at the next election.

The COURIER, which opposed the proposition for a bond issue a few years ago—and was the only paper in the county doing so—will have to do so again and we will later present our reasons fully.

A Fine Crop Report.

Amos H. Wagner Makes 37 to 1 on Potatoes.

Mr. Amos H. Wagner living a little southeast of Zundels—about five miles in a direct line south of Fairhope—furnishes the COURIER the following fine crop report.

In presenting it we want to say that it is an exceptional report. We know of no one who can duplicate it. But it is a true report and shows what *can* be done under favorable conditions, and the conditions were not all favorable either, as Mr. Wagner shows. So the *possibilities* are even greater, though to do half as well would much exceed the average.

Commenced planting Jan 20, and finished Feb 26; unfavorable conditions delayed me. Amount of ground a fraction under seven acres. Two sacks of Early Rose were good stand, other sacks very poor stand. All Early Rose tops killed by frost, putting them back at least two weeks. First two sacks yielded 41 barrels, other sack only 15 barrels, making 56 barrels from 3

sacks of Early Rose. Ten barrels of North Carolina Triumphs yielded 375 barrels sold, and I have 30 barrels of small potatoes and 3 barrels large yet to sell, picked up in harrowing ground.

Thirty-seven to one is a very good yield for this year. I exceeded it three years ago when 5 barrels yielded 225 barrels, or 45 to 1; but the price that year was much lower, about $2.75 and less.

Used $396 worth of fertilizer, or about $57 to the acre. This was one-half cotton-seed meal and half phosphate, with ten sacks of potash [Muriate, we presume. Editor.] mixed well through the lot, This I distributed myself in the open furrow by hand. Seed was cut to one eye, dropped by hand, and four furrows thrown on it by one-horse plow.

I give all items of cash expense, not counting my own labor and work of my own team, and results show up as follows:

Labor in planting	$12 85	
Fertilizer	396 00	
Seed	61 25	
Barrels	150 80	
Extra hauling	5 00	
Picking and cooperage	41 76	
Freight and wharfage	64 65	$732 31
431 barrels sold for		$1552 00
Less cash expense		732 31
Net Return		$819 69

Does not include the 30 barrels small and 3 barrels large potatoes picked up when harrowing.

AMOS H. WAGNER.

Good Report on Beans.

Tom Denton, one of our colored neighbors, makes the following excellent report on beans:

Sold 150 bushels for		$156 00
Seed, 5 pecks (had to replant)	$6 25	
Fertilizer (some manure used)	6 80	
Freight and wharfage	8 60	21 65
Net Proceeds from one acre		$134 35

Of course, this account allows nothing for labor, because that was done by the farmer and his family.

And please don't let this "mislead" you as to what you can do. We believe the statement to be a correct one—the figures as to seed, fertilizer and sales being verified by the Mershon Merchandising Company—but it is an exceptionally good one.

The Manhattan Single Tax Club, of New York City, will hold open meetings at 125th street, and Seventh Avenue, on Tuesday and Friday evenings, during the summer. Mr. Wm. Ryan, formerly one of the active workers in Philadelphia, now in New York, is chairman of the Agitation Committee, having the meetings in charge.

Readers of the COURIER will remember our challenge a few weeks ago for the citing of a single person holding Fairhope land, and putting it to anything like such use as it was fitted for, of whom it could not be demonstrated that he was ahead in dollars and cents under the Fairhope plan. There has been no attempt to cite such a case, and none can be produced.

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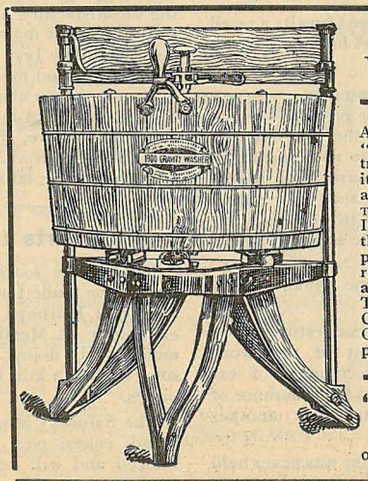
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Mr. Geo. Kilborn, wife and son, of Mobile, with Mrs. F. M. Young of Lucedale, and her little boy are at "The Gables" for a few days.

The V. I. C. meets with Mrs. L. E. Page at her home in Mobile on next Thursday. All the members are invited to take their lunch baskets and go along.

Mr. and Mrs. Landes are visiting Mrs. Landes' parents, Capt. and Mrs. George Lawrence and Captain George is trying to get them to locate here.

Mr. Munschon left at the COURIER office last week a cucumber 16½ inches long and weighing an ounce over 4 pounds. He said he had plenty more like it.

Alonzo Brann, the fifteen year old son of our popular contractor, Mr. E. D. Brann, arrived yesterday from Minneapolis to spend a month or more with his father.

Another son was born on Wednesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Dougherty. Mother and child are doing exceedingly well and Mr. Dougherty was on duty as usual the next day.

The excellent De Coudres family have, we understand, rented the Mrs. Mead-Mann cottage for another year. The continuance of our teachers for another year had much to do with deciding them.

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Harmonious School Meeting.

Re-employment of Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet.

Pursnant to call of Trustee Oswalt, a well attended school-meeting was held in the hall on last Friday evening.

Mr. Oswalt gave some interesting figures regarding the school for the past year which we will give next week and the meeting decided with great unanimity to recommend to the County Educational Board, the re-employment of Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet for another school year and to continue the arrangement under which the school has been couducted the past year.

It was decided to begin the school on the last Monday in September.

The teachers are to be congratulated on this unanimous endorsement ot their work and the community for its recognition of excellent service rendered and the assurance of the continuance of the same for another year.

A more harmonious meeting was never held in Fairhope.

Mrs. A. A. Corbett has been ill for several days, but is improving.

There will be a silver medal oratorical contest at the hall, Friday June 29th, at 7.30 p. m.

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E. Smith one of the successful cane growers of Fairhope, was here several days this week, and Wednesday night addressed some of our people on the subject of co-operative buying of fertilizer, at the Citronelle Business Men's room.—Citronelle Call.

Mr. P. V Albright who has purchased the Vanderbeck cottage, had a two story gallery put across the front adding much to its appearance and convenience. An addition has also been put on at the rear, containing kitchens for upper and lower floors.

Mrs. Mary C. Rathje has opened a photograph gallery at the Thompson residence. She has had much experience in this line of work, and has a good equipment of cameras, the largest being 8x10. She will make photos of all sizes up to 8x10, and will drive reasonable distances to take groups or residences.

The biggest Sunday crowd in Fairhope history came over on the Pleasure Bay last Sunday. Tne Bayside Cafe and the new pavilion at the water's edge are great attractions. Mr. and Mrs. Massey and their assistants were kept very busy attending to the wants of customers and sold out everthing eatable and drinkable before the boat left in the evening.

Mr. P. C. McIlrath, who spent winter before last with his wife at Fairhope and who will be best remembered for his delightful violin music with which he so often favored us, writes us from National Soldiers Home, Tenn. He has lost his wife since he was here and says he and his son who is with him, are planning to come to Fairhope about November first next. He says: "I like your place and the advantages it offers, better than any place I have ever been in the south," (and he has been in many.)

We failed to note the departure for Philadelphia, early in the month, of Mrs. Powell and daughter Miss Ivy, due principally to the unsatisfactory condition of the latter's health. Their many friends will regret to hear that Miss Ivy has shown no improvement as yet and may have to submit to an operation for an affection of the throat. Mrs. Powell, in a joint letter to a number of her lady friends here, shows that she is contrasting places she is visiting with Fairhope and not often to the latter's disadvantage.

Arts and Crafts.

During her recent visit to New Orleans Miss Lyon made four beautiful pieces of pottery from Fairhope clay, which are now on exhibition at Mershon's. The class in clay modeling is doing good work and we hope soon to have a kiln here for burning our own pieces.

The Saturday afternoon sale of home-made bread, cakes, pies, etc., has been well patronized and will be continued through the summer.

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Mrs. Walker aud her daughters left for their home near Birmingham yesterday after a pleasant stay of several weeks.

The picnic by the Christian church Sunday school, in Bay Park yesterday, was attended by a large crowd and a great time enjoyed by all.

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Summer Normal.

The interest in Mrs. Johnson's lectures on Child Study and Psychology is increasing and the importance of the subject is growing upon those who attend regularly. No one who is at all interested in children and our public school system can afford to miss them.

The evening lectures will be given at the Hall on Friday evening of this week and Tuesday and Thursday evening of next week at 8 o'clock sharp. The afternoon lectures are given at the school-house on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 3 o'clock.

Miss Clara Sulzby of Knoxville, Ala., and who has been teaching at Loxley, is at "The Gables" and is attending the Normal.

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Teachers' Examination.

The semi-annual state examination for teachers will be held at the school building at Bay Minette, on the first Monday in July, beginning at ten o'clock a. m.

Applicants for certificates will take due notice, and be present at the above stated hour.

J. S. LAMBERT,
Co. Supt. of Ed.

Fourth of July Celebration at Fairhope.

Under F. V. F. D. Auspices.

PROGRAM.

11 a. m. Indian War Dance and Encampment, under direction of Wm. Call. Sham Battle. Indians repulsed by Buffalo Bill and Cowboys, directed by Wm. Davis.

11:45 " Exercises at platform.
Music, Moorman's Fairhope Band.
Song, F. V. F. D. Glee Club.
Reading Declaration of Independence, E. B. Gaston.
Solo, Star Spangled Banner, J. K. Simmers.
Oration, Rev. Claude E. Hill.
National Drill by Fairhope's Fairest Daughters. Prizes by Mobile Stationery Company.

2:30 p.m. Aquatic Sports, directed by Mr. Trenholme:
Long Distance Swim, open to all; prizes by Barney-Cavanagh Hardware Company.
Fancy Swimming, boys and girls under 16. Prizes of kodac supplies by Bernard Luscher.
High Diving, open to all Prizes by Harry Bray.
Base Ball, game on the water. Prize of one case Coca Cola by Mobile Coca Cola Bottling Co.
Fancy Races on the Beach—wheelbarrow race, 3 legged race, potato race, etc., etc. Directed by A. Mershon. Prizes by Mershon Merchandising Co.

7:30 p.m. Magnificent display of Fireworks.

The steamer Pleasure Bay will leave Mobile for Fairhope direct at 9 a. m. Returning leave Fairhope at about 7:45 p. m., immediately after fireworks.

Dancing at Massey's pavilion afternoon and evening.

Best of order will be preserved. Come everybody, and enjoy yourselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County. J. S. LAMBERT, Bay Minette, Ala.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

I hereby announce myself as a canditate for Representative in the Legislature from Baldwin County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and respectfully solicit the support of the people of the County.

LESLIE HALL.

Notice.

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

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Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

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The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues.

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Write me for price. E. B. GASTON.

The Fairhope Courier.

Devoted to the Single Tax and its practical application by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.
See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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That we will have "a hot time" goes without saying—the weather man will attend to that—but there will be many other "hot" features. Our delightful park along the beach will be free to you, as well as our wharf, bath-houses, etc., and we have many things planned for your entertainment. If you have been with us before on such an occasion, you will know that a good time awaits you. If you have possibly never visited our "Single Tax Town," don't neglect this opportunity. We are "in the running" with fine stores, residences, school, water-works (only one in the county) hotel, restaurants, amusement pavilion at the water's edge, etc., etc., etc.

See the program for the Fourth in this paper, and see the advertisements of our enterprising merchants. They have the goods and are eager to supply your needs. Come and see us.

A Lesson From Our Experience

A chief purpose in the organization of Fairhope was to demonstrate the best methods for conducting the business of a community and a close attendance at its Council and other meetings is quite a liberal education along that line.

It will be remembered by some that at the outset the Colony plan included a co-operative merchandising department, and that as a result of practical experience along that line, this department was dropped during the first year.

Certainly all our experience since that time, has been to confirm the view that only such matters as are in their nature monopolies, not subject to the regulative and corrective influence of competition, should be collectively undertaken.

The different opinions regarding the water-works rules and rates, apparent at a recent Council meeting and particularly the inability of some to recognize and respect the purpose of the Council to make reasonable rules, applying equally to all, and to provide a revenue which would cover the cost of operation, would be quite calculated to make those less strong of purpose than the Council and the water committee, say: "damn the people" and turn their attention solely to their own personal affairs.

Imagine the situation supposing the Colony undertook to administer not only the land, the wharf and the water-works, but all the mercantile business of Fairhope, the hotel, restaurant, saw mill, planing mill and all the other activities of the community, with every one's occupation and his earnings, in the hands of the community, and see how friction would be multiplied.

And the more democratic the methods the more the friction.

How much better to leave these matters to individual initiative.

A Letter From Mr. Norton

Daphne, Ala, June 26th, 1906.

EDITOR COURIER:

Under the heading "Unfairness of *The Standard*" in your issue of the 22nd inst, you accuse the editor of the *Standard* of having written some years ago an article upon grape growing, which the COURIER then printed and which it says was so "misleading in character" that it later withdrew the statement from circulation. The COURIER however, immediately exonerates the *Standard* editor by saying: "We credit Mr. Norton with no intention to mislead, but further experience of his own showed that his statements were not justified."

The *Standard* editor would be willing to leave the COURIER's accusation and acquittal, the one to offset the other, if the COURIER had stated, what we have reason to think it believes, that the editor of the *Standard* never wrote anything of the kind to which reference is made, which he did not believe to be in accordance with the facts.

As to the charge of "Fairhope holding land out of use," with something over 3000 acres of land under its control, and only a few hundred occupied, the burden of proof in refutation, rests with the COURIER.

By every test of the economic principles which support the Single Tax system, the greater part of the land of Fairhope, is, and should be so considered, below the rent line, since on it no one can now make more than a bare living. As an example take the farm of Mr. P. K Dealy, where under the most favorable circumstances possible to any of these many acres in question, one of the hardest working and most intelligent of cultivators, has failed to make more than a bare living, though putting several hundred dollars and several years of labor onto the land.

For one at Fairhope who has but little personal property or improvements, the renting of land at any price the Colony may be likely to charge, is less favorable to the cultivator than to buy land elsewhere at $15 to $25 per acre. It is only when one's personal property and improvements exceed in value their land rents, that it becomes profitable to the renter. The state and county taxes on these thousands of acres of unused Fairhope lands, must be paid out of the fund which is paid in mainly by those whose rents exceed the state and county taxes on their personal property and improvements, since it cannot come from those to whom the Colony pays more than it receives.

In this way the new acquisition of land becomes an added burden, and to be borne by those least able to bear any burdens.

If the outcome of such a plan is not "velvet" to some of the renters of Fairhope land, we do not know velvet when we see it. As to the COURIER having "won the hatred of the land speculative companies," hatred is too harsh a word, since they really look upon the COURIER as only a competitor in the land business.

Finally the COURIER says: "If anything further were needed (which it was not) the criticisms referred to conclusively show, that fairness in dealing with Fairhope is beyond the conception of the *Standard*."

The *Standard's* advice to the COURIER editor is that he should maintain his usual serenity of disposition, and accord to others, though differing with him, the same spirit of fairness which he claims actuates his own dealings with others. As to the attitude of the *Standard* towards Fairhope, it is certain that its course is approved by nearly all of the renters there, and as an evidence of this, there is the fact that only four subscribers at that place have discontinued their subscription to the *Standard* since the controversy began, while up to this writing the number of new subscribers amounts to twenty-seven.

With assurances of personal esteem, and best wishes for Fairhope, I remain, yours,

EDWARD QUINCY NORTON.

REPLY OF EDITOR COURIER.

THE COURIER exonerated Mr. Norton from any intentional misrepresentation regarding Baldwin County. Our only purpose was to show that he was unfairly criticising Fairhope for doing the very thing he had done and was doing, and which was a perfectly right and proper thing to do—tell the *facts*.

As to Fairhope "holding land out of use," Mr. Norton seems to us to wobble sadly in his reasoning. He accuses Fairhope of "holding land out of use," and in the same paragraph asserts that the greater part of the land should be considered "below the rent line," which would, of course, mean that it was not in demand, for rent arises as soon as land is demanded by more than one person. The fact is, of course, as everyone, we think, but Mr. Norton sees, that Fairhope is holding land for which there is no present demand, to forestall speculators and keep it open for those who will want it for use.

Several things might be said regarding his citation of Mr. Dealy as a "horrible example" of Fairhope conditions, which we will not say because, so far as we know, Mr. Dealy is not responsible for being dragged into the discussion by Mr. Norton. We will only say that the colored farmer, Tom Denton, whose profit of $134.35 on an acre of beans we mentioned last week, is a near neighbor of Mr. Dealy, on the same kind of land, and that it is the same kind of land in every essential particular as that of the several successful farmers cited by Mr. Norton in the article which called forth our criticism.

We are quite indebted to Mr Norton for his next point against the Fairhope policy of paying state and county taxes out of land rents for it will show very clearly to Single Taxers that Single Taxer though Mr. Norton has long been claimed to be and been credited with being, he objects to the very Single Tax feature of Fairhope.

The Single Tax, laying all the tax burden upon land values and exempting the products of labor, would, of course, benefit in the greatest degree, those whose improvement and personal property values are greater than their land values. We introduce Mr. Norton as a witness to the fact that the Fairhope policy does this and ask Single Taxers to note that he objects to it.

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He is wrong, however, in his assertion that it is "*only* when one's personal property and improvements exceed in value their land rents that it becomes profitable to the renter," and is as faulty in his mathematics as in his reasoning. No business man would consider that he was making any "profit" until he had made at least 6 per cent. interest on his capital invested—for he could invest in first-class real estate mortgages and get at least that. The farmer should figure the same way. If, therefore, he has $15 an acre invested in land, it is costing him at least 90c an acre a year to own it, if $25 an acre, $1.25 a year, in interest on his investment alone. To this must be added the taxes.

If $1000 be taken as the average taxable value of a 40-acre farm with its improvements, the taxes would amount to 35c an acre additional, or $1.25 in one case, $1.85 in the other. Fairhope offers abundance of land such as is elsewhere in the county being sold at $15 to $25 an acre, for *35 cents an acre* annual rental, with no taxes to pay, free schooling for eight months, free foot wharfage, free use of bath-houses, etc., etc.

Mr. Norton's friend, Mr. Dealy, pays 55 cents an acre rental on land of the same character and location as his other friend, Mr. Coleman, holds at $25.

The state and county taxes on Fairhope's unused land will much more than be taken care of by stumpage receipts from the same.

Mr. Norton evidently does *not* "know velvet when he sees it," for the benefits which he admits flowing to some of the Fairhope renters (those who put their land to good use) can only be won by personal effort, while "velvet" comes without individual merit.

The question of what portion of Fairhope tenants "approve the *Standard's* attitude," has nothing to do with the merits of its argument. Mr. Norton has all his life been fighting divers and sundry things which were "approved" by the vast majority of people—but were not on that account right. If his assertion be correct, Fairhope is fully justified in its other policy, which he has also so criticised, of excluding other than members from participation in its administration; for the tenants would repudiate their contracts and destroy the fundamental features of the Colony policy.

We don't want to say anything unpleasant about the *Standard's* Fairhope approvers, but we can't repress a smile imagining what a zealous and enthusiastic lot of Single Taxers they would make, if organized into a Single Tax club, under the leadership of Mr. Norton.

He is, however, as wrong in this as in his numerous other assertions of alleged "facts" regarding Fairhope.

Land Sharkism vs Fairhope.

EDITOR COURIER:

I note the discussion that has of late appeared in your columns, and some of your cotemporary papers of this county. Bearing on the points in controversy, are some things learned from Mr. George Kilborn of Mobile who has been "Land-man" for the M. & O. R. R. for twenty years.

He tells me they do not try to get but from $2, to $5, per acre for their lands from which the timber has been cut and he spoke quite feelingly of the cruel wrong

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The Public, in the issue of June 23rd., published an article on Fairhope, as editorial correspondence from "D. S. Luther," (A non de plume for our late visitor, Mr. Dickey.) The article is a very readable and unbiased presentation of the Colony's policies and conditions and is likely to provoke further inquiries from those who read it.

Seen on a Drive.

In a drive this week from Fairhope to Barnwell, the editor saw many fine farms. The corn fields in particular looked very fine. The fact is this is a good corn country and the farmer who goes to the store for western corn at 70 cents a bushel, is not worthy the name of farmer. We stopped and called upon Mr. A. V. Callahan, whose place lies on both sides of the road, and saw much that was interesting and encouraging.

Mr. Callahan seems really to have conquered the pear blight. His trees are having full crops this year without a sign of blight, though some of them were nearly dead with it when he began his treatment, (trees by the way of both the Kiefer and Le Conte variety which he treated for us last spring are all right and bearing nicely.) He had fine tall corn which he insisted had no commercial or other fertilizer nor any on the ground for years previous; nothing but grass and other humus-supplying crops turned under.

One thing which particularly pleased us, was his fine Agawam grape vines. He has several of these growing luxuriantly and loaded with fruit. The Agawam is an exceptionally fine grape, red, with large, fleshy berries and distinct spicy-flavor. Mr. Callahan has not pruned his Agawams closely but has trained them over high trellises.

Mr. Callahan also had to show us some phenomenal growth of pecan grafts; ponderosa lemons and satsuma oranges in full bearing; some exceedingly clean and thrifty young peach trees, Japanese persimmons, good cotton and cassava etc, etc. Everything was flourishing but the weeds, they seemed to have no show at all.

Mr. Callahan works hard, it is evident—but it is a labor of love for him. Every individual plant and tree is almost like a child of his flesh, whom it is a delight to train and nourish; and so it should be with the farmer.

Council Proceedings

Council met in special session on Monday evening June 25. Present Councilmen Bancroft, Call and Rose.

The special order was the consideration of the report of the water-works committee but in the absence of both President Brown and Vice President and Chairman of Water committee Stimpson, a motion prevailed to pass the water works report temporarily and receive a proposition from Mr. W. H. Bryant, vice president and general manager of the Home Telephone Company.

Mr. Bryant addressed the Council, stating that his company was engaged in rebuilding its system—or rather building a new system—throughout the county and desired to make an agreement with the Corporation regarding the building and maintenance of its lines along the streets and on other lands of the Corporation. He made a proposition on behalf of his company to, in consideration of such privilege, give the Corporation the right to put a cross arm for its own use, on the company's poles; and to rebuild the Corporation's line on Fairhope Ave., with its standard construction of heavy juniper poles and ten pin cross arms, restringing the Corporation's lines on the lower two cross arms; all work within the Colony, to be done under the direction of the superintendent of lands and highways.

It was moved and carried that the proposition of the Home Telephone committee be accepted and the Corporation telephone committee draw up a contract with the H. T. Co. embodying the conditions stated.

Mr. Stimpson arriving in the meantime, took the chair. It was moved and carried to pass consideration of bills and other matters till next meeting and take up the special order.

Mr. F. W. Rose, secretary of the water works committee presented a detailed report of all transactions so far as reported to him. The report (which was not however wholly concurred in by Mr. Stimpson) gave in detail the receipts and disbursements, which it is not deemed necessary to set forth here, but the following summary of the same is given.

Cost of construction to date		$3699 32
Paid on same, cash	$1492 48	
Paid on same, water certificates	569 20	
		2061 68
Yet outstanding		$1637 64

RESOURCES:

Uncollected subscriptions	$255 75	
Due for tapping mains	19 95	
Cash on hand	119 09	
		394 79
Outstanding above assets		$1242 85

(Does not include water certificates redeemable in connections and water rents.)

A motion several times renewed by Mr. Rose, to "accept the report and discharge the committee" did not receive a second but a motion finally prevailed to accept the report.

Mr. Rose presented his resignation as a member of the Committee as did Mr. Pilcher, the latter in writing. The resignation of Mr. Rose was not accepted; but that of Mr. Pilcher was on motion accepted, on account of his business now taking him so much of the time out of town.

It was moved and carried that Mr. Bellangee have full charge of the pumping plant,

Moved and carried that the rules as adopted on June

11th 1906 be considered in force and the committee previously appointed, to act as the committee provided for in these rules.

Mr. Rose instructed to order an injector for the boiler according to advice of Mr. F. L. Brown.

F. W. Rose, secretary of the old committee on motion made clerk of the water works with duties as provided in new rules adopted.

Mr. Bancroft was elected member of the water committee to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Mr. Pilcher, and Mr. Rose authorized to appoint some one to act in his place as clerk and member of the committee during his absence.

Land Sharkism vs .Fairhope

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being done to innocent northern people by the land companys who are selling the same kind of lands at from $15 to $25 per acre, and often taking all their victim's money for the first payment, leaving them in an impossible condition to go on and complete their payments and save their homes.

He spoke of their having made some large sales to cotton growers, who selected lands with clay subsoil for their purpose, and that $5 per acre was all they could afford to pay for well located lands, not far from the main line of their railroad; that to pay $15, to $20 for land, then to clear it, and work it as almost all this southern pine land must be till it becomes fertile enough to bear crops, makes it higher in cost than good land north can be had for, and that it has been a cruel deception to many innocent, credulous northern people, unacquainted with southern lands and conditions.

When one can see visible reasons why monopoly and land speculative interests are likely to be benefited by certain things done in this vicinity, it is pretty safe to judge of the motives that cause certain actions, even when the claim is loudly made of disinterestedness, and of working for high ideals. There are reasons why things are thus and so. S. H. COMINGS.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

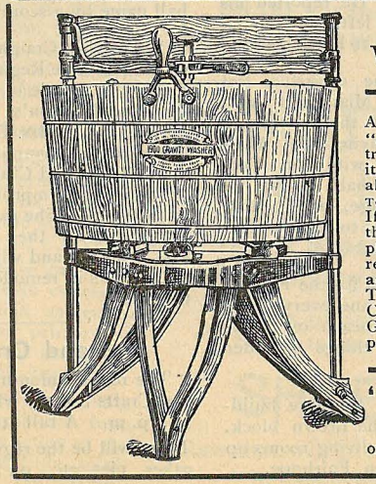
Dear Adelaide:—You will be happy to know that we have a practical, successful kindergarten in Fairhope. Do you remember how you taught ours on Topolobampo bay in the old 100x100 stone house; how you decorated the rough stone walls with garlands and festoons of mosses and evergreens, and set the portrait of the revered Froebel in the position of honor? I attended a session of our Fairhope kindergarten last week. The teacher is the leader of our summer normal school for teachers, our former resident, Mrs. Johnson, now of Barnet, Mississippi. As she is not to be with us long and as we do not possess all the gifts for the normally constituted kindergarten, she has used her own system, largely, and with notable success. As I entered she greeted me from a circle of little red chairs whereon were seated less than a dozen little ones intently absorbed in showing what they knew of the story of Hiawatha, and how they could imitate the voices of birds, the wind in the pines, and the rushing waters. There was singing, marching with calisthenic movements; exercises in cave-making in a big heap of fine cream colored sand at the door. They were illustrating how "Ab," the primitive man, lived. Then followed running, jumping over a bar held at different heights, and ball throwing. The most interesting exercise, perhaps, was clay modeling, in which children, kindergartners, students and visitors took part, each one making birds' nests, with eggs. The eggs of some of the little tots were quite too spherical, and they were led to reflect upon the general oval form of eggs.

Think of the amount and variety of real education the kindergarten affords in every session. In this one, for example, singing, memory-training in recalling the varied parts of the story of Hiawatha; training of the muscles of the whole body, nearly; running and jumping, games of skill, as throwing balls at a mark; the training of the eye by rolling marbles on the floor from a chalk line into Hiawatha's tepee, (made of big sheets brown paper.)

June 18 * * * Today I had the pleasure of hearing one of Mrs. Johnson's lectures at the schoolhouse on Education—to mothers, more especially. The day was warm, the mercury registering at the Pines 85° Fahr., but the cool sea breeze made every shady place delightful. Mrs. Johnson dwelt especially upon the modern method of training children by their natural attractions; the danger of too persistent and arbitrary control, and the importance of leaving the young child free in its multiform activities—in a word, supplying him with the conditions of integral development. She is a very clear, forcible and earnest speaker. The only fair criticism of her style, I think, is that it is too rapid. She makes few pauses, and I doubt if any stenographer, unless the first among experts, could follow her.

Cottages for Rent I have for rent for the summer a number of nice cottages, furnished and unfurnished, some with water under pressure, bath and water closets; all favorably located. Free foot wharfage to tenants and free bathing privileges. E. B. GASTON, Fairhope, Ala.

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Miss Dorothy Rowe was confined to her home by illness for several days but is about again.

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Remember the Fairhope Pharmacy always keeps a large variety of pure drugs and patent medicines.

Go to the Post Office News Stand when in need of stationery; you will find what you are looking for.

Mrs. Ada Graham is enjoying a visit from her daughter, Miss Lois, who will remain probably a month.

For wood and posts, promptly deliverd see Reimer Poortstra or leave orders for him at the Post Office News Stand.

Remember Mrs. Call has long mitts, baby caps, baby dresses, kimonas, wrappers, dry goods, belts, collars and other novelties.

Have your picture taken July Fourth by Rathje, Fairhope. Reduced price on cabinets worth $3 down to $1.50 for this day only.

Rev. Claude E. Hill and family moved over on Monday evening and are occupying the pleasant Improvement Co. cottage occupied by them last season.

Mrs. Call has received another shipment of underwear and can supply an excellent full trimmed corset cover for 25c, also a first class well made hemstiched drawer at 25c. She is well provided with better grade, gowns, skirts, corset covers etc.

Mr. T. J. McIlrath, son of Mr. P. C. McIlrath, arrived on Saturday evening from Tennessee, sent ahead by his father to secure a place before his coming. He reported his father quite feeble when he left, but looking forward eagerly to his return to Fairhope.

We neglected to note the departure last week of Miss Clements and Miss Manly, who left to spend the summer at their home in Centreville Ala. Before leaving Miss Manly made application jointly with Mr. Corbett for a lease of the west half of the lot north of the Stromberg cottage, on the bay front, on which they planned to build a cottage for joint occupancy.

Let Fairhope look her best for the Fourth, clean up your own premises and every body who can, come down to the beach on Monday afternoon to help put things in order there. COMMITTEE.

FOR SALE OR RENT. My store building in Fairhope known as the Brown block. Two large store rooms, with living rooms up stairs. Address C. K. Brown, Fairhope.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

Mrs. Call is selling white duck skirts, white suits and waists, in short what remains of her spring stock of ready to wear garments at about one fourth off.

Just a few more pairs of our cheap shelf-worn pants left. You had better get in on this deal, as they are good goods for little money. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mr. H. B. Slaughter arrived the latter part of last week, and is visiting his wifes' parents, Dr. and Mrs. Creeno, and looking after some business interests in this vicinity Mr. Slaughter has just returned from an extended European trip, and his wife and daughter are still across the water.

F. W. Rose and family left on Wednesday morning for their old home in West Virginia, where Mr. Rose has business interests requiring his attention and where they will visit relatives. They expect to be gone a couple of months, perhaps longer. On the evening before their departure a party of neighbors and friends gathered at Dr. Atkinson's pleasant home, to wish them a pleasant journey and a safe return.

A poor Italian banana peddler who came over in a sailboat from Mobile, wanted to know on landing if there was a "policeman" here or a "license required" and said in Mobile they had arrested him and confiscated his stock because he did not have a license. He was advised that there was no policeman in Fairhope and no license necessary and went on his way rejoicing.

The Neogen and Resolvogen treatments for pulmonary, catarrhal and inflammatory diseases continue to achieve results far ahead of any other known treatments for these distressing and often fatal maladies. Symptoms yield promptly, and if not too far advanced a cure speedily follows. These claims are based on results already attained and are in no way theoretical or speculative. Originated by Geo. A. Sheldon, M. D., Ph. G., Fairhope, Alabama.

The Masonic St. John's day picnic at Battles on last Saturday was one of the greatest successes in the history of the county. There was a large crowd, which was entertained with an interesting program prepared by the Masons, Dr. Greeno, W. M. of the Fairhope lodge, presiding. There was a sumptuous picnic feast and, after it, speeches by several of the county candidates, a ball game, and other attractions. The Summerdale nine defeated the Fairhope nine in the ball game by a score of 15 to 10.

Mrs. Erwin Craighead, wife of the editor of the "Mobile Register" has been at "The Gables" a couple of days this week, attending Mrs. Johnson's lectures on "The New Education." Mrs. Craighead is chairman of the education committee of the state "Woman's Federated Clubs" and is very active in the work of improving the common schools of the state. She expressed herself as much delighted with the presentation given by Mrs. Johnson and will be one of the influential helpers in remodeling the system of education.

Arts and Crafts Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Arts and Crafts Society will be held on Monday at 3 p. m. A full attendance is requested.

There will be the regular sale of home made cakes, pies, etc., on Saturday afternoon.

Full line of "Stork" goods for infants. Mershon Merchandising Co.,

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Mrs. Simpson and her two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Rohm Senior and Junior, Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Turner of Mobile, are at the Fairhope House.

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FOR SALE—Improvements on Fairhope Ave. near Brown's mill; 5 acres colony land good fence, bored well with pump, new neat cottage; household goods, cow and poultry. Cheap if taken at once. Wm. Zass.

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V. I. C. Ladies Busy.

The excellent ladies of the V. I. C. have interested themselves in a greatly needed improvement which has been "hanging fire" for a long time, the ceiling of the hall overhead. Dr. Atkinson and Miss Gooding were appointed a special committee on the matter. A contract was made with Mr. J. W. Moorman to elevate the ceiling joists and get ready for the actual work of putting on the ceiling and on last Friday the committee got together a party of volunteers, who made a good start on the job, the ladies furnishing them a substantial lunch, with a dessert, not substantial perhaps but greatly enjoyed, in the shape of two or three fine water-melons of her own growing, furnished by Dr. Atkinson.

The volunteers were as follows: Messrs. Will Call, E. B. Gaston, (by Mr. Rothje,) P. Y. Albright, Jas. S. Paton, G. W. Wood and J. W. Moorman each a day: Messrs. S. E. Gooding, A. K Trenholme, Will Davis, E. Jefferson, and Ceorge Lawerence, Jr, a half day. Mrs. Anne Call also assisted in serving the dinner.

Death of Mrs. Corbett.

Mrs. A. A. Corbett died on Saturday afternoon, the 23rd, after a brief illness and was buried on Sunday afternoon in the Fairhope cemetery. Mrs. Corbett came here from New York with her husband early in the winter, accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Summer. Mhey came south for her health which had long been delicate, and she had seemed greatly improved here, so much so, indeed, that, being pleased with other conditions also, they had decided to build and make their home here, when Mrs. Corbett was seized with an attack of dysentery, which in her already weak condition she was unable to resist.

Kindly neighbors were unremitting in their attentions during the illness and did all possible to be done, to lighten the sorrow of the bereaved husband, far from his former home.

We do not yet know whether his sad bereavement will cause a change in Mr. Corbett's plans but hope he will still be minded o remain with us.

Fourth of July Celebration at Fairhope.

Under F. V. F. D. Auspices.

PROGRAM.

11 a. m. Indian War Dance and Encampment, under direction of Wm. Call. Sham Battle. Indians repulsed by Buffalo Bill and Cowboys, directed by Wm. Davis.

11:45 " Exercises at platform.
Music, Moorman's Fairhope Band.
Song, F. V. F. D. Glee Club.
Reading Declaration of Independence, E. B. Gaston.
Solo, Star Spangled Banner, J. K. Simmers.
Oration, Rev. Claude E. Hill.
National Drill by Fairhope's Fairest Daughters. Prizes by Mobile Stationery Company.

2:30 p.m. Aquatic Sports, directed by Mr. Trenholme:
Long Distance Swim, open to all; prizes by Barney-Cavanagh Hardware Company.
Fancy Swimming, boys and girls under 16. Prizes of kodac supplies by Bernard Luscher.
High Diving, open to all Prizes by Harry Bray.
Base Ball, game on the water. Prize of one case Coca Cola by Mobile Coca Cola Bottling Co.
Fancy Races on the Beach—wheelbarrow race, 3 legged race, potato race, etc., etc. Directed by A. Mershon. Prizes by Mershon Merchandising Co.

7.30 p.m. Magnificent display of Fireworks.

The steamer Pleasure Bay will leave Mobile for Fairhope direct at 9 a. m. Returning leave Fairhope at about 7:45 p. m., immediately after fireworks.

Dancing at Massey's pavilion afternoon and evening.

Best of order will be preserved. Come everybody, and enjoy yourselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County. J. S. LAMBERT, Bay Minette, Ala.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

I hereby announce myself as a canditate for Representative in the Legislature from Baldwin County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and respectfully solicit the support of the people of the County.
LESLIE HALL.

Mr. Ferguson reports a number of guests at the Fairhope House and prospects excellent for large accessions in the near future.

Look Here.

We have wagons, single and double; top buggies, mowing machines and rakes; plain and reversible discs; orchard cultivators; harness, saddles, bridles, halters, lines, etc. Look at our display window. Keep your money in Baldwin county and trade with your home merchants. They are the ones that are helping to build up our great state of Baldwin. Call and examine our stock. Call us up over either phone and we will quote you prices. Mershon Merchandising Co.

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It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues.

A system of water works is now under construction, which will give water for private use and fire protection throughout the principal portion of the town.

The Fairhope policy eliminates the land speculator entirely, and for those who WANT LAND FOR USE, whether for residence, business, manufacturing or farming, it can be readily demonstrated to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores, schools, blacksmith and butcher shops, doctors, churches, fine bathing and fishing, and exceptionally intelligent and sociable people.

Beautiful lots in the town, and farm lands adjacent to it, are open for settlers without purchase price on the Colony's favorable terms.

For fuller particulars, copy of constitution, lease, etc., address

E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

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Write me for price. E. B. GASTON.

The Fairhope Courier.

Devoted to the Single Tax and its practical application by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.
See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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GREAT CELEBRATION!

Fourth of July Draws Largest Crowd in History of Fairhope.

VISITORS PRAISED FAIRHOPE

Hundreds Enjoy Perfect Day in Fairhope's Pretty Park. Indians, Cowboys, Sports, and a Fine Oration Features of Day.

It didn't rain on the Fourth! Instead it was as beautful a day as nature ever vouchsafed and everthing conduced toward making Fairhope's celebration a great success.

Early in the day the people began to arrive from the country (as usual those coming farthest being earliest on the scene) and as the morning advanced the numbers increased until there was nearly a continuous stream of vehicles pouring down Fairhope avenue.

About 10 o'clock the *Caloosa* landed at the wharf with a crowd brought down from the upper shore landings. At 11 the *Pleasure Bay*, with flags flying and band playing, landed with a crowd of about 300 Mobilians and a half hour later, the *Carney*, which left Mobile for all eastern shore landings, except Fairhope, dropped by to leave some of her passengers for Fairhope who had gone aboard despite the Captain's warning that passengers for Fairhope should take the Pleasure Bay.

There were probably at least 1000 people on the ground during the day.

The stand was built for the exercises of the day at the apex of the knoll in the Park, the tepees of the Indian encampment were pitched over on its north edge toward the hotel, and a stand where the ladies of the V. I. C. dispensed refreshments was on the south side near Fairhope avenue.

The opening of the program for the day was necessarily delayed until after the arrival of the steamers and it was nearly 11:45 before the Indian procession headed by Big Chief Call, took its way around the park and went into camp. Here a council was held at which Rev. G. W. Wood made a plea for peace, which was replied to by Chief Call, whose voice was for war.

These speeches were made in genuine Sioux language, Rev Wood having spent years as a missionary to the Indians and Mr. Call having spent his early years near them in Minnesota. The counsel of the chief prevailed over that of the preacher, and the decision was for war.

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Patronize the Water Works.

Our water works are now in very succesful operation. The water which was at first made unpleasant to the taste by the oakum used on the pipe joints, and the cement used in laying the wall of the well, is now clear and pleasant and those who have it in their homes, we are sure would not have it removed for double the cost.

There are a number along the lines of the mains, who are not connected, and if possible ought to be, not only for their own convenience but from the patriotic motive of helping to complete payment for the plant and keep up the operating expense.

The committee appreciates the fact that the initial cost of connection is comparatively heavy, but that is made necessary by the need for funds to pay for the plant. If you are unable to pay cash, arrangements for deferred payments can be made. Put in the "city water" and be "in the swim."

A New "Model City."

We are indebted to Mr. C. Clark of the Phoenix Wire Works, Detroit, for a very interesting little pamphlet entitled "Kinkora, a new model city built to solve in a practical way a problem of industrial expansion."

"Kinkora," or as it is more likely to be known, "Roebling's," is a new town built by the Roeblings, sons of the great bridge builder John A Roebling, and the largest steel manufacturers outside of the steel trust.

Crowded up to the limit of efficiency in their works at Trenton it became necessary to expand; "but," as one of them said, "when we tried to buy adjoining property in Trenton, we found that the prices were prohibitive, although it was the presence of our plant which has made the surrounding property of value."

Being thus hedged in by land speculation, they sought a new location, which they found on the Delaware river ten miles below Trenton, and here they are building immense new works and at the same time founding a new model city for their employes.

The company will own the ground and also the buildings, which will be rented to the employes, with water and sewerage provided without, it is claimed, any profit. The streets are 80 to 100 feet wide. "The company will clean and light the streets, remove the garbage, give free use of unlimited water" (will be included in the rent), "sell everything from a shoestring to a parlor set at a fraction more than cost, and finally conduct a club bar across which anything in the line of drinks anywhere obtainable will be sold."

Altruistic motives are disclaimed, and the proposition is declared to be purely a business one.

To be a good Fairhoper you must not only not want any one to get anything from you without giving you an equivalent, but you must not want to take anything from anyone else—or from the community—without giving an equivalent.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

June 26—Today Don Littlefield did me the honor to believe I could help him over an entomological "snag." He is quite a little fellow but he was one of Mrs. Johnson's pupils when she taught our Fairhope school in 1903. So he told me in answer to my question, for as a rule, when you see a child observing, analyzing, comparing insects, reptiles, fishes, plants, etc, asking questions about them, you may wager two to one, at least, that he or she is one of her old pupils. She taught them "nature study" as it is often called. Really it is nothing more nor less than the first steps in scientific research. While she was teaching here the children used this public library to a far greater extent than at any other time. Sometimes it was somewhat onerous to wait upon them especially when, as often happened, they wanted the choicest books—histories, encyclopedias etc., but I am sure I never showed a lack of interest in their research. It was my delight to see that they were beginning to know the value of a library. And how sorry I was to have to tell them, too often that the book they wanted was not in the library. Ah, when shall we be able to buy even the simple materials to mend books with; movable covers for protecting our magazines and for a few most needed works? During the summer normal school five or six have asked in vain for a history of Alabama. When I complained to you of this painful deficiency in a library of near 3000 volumes and many valuable ones, you said, friend M. "Yet you have a fund already collected for the erection of a library building. Pardon me if I say I think you are more in need of certain indispensable standard works."

Well, are we? If you were to see the volumes piled high on the library table; around on the library floor; crowded into a new case planted squarely under the mantel and against the fireplace; into eyries called "Case E. 1, E. 2. E. 3." extending all around the little hallway above the doors where you can never get a book without a stepladder and seldom without a lamp; how the books have encroached upon my photographic table until every album, chemical, plate etc, are relegated behind and mostly out of sight; how over 600 volumes, are practically out of doors, *idem est*, on the west veranda—you would not say we needed anything in the shape of literature as much as we needed adequate room for the books we already have.

But see how all this time I have left blond, little Don standing there holding a huge, nondescript insect in a quart fruit jar. It was a monster extending across the whole bottom of the jar. He had four membraneous wings;, so much was certain, a long, big strong neck, but we did not make much progress in our analysis so we decided to send him to the Smithsonian Institute, and will report the result.

Council Proceedings

The Council met in regular session on Monday evening with Messrs. Bancroft, Mathison and Patterson present and President Brown in the chair.

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Minutes of meetings of June 18th and 25th read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

J. A. Patterson,	pd A. L. Stearns, wharf work ..	$ 2 18
	pd Geo. Swift, wharf work.....	1 31
	pd R. Coutant, clean bath house	30
	pd for iron for wharf.....	58
E. B. Gaston,	Adv. in Courier, 3 months.....	25 00
	Postage, May 8 to June 30.....	2 09
A. L. Stearns,	5 days work on well	10 00
	Janitor service 11 Council mtgs	4 40
Rolland Curtis,	oiling windmill in May.....	1 00
George Academy,	teaching April and May.....	50 00

The superintendent of public services reported receipts of wharf as follows: week ending June 23, freight 18.27, passenger $5 (27 coupons) total $23.27, paid Corporation $13.96; week ending June 30, freight $20.91, passenger $4.45 (47 coupons) total $25.36, paid Corporation $15.22.

Report of Mr Stimpson, school committee, presented as follows:

24 pupils residing off Corporation land, assessed	$ 72 25
85 pupils residing on Corporation land, assessed	381 35
	$453 60

COST OF MAINTAINING SCHOOL.

Repairing damage done by lightning....	$ 20 42
Janitor service	35 35
Janitor service, extra	5 75
Fuel	7 00
Setting up new desks	3 70
Paid teachers...	380 00
Sundries	3 50
	$455 72
Deficit,	2 12

Of the above cost the Corporation paid $404.37, Mr. Oswalt paid $40.98 (beside $18.52 paid Corporation treasurer) and $10.37 is due Mr. Stimpson.

There remains due from outside pupils, $12 75.

The committee on contract with Home Telephone Co. presented the following contract:

State of Alabama
Baldwin Co.

This agreement made this 2nd day of July 1906 by and between the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation, of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, party of the first part and the Home Telephone Company, a corporation of Mobile, Alabama, party of the second part, witnesseth:

That the party ot the first part for and in consideration of the benefits to be derived by them and the public generally, and the further considerations hereafter named, do, by these presents grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said party of the second part its successors and assigns, a right of way across the lands of the party of the first part described as follows:

Along the streets of the village of Fairhope, as now platted by the party of the first part, and across its other lands in sections 17, 16, 15, 14, 22, 11, 2, 10 & 27, Township 6, south range 2 east, (under the supervision of the Superintendent of Lands and Highways of the party of the first part) to erect, maintain and operate telephone and telegraph wires, poles, cross arms, etc., and to secure the same with guys, braces, etc., with privilege to take all needful and reasonable measures to inspect, protect, repair and restore any of said poles and fixtures, wires and cross arms and to take all proper steps to prevent contacts, grounds and induction, at any time and under any circumstances.

The consideration before mentioned in this agreement from the party of the second part to the party of the first part to be as follows: The party of the second part hereby agrees and gives permission to the party of the first part to put one cross arm on any of the poles of the party of the second part erected on the lands of the party of the first part, for the purpose of stringing thereon wires of the telephone system of the party of the first part, and further, the party of the second part agrees that on Fairhope avenue from Section street to Bay View avenue, permission is given the party of the first part to maintain two cross arms on each pole for carrying its telephone wires, and it is further agreed that the party of the second part will, at its own expense, put two cross arms on its poles on Fairhope avenue from Section street to Bay View avenue and transfer the

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W. Arthur, Omaha, Neb., advertises in *The Public*, "Dunshalt, a Single Tax new city near Seattle, Wash., to begin with 5000 people." We have written for particulars but fear it will never start, if 5000 people are to be necessary to a beginning.

John Preston, Anacortes, Wash., is a new subscriber to the COURIER who thinks he is "one of the original Single Taxers, having been converted 20 years or more ago, and a reader of the *Standard* from the first issue to the last." He was glad to learn of Fairhope.

A short five years ago, ostracism was the portion of him who defied convention. To advance an idea that had not before held the public mind was to abandon yourself to public fury. There are today ideals that the public mind is not ready to accept, but they are not those of five years ago. Those ideals have been absorbed by the people. The people are marching on, but the prophets, too, are marching on—*Square Deal.*

Of the signifcance of current events, Herbert S. Bigelow, says: "The prophet who looks forward and the historian who looks back at it may see finer things than the man who reads of it in the morning paper. Revolution is like death. It is hard to believe that it has really come to us. We read of the mighty past. We dream of a glorious future. The present only is commonplace. The reason we cannot know the importance of today's deed is because we cannot see what it will bring forth on the morrow."

Landlords Reap in Omaha.

The *Square Deal*, Omaha, gives some instructive facts gleaned from the county assessor's office. The assessor estimates that there has been an increase in building improvements in the past year of $1,600,000, and that land values, regardless of improvements, have increased about $5,000,000, which is an increase of about 10 per cent. Says the *Square Deal:*

"Here is a proof of prosperity at least to the landholder, due to the growth of the city, and represents his ability to levy tribute upon this community to the tune of $5,000,000 per year. In other words, the people of this community during the past year have actually paid $5,000,000 to landlordism for which landlordism has rendered no service whatever. Suppose this land were owned by one man. He might have lived in China, yet he would have been enabled, under the operation of this iniquitous system, to collect this enormous sum from the people of this city without rendering them any service at all. Such a system is legalized piracy, for which a remedy must and will be found. A tax upon land speculation would destroy it. A land-grabber fears a just tax."

Land Values at Chickasha, I. T.

Our former townsman, S. Howard Leech, (son-in-law of Mr. C. K. Brown) is now a resident of Chickasha, I. T., where he is engaged in the real estate business and is also secretary of the Commercial Club. We presume the COURIER is indebted to Mr. Leech for a copy of the "statehood edition" of the *Chickasha Express*, a very attractive issue, full of interesting matter about its city. In it we find a very interesting and instructive article by Mr. Leech upon "Real Estate Conditions in Chickasha."

Chickasha was founded, we learn from this article, in 1892 by a town site company, in which the C. R. I. and P. R. R. Co. held 55 per cent of the stock (and which at once established extensive shops there).

The first lot sold (25 ft. front) brought $200. By 1901 lots in the same vicinity were selling at from $2000 to $4000 and at the present time are held at from $6000 to $10,000. Good residence lots in the better section of the city bring from $5 to $15 a front foot. A present population of 11,500 is claimed.

The reasons for the rapid growth of Chickasha are obvious. It was in the heart of a magnificent section of country the natural development of which had been prevented for years by the laws preserving it for the Indian tribes. When the barrier was removed the tide of population which had been banked up on the border so to speak, swept in from all directions, and to the desire for land for use, was added the powerful incentive of possible quick fortunes from land speculation.

It is thus that land speculation frequently promotes an abnormal and feverish development, but it is ever accompanied by that deepening and desperate poverty attendant upon such progress, which constituted the problem to which Henry George addressed himself with results fraught with such promise to the world.

Should Profit From Mrs. Johnson's Lectures

For years many have deplored the fact that we are coming to be a nation of nervous dyspeptics and that our present school system is somewhat responsible no one can deny; but no one has so clearly shown our mistakes as Oppenheim in his "Development of the Child" and Henderson in "Education and the Larger Life." Upon these two books Mrs. Johnson based her talks on Child Study that have aroused such enthusiasm.

When we realize the plastic, unstable condition of a child up to ten years of age at least, we see how injurious it must be to growing nerve and brain cell to begin formal book work under that age—and even later would be better. Organic training through the early

years even to fourteen or fifteen if possible, would be more nearly ideal. It is the kindergarten method carried through the entire school course, as Froebel intended it to be.

Luther Burbank has an article in the May *Century* giving much the same thought, and a careful study of these three authorities ought to revolutionize our school system.

The practical question for Fairhope, that stands for the best economically and should have the best educationally, is how far can we modify our course of study and eliminate the most harmful features. Why not study the question and test the matter here? Later it is hoped to make this a subject for discussion in some of the women's clubs.

There is a brisk town on the Bay of Mobile
About which some people have lied a great dile.
But it gets there the same
Fairhope is its name
And the kickers exceedingly sorry do file.

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Death from Overstudy.

The St. Paul Despatch of late date has a very sad account of the nervous collapse and death of a most promising and talented young lady of that city from the strain and depletion of her intense study and the examinations incident to her graduation from Pillsbury Academy.

Another victim to our "semi-idiotic school system," but only one out of many, no doubt, as Editor Bok of the *Ladies' Home Journal* a few years ago gave it as his opinion, after much correspondence in regard to this matter, that there were at least fifty thousand children actually killed in the United States each year, and an unnumbered army of others injured for life by the "premature, high-pressure, memory-cramming process" that an eminent educator and publicist characterizes in a letter to the writer as "our semi-idiotic school system."

It might be an interesting problem to learn how many of the children in our own school suffer from the "splitting headaches" that are the sure sign of congested blood vessels in the brain, and the premonition of injury.

S. H. COMINGS.

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wires of the telephone system of the party of the first part to same, including the common return wire, which is to be located under the lower arm, pulling all of said wires up tight and in good shape; and further, the party of the second part hereby agrees that it will, at its own expense, where ever the telephone lines of the party of the second part parallel those of the party of the first part as they now exist, transfer the same to the poles of the party of the second part at the sole expense of the party of the second part, leaving same in good condition.

It is further mutually agreed between the parties hereto that should more than one cross arm be required by the parties of the first part on any of the poles of the party of the second part, in addition to the poles on Fairhope avenue, that the same may be had where it does not materially interfere with the use of said pole or poles by the party of the second part, on payment of a reasonable rental, to the party of the second part. Such cross arms with the pins, insulators and wires carried thereon, whether placed upon its poles by the party of the second part for the party of the first part, or by the party of the first part, to be the property of the party of the first part.

The party of the second part further agrees that tenants upon the lands of the party of the first part shall have the benefit of as low rates for service from the party of the second part, as are made to the people of any other community in this vicinity

It was moved and carried that the contract be approved, and the president and secretary be authorized to sign same.

The president stated that the Council in its action was subject to a referendum to the members, and Mr. Bryant said he would take chances on that.

The superintendent of lands and highways recommended a change in our street across the White tract near the bay front, to conform to a change Captain Nichols desired to make in the street across his tract, and the street as platted across the land to the south of the White tract, and the same was, on motion, ordered to be made.

The president and secretary were authorized to make a deed to the county, if requested by the commissioners, for the land required for making a public road of Fairhope avenue from the beach to easterly limit of Fairhope land, for which petition would be filed next Monday.

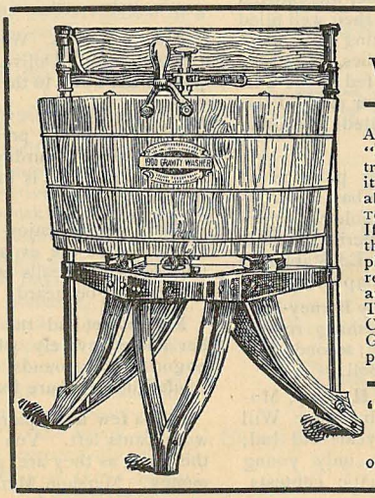
Proposition of Miss Chapman to accept removal of her east fence to new line, in consideration of damages for opening new street across her land, was accepted, and it was also ordered that half rent only be charged on the ground to be taken for the street, while same was not opened. Superintendent of public services, directed to have doors to school house put in order.

Transfer from J. J. Duintjer to B. von Bavel of east half of n e ¼ of s w ¼ of 15 approved subject to payment of rent due.

Secretary authorized to go to Bay Minette on next Monday to present petition regarding public roads, his expenses to be paid by the Corporation.

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GREAT CELEBRATION!

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After a war dance to the wierd drum music of the Sioux, the Indians advanced in single file to attack a band of cow boys whose near presence was suspected but they were unable to surprise the latter and were soon engaged in a warm battle with them. The Indians as usual, availed themselves of the shelter of the trees, but were finally driven back to their camp, where they made a successful stand.

The following participated in this, one of the most unique features of the celebration: Indians: Wm. Call, Mr. Paton,, Mr. Albright, Arthur and Will Dealy, Mr. Williams, Mr. Trenholme, James Gaston, Otto Manteuffel, Alonzo Brann, Fred Sweet. Marjorie Pilcher and Helen Call were fetchingly made up as little Indian girls. Cow boys: Will Davis, Tom Wilson, Roy Wilson, George Cain and Willie Lowell.

Immediately after the Indian—Cowboy battle, the audience was called to order from the stand, by President of the S. T. Corporation F. L. Brown, who briefly welcomed the visitors on behalf of the people of Fairhope.

After an inspiring selection by the band, the Rev. Mrs. E. S. Oliver delivered an eloquent and appropriate invocation. The immortal Declaration of Iudependence was read by Mr. Gaston, Mr. J. K. Simmers accompanied by Mr. Stemerdink on the guitar, sang the Star Spangled Banner the audience joining in the chorus. The address of the day was then delivered by Rev. C. E Hill of Mobile and Fairhope. Mr. Hill is a speaker of exceptional ability, clear-voiced, of fine presence and with an excellent command of language. Appreciating the lateness of the hour, and the varied attractions to follow, Mr. Hill made a short speech, but an eloquent one, holding his audience closely, despite the discomfort of the mid-day sun, from which the pine trees afforded little shelter, and the small boy with fire crackers who hung on the outskirts.

The concluding and spectacular feature of the program, was a patriotic drill, by 20 of Fairhope's fairest daughters, drilled by Mrs. W. E. Sweet. The young ladies were dressed in red skirts with white waists, flag hats, and red white and blue sashes used for varied display effects. The long drill was executed faultlessly, and when at the close the young ladies formed in tableaux with Miss Maud Muller Scott as Columbia, the audience broke into prolonged applause.

Dinner, which was next in order was enjoyed in the park by hundreds from their well filled lunch baskets, others patronizing the stand conducted by the V. I. C. Ladies, more than one hundred and thirty being fed at the Curtis restaurant, a half hundred or more at the Fairhope house and an uncounted multitude at Massey's Bayside Cafe.

About 3 P. M. the following program of aquatic sports was given in the bay under direction of Mr. Arthur Trenholme: Fancy swimming, all styles, prizes by Bernard Luscher, Mobile, first, camera, won by Ed Stapleton; second, fifty cents, Walter Campbell.

Long distance swim, prizes by Barney-Cavanagh Hardware Co.; first, fiishing rod in case, won by Walter Campbell; second, souvenir knife, won by Elzevir Bell.

High dive, prizes by Harry H. Bray, Mobile; first prize $3 cash, won by little Will McAdams of Montrose, a ten year old lad; second by Miss Ruth Gass, the only young lady who entered in the aquatic contests.

This feature closed with a ball game in the water near the beach; prize a case of pop from the Coca Cola Co. to the winning team.

A series of novelty races on land conducted by Mr. Arthur H. Mershon, with prizes by Mershon Merchandizing Co. next engaged attention, though it was hard to get enough boys out of the water to make anything like lively competition.

The events and winners were as follows:

Potato race, won by Harry McGill, prize, baseball. Three legged race, won by Marc Molyneux and John Lawrence, prize, a knife to each.

50 yard dash, won by Marc Molyneux, prize, Fairhope Souvenir.

Sack race, won by Leo Frederick, prize, Fairhope Souvenir.

"Undress and dress" race, winner's name unknown, prize a pair of suspenders.

An excellent display of fire-works discharged from the Robinson-Brown bath house wharf, in charge of Albert Stearns, closed the entertainment provided by the committee.

The Bayside Cafe and dancing pavilion did its record day's business. George Parker's band, of Mobile, furnished music and the floor was crowded during the after noon and until after midnight.

It was an exceedingly well behaved crowd.

There were probably at least 1000 people on the grounds during the day.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Banner patterns at Call's.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

H. M. Ewald is home again after several weeks away at work at Magnolia Spings and Battles.

Mrs. Stagg and childreu of Citronelle are spending a few weeks at Fairhope, enjoying the bathing.

Mr. Clare C. Mechem, of Mobile, made his usual Fourth of July visit and had quite a party of friends with him.

For wood and posts, promptly deliverd see Reimer Poortstra or leave orders for him at the Post Office News Stand.

Remember Mrs. Call has long mitts, baby caps, baby dresses, kimonas, wrappers, dry goods, belts, collars and other novelties.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyman, of New York, friends of Mrs. Dolive, of Montrose, accompanied her down to the Fourth of July celebration.

C. E. Hill will preach at the Christian church every Thurday night at 8 o'clock sharp, every body is invited to attend these meetings.

Many people enjoy their bath in the bay in the cool of the evening, and often until a late hour the calls and splashing of the bathers can be heard.

Mrs. Sweet had the misfortune to sprain her ankle severely when stepping from a wagon at the grounds, which quite effectually spoiled her pleasure for the day.

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Oscar Hall Esq. and his two little daughter were down from Bay Minette having to leave there at one A. M. and not getting back until about one the next morning.

Mr. Fitzgerald, in the old Gaston place next the COURIER office, got a late start but has a fine garden nevertheless. He says he never saw things grow better than here.

There was quite a crowd over from Robertsdale on the Fourth and some of them with whom we talked, expressed great admiration for our beautiful location on the bay shore.

Miss Lillie Gass of Mobile and Fairhope, won the first prize, a diamond ring, for the most popular young lady at the Beavers picnic in Mobile last week, receiving 2257 votes out of 5500 votes cast.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page came over on Tuesday evening. Mr. Page remained over until this morning and Mrs. Page will go back tomorrow evening, taking with her her granddaughter, Daphne Brown and Miss Leah Gaston, who will be her guests for several days.

Mrs. DeWolf arrived on Tuesday evening to spend the Fourth at Fairhope. She speaks highly of their new home town Evergreen (which is reputed to be one of the nicest towns on the line of the L. and N. Mr. DeWolf is engaged in the bakery business and doing well.

Rev. Gardner L. Tucker, the Colony's long time good friend now located at Houma, La., was a pleasant visitor at Fairhope last week, accompanied by some of his friends. They drove down from Daphne where Mr. and Mrs. Tucker are visiting Mr. Tucker's parents Rev. Gardner C. Tucker and wife.

Mrs. H. S. Stagg of Citronelle, State Supt. of the Purity Dept. of the W. C. T. U., is located for a short time in the cottage west of "The Gables," on Monday the 9th at 3 P. M. she will conduct a mothers' meeting at "The Gables" to which everybody is invited.

Mr. Chas. Faust of Magnolia Springs, formerly of Illinois, was in Fairhope on Monday. He had some very beautiful and artistic souvenirs of Magnolia Springs and some of Fairhope, in the shape of specimens of butterflies and native wild flowers, mounted under glass with a background of snowy white cotton. He was arranging to have them placed on sale here.

Mr. R. L. Yuille of Daphne, was among the Fourth of July visitors and took the occasion to renew his subscription to the COURIER of which he has been a reader for several years. Mr. Yuille's place at Daphne is one of the most attractive places there both for its great natural beauty of location and wealth of beautiful flowers and for the genial hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Yuille.

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E. B. GASTON.

The Fairhope Courier.

Devoted to the Single Tax and its practical application by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.
See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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Discussion of Fairhope Policy by Editors Norton and Gaston Continued.

Another Letter From Mr. Norton.

EDITOR FAIRHOPE COURIER:

Without wishing to multiply words, I would like to call your attention and that of your readers to the comments made by you upon my letter published in your issue of June 26th. My statement that "By every test of the economic principles which support the Single Tax system, the greater part of the land of Fairhope is, and should be so considered, below the rent line, since on it no one can make more than a bare living," you couple with my other statement that "Fairhope is holding land out of use," and affirm that I am "wabbling in my reasoning," To my mind both statements are correct. since if the Single Tax were now in operation, the, greater part of Fairhope land would be considered as below the rent line and would be so treated. This land would therefore be open to labor, without the payment of rent, but under the Fairhope plan, rent is demanded.

Mr. Dealy was taken by me as an illustration because he has, I believe, come nearer to making a living from the soil, than any other renter of Fairhope land. If the COURIER knows of any other renter who has made a better showing, it should have published the fact, rather than intimate that "several things might be said regarding his (my) citation of Mr. Dealy" tho' it is not likely that the COURIER intended any reflection upon that gentleman, when it instanced the fact that a colored farmer "a near neighbor of Mr. Dealy on the same kind of land" had made a success of farming. The COURIER has published truthful reports of many farmers who have made a success in this section, but so far as I can recall, none of them have been farmers on Fairhope lands, the Fairhope plan not meeting with the approval of farmers and largely for this reason; it takes several years to clear off, fence, break and properly improve land, and the uncertainty as to what your Council may do in the matter of future rents does not encourage farmers to open up your lands. They preferring to buy outright other lands. This is however, only one of the many points of difference between the working of the Single Tax and the Fairhope plan; the Single Tax encouraging men to go onto the land.

If the fixing of the rental value of the land of Fairhope, were left to those who made the rental value, i.e. to those who occupy Fairhope land, there would then be a substantial compliance with the law of rent, the present uncertainty as to future rents would be largely, if not entirely removed, and a cheerful compliance with the local regulations would take the place of the present opposition of the renters. It is no answer to say that the question of rents is now left to a referendum, since it is only advisory and not mandatory. If the Secretary of Fairhope Colony will take this more extended view here outlined, he will see that it was in this larger sense that I wrote as to the profitlessness of leasing Fairhope land, and that "my mathematics" are like my conclusions, correct.

Again you say "we are quite indebted to Mr. Norton for his next point against the Fairhope policy of paying state and county taxes out of land rents for it will show clearly to Single Taxers that Single Taxer though Mr. Norton has long claimed to be and been credited with being, he objects to the very Single Tax feature of Fairhope. "To this I beg to say that it is not in accordance with the Single Tax system to pay state and county taxes—more than half of which are those assessed upon personal property and improvements—out of land rents. On the contrary, the Single Tax system, as you well know, requires the abolition of all taxes, other than that upon land values, whereas the Fairhope plan is one of shifting or massing all taxes upon the land rent and calling it the Single Tax.

Again you say: "The Single Tax, laying all the tax burden upon land values and exempting the products of labor, would, of course, benefit in the greatest degree, those whose improvements and personal property values are greater than their land values." Laying upon the land values, all the state and county taxes now assessed by the state and county, would in effect be a continuance of the present taxes—and not an abolition of any part of them—even though Fairhope were to pay them out of a fund created from its land rents, and such a shifting would in no sense be an "exemption of the products of labor," whereas the Single Tax system would abolish all taxes other than that upon the rental value of land. Here, it has always seemed to me, was the prime error of the Fairhope plan, which is that of shifting, rather than abolishing the taxes of our present system,

Finally you say; "We introduce Mr. Norton as a witness to the fact that the Fairhope policy does this and ask Single Taxers to note that he objects to it." Your assumption that the Fairhope policy does that which the Single Tax would do, is neatly expressed, but I, as a witness, must testify that all the burdens at Fairhope are borne by labor, (as they are everywhere, ultimately) but these burdens are unevenly and unjustly distributed. What I object to, among other features of the Fairhope plan, is that there is no abolition of any of the present taxes, but instead, there is a shifting in which some renters profit to the extent of being paid to occupy Fairhope land, while others must pay for occupying it.

There is also the undemocratic policy of denying to some of your citizens (non-members) a voice in the management of affairs, in the success of which they are equally interested. The fact that the management of Fairhope claims to be applying the Single Tax; that it is advertised as being an example of the working of the Single Tax, etc., etc., has misled many people, so many that it is a question in the minds of many Single Taxers, whether or not Fairhope "as an illustration," has not been more of an injury to the cause of tax reform than an aid. In closing, allow me to call attention to the very complimentary letter on Fairhope of Mr. L. S. Dickey, in the June 23rd issue of the *Public*—under the nom de plume of D. S, Luther, in which he points out some of the defects of the Fairhope plan, but of Fairhope society he says: "it is far above the average community of several times its population, in intelligence, morality, and high-minded purpose," and it should be remembered that this community of intelligence, by a great majority, does not approve of the Fairhope plan, but would approve and be glad to welcome the Single Tax plan.

If I have in this or any other communication seemed to you to have in any way wounded your feelings, or those of your co-laborers, believe me to be sincere in

my criticisms and console yourself with the adage, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend."

Respectfully and Fraternally Yours,

EDWARD QUINCY NORTON.

Reply ot Editor of the Courier.

We are glad Mr. Norton does not wish to "multiply words," for we think the COURIER's limited space could be much better employed than in continuing this controversy, and the COURIER represents those who want to do something more for the Single Tax than "multiply words" about it.

As to whether or not most of Fairhope land would be "below the rent line" under the Single Tax, we would observe that no man living can tell just what the effect of the Single Tax would be upon land values, and Fairhope only claims to be applying it "as far as possible under existing conditions." An artificial scarcity of land, due to speculation here and elsewhere, is one of the "existing conditions" and is dealt with in the only practicable and just way.

There are a number of farmers on Fairhope land—more than have settled on a like area of land adjacent to the Colony since it was founded—so that the Fairhope policy is encouraging them to go on to the land, though, as Mr. Norton well knows in common with all Single Taxers, farmers are the hardest class to convert to the Single Tax, though we are sure they would be among the ones to be most benefitted by it. Some of the Fairhope farmers are succeeding. If the "uncertainty as to what our Council may do in the matter of future rent" does deter some from locating (and no doubt it does many, for most people want to keep the increasing land values themselves) it cannot have prevented Mr. Dealy or any other farmer *now* on the ground from growing paying crops.

Please note that Mr. Norton ignores our mathematical demonstration of the *present* advantage to holders of Fairhope land over purchasers of land at the prices quoted by him and now assigns the fear of "future rent charges" as the reason why it would be better for them to buy.

We are further indebted to Mr. Norton for putting before the Single Tax readers of the COURIER his un-Single Tax arguments against the Fairhope policy. He greatly fears that some one will be "misled" as to the Single Tax by Fairhope, but we can think of nothing more likely to be misleading than his argument against the Fairhope policy because it does not "abolish" any taxes, but merely "shifts" the sum of existing taxes upon the land values. Anyone not thoroughly familiar with the Single Tax would be quite certain to think, from his statement, that the Single Tax would abolish all taxes except the *present* tax upon land values, for it is only on this hypothesis that his argument has any force whatever. The Single Taxer knows, however, that coincidentally with the abolition of the taxes upon improvements and personal property, internal revenue taxes and tariff taxes, the tax upon land values would be correspondingly increased, until finally the sum which is now realized from all these taxes would be realized from the tax on land values alone. No Single Taxer contends that the Single Tax would

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yield less revenue for public purposes than we now get, and it would not therefore "abolish" the taxes complained of, so far as the sum raised therefrom is concerned. It would simply "shift" them to the land values. And that is just what the Fairhope plan does with the taxes upon improvements and personal property. In the sense, however, of burdens resting upon taxpayers in proportion to their thrift and industry, they are "abolished," and as truly under the Fairhope plan as if done by legislation. We again call Mr. Norton as a witness to the fact that for the Fairhope lessee who has good improvements they are abolished, for he says that "some renters profit to the extent of being paid to occupy Fairhope land," (not a correct statement, exactly; but it is Mr. Norton's)

If the "laying upon the land values of all the taxes now assessed by the state and county would in effect be a continuance of the present taxes," and be "in no sense an exemption of the products of labor," there is absolutely nothing in the Single Tax, applied either through the Fairhope plan or by legislation.

As to Fairhope's alleged "undemocracy" we care to say at this time only this: that Fairhope's lessees have every civil right that accrues to the citizens of any other community in Baldwin county; that in addition, the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation legally binds itself in every lease contract to give them every benefit accruing from the administration of its land under its avowed policy, exactly as to its members—a proposition the like of which was never made on earth before, to our knowledge. That the necessity exists for imposing any limit to the participation of non-member lessees in the management of the Corporation is not more regretted by any one than by its members, but such necessity exists. If we did not consider Mr. Norton's testimony as to facts and figures regarding Fairhope pretty well discredited, we might call him again as a witness to this necessity, for he insists that the Fairhope people "by a great majority does not approve of the Fairhope policy" and if he be correct, they would, therefore, if given the power, overthrow that policy, regardless of the rights of those who have contributed to the purchase of the land, and regardless of the lessees' own contracts voluntarily entered into, the basis of participation in Fairhope's benefits.

Mr. Dickey bore cheerful testimony (as others have) to the "intelligence, morality and high-minded purpose" of the people of Fairhope. If Mr. Norton is correct in his statement regarding their attitude toward the Fairhope policy, this reputation is undeserved, or Fairhope is the most wonderful educational institution in existence—for they all expressed their approval of the Fairhope policy in their signatures to their leases. The fact is that Mr. Norton is wrong in this, as in so many other assertions. The great majority do not disapprove of the Fairhope policy, and of those who do, those who were known as Single Taxers before coming to Fairhope, or who would be recognized as such today in any gathering of Single Taxers, can be counted on the fingers of one's hands—and have some to spare.

If Mr. Norton be the friend of Fairhope he would like to be considered, well might we pray: "the Lord deliver us from our friends." Avowed enemies of the Single Tax and Fairhope are powerless to do us injury. Itis only by professing friendship that they secure any consideration from those whose support is expected or hoped for by us.

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That Mr. Fels' confidence in Fairhope continues undiminished is shown by the following paragraph in a letter sent recently to a gentleman in this vicinity: "Whether in the immediate future or further on, Fairhope is going to be the most prosperous community in this or any other country, considering the conditions under which the rank and file of the people are living, the absence of poverty and the general prosperity."

Reporting the late Socialist party state convention at Bessemer, the Birmingham daily *News* said: "The Single Tax Colony at Fairhope is represented by two delegates," which would be calculated to make some Single Taxers smile and others swear. The two delegates were Mr. T. N. Freeman and Mr. W. S. Baldwin. Both gentlemen hold prominent positions in the councils of their party, Mr. Freeman being state organizer and Mr. Baldwin having been the nominee for commissioner of agriculture at the late convention. It is hardly necessary to say however, that they were not authorized nor claimed to represent the "Single Tax Colony," however much we might have in common.

Happy New Zealand.

Joseph George Ward, the new premier of New Zealand, has been visiting this Country and the Scripps, McRae Press Association quotes him as follows regarding conditions in New Zealand:

There is not a trust in existence. Grafters are unknown. The maximum railroad fare is a cent a mile, and decreases for long distances. There is no freight rebating. Telephones may be had for unlimited use for $25 a year, and telegraph rates are 12 words for 12 cents. Insurance may be had for a song, and the government loans money to poor people at 3 per cent. Aged persons are pensioned by the government. Beggars are unknown. Everyone is happy.

Our government has been termed both socialistic and paternal, but whatever else it is, it has certainly been a success, if prosperity and happiness constitute a success.

Government operation of railroads and telegraphs has not only enabled low rates, but it does away with rebates, discriminations and trust management.

The socialistic move began 15 years ago, when the government seized large estates, paid full value for them, and then proportioned them out in small tracts, which were turned over to settlers under leases of 999 years tenure. Then the government made loans to the small farmers, taking a first mortgage on the land at 3 per cent interest. The only condition made was that the lessee must cultivate the land. The result is an absence of undeveloped tracts.

Every town of the Colony maintains a labor bureau, and no man who desires it need go without work. Beggars are practically unknown. Every person over 65 years of age, regardless of his or her financial circumstances, is allowed a pension of $130 a year, so that the pension is not a charity, but a matter of right."

New Zealand affords a most interesting field of study for students of political economy. While there are many socialistic features, Mr. Ward himself, as quoted, referring to the reform movement of the last 15 years as "the socialistic movement," its first feature, the seizing of large estates and proportioning them out in small tracts for individual occupancy and cultivation was more individualistic than socialistic. The task of the student is to ascertain which among such varied measures has contributed most to the happy conditions which seem to prevail there. We think candid investigation will show that the chief factors have been the getting of the people on the land for individual homes and farms, and the government ownership of railways, the latter being a measure upon which Single Taxers and socialists are alike agreed.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

July 9, on the *Pleasure Bay* from Mobile.——After the heat and "closeness" to use a euphemism, of the Mobile streets, it is nothing less than heavenly to sit on this comfortable upper deck, and drink in the fresh cool breeze of our beautiful bay. This is a kind of steamer that should replace the lost "*Fairhope* of Fairhope,"—always too small for our needs, and lacking the great delight of such craft, an upper deck. We know that those most interested in our success are studying the question of another boat, also of a railroad to the nearest point of the L. & N., only about thirteen miles! It is hard to have patience when so little enterprise, and so little capital, comparatively, are needed to furnish us both, and when so many colonists—some few, anyway—are predicting our utter collapse unless we have speedy and adequate means of transportation. To hear them talk we get nervous and share their impatience until we remember how long it was before we had any steamer, any wharf, even before we had any hall, printing office, school house, or had dreamed of a telephone or water works. We had only one small store with a two-cent U. S. post office, and yet we lived and grew all the time, tho' then as now, and always and everywhere, we had our Cassandras; and long before Cassandra foretold the fall of Troy, there were "prophets of evil." You see, as more plans fail than succeed, one stands a good chance of gaining the reputation of prophetic power by predicting failure in every case!

My much esteemed friend, Marie Poutz of New Orleans, came on the third and left on the seventh instant. The days were very warm, the time limited and very few called to see Miss Poutz, but we had the pleasure

of calling together friends interested in Theosophy to hear her explanations and answers to questions about our philosophy. The meeting was on the broad eastern veranda at the Gables. The moon rose in splendor as we talked, and having no need of the gas we turned it off. A great many questions were asked, among them not a few that never have been and never can be answered, but all, I think in an honest spirit of inquiry. Like the true teacher, Miss Poutz is not the least disturbed when obliged to answer "I do not know." At the end of the sitting those who had asked the most "searching" questions, seemed to agree with the Theosophists present on fundamental principles.

Several friends beside you, Carrie, have announced the probability of their being absent from New York by the time I arrive there. G. P. Gabeka, a dear old friend and pupil, now a prominent teacher there, writes that he and his sister, also a pupil in the old days, will be in Europe until early in September; so if my leaving here is retarded a little, I may have a better chance of meeting dear friends for the last time—as I greatly fear. There is my old principal, Frank Comstock, I can get no word from her, and I would go around the world to see her dear face once more!

Hon. S. C. Jenkins, candidate for the state legislature, spent a few hours last evening and this morning calling upon his friends and those whom he would like to make such, in this vicinity. He is making an active canvas and is going to poll a big vote in the primary. Mr. Jenkins will be down this way again next week, and will then adress the people on the issues involved in the campaign. He will speak in the hall at Fairhope on Friday evening at 7.30, and at Zundell's store on Saturday evening at 5 o'clock. Mr. Jenkins requests the COURIER to extend his cordial invitation to the people to come out and hear his statement of his position on the public questions in which all are concerned and to say that the presence of the ladies would be especially appreciated.

Memory Training, Nerve Wrecking.

EDITOR COURIER:

Your correspondent, F. C., seems anxious that the "new education" shall not neglect "memory culture." Now we do not know what his ideals of memory training may be, but we shall not be at all surprised if it is just what all the progressive educators of the present day most heartily condemn as injurious in the extreme to many and a waste of time for all.

Herbert Spencer in his noted "Essay on Education" lays special stress on the wrong and folly of certain phases of the English system of memory training, in memorizing a limited vocabulary of some foreign or classic language, not for the sake of a knowledge of the literature of the language, but for the sake of memory training, and this Spencer most heartily condemns, and urges instead the symmetrical development of brain power for all the needs of "complete living," and makes, as all modern progressives do, the training of the hands to do, as one of the great essentials of mental development. An ideal that has been unthought of till of late in educational programs.

The warning of Burbank, endorsed by all progressive teachers, was against the severe mental efforts as memorizing or thinking with young and immature brains; that in its effects on the development of brain is very similar to what it would be for their bodies to put young children into a gymnasium and urge them to their utmost efforts at lifting or doing hard things till their spines are curved and their joints enlarged, and general muscular distortion takes the place of symmetrical development and well grown forms, as is conduced by recreative gentle plays, and exercises adapted to the growing frames.

The strictures of Burbank, Dr. Dewey, Mrs. Lew Wallace, Editor Bok, and the thousands of others who have become alarmed at the increase of nervous and digestive diseases, particularly of American women, and a very large share of boys who are brought up in towns and cities, are against the intense mental efforts called for in almost all our schools, by children who are in the growing years, when all the nerve powers are required for natural growth and development, and if concentrated in the brain work cannot but produce what we see on every hand, a nation fast becoming nervous and dyspeptic.

S. H. COMINGS.

Voters Register!

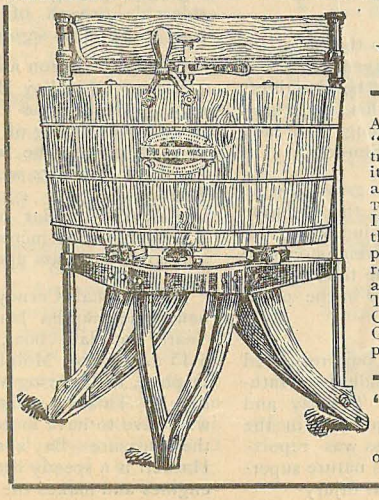
The Board of Registration of Baldwin county will attend to register voters, at dates and places in this vicinity as follows:

Baldwin's Store, Thursday, July 19.
Moog's Store, Battles, Friday, July 20.
Fairhope Town Hall, Saturday, July 21.
Randall's Store, Daphne, Monday, July 23.

This will be the only opportunity to register before the regular fall election, save at the county-seat the two days just prior to the election and it is very important that voters should attend and qualify themselves. Not only are the candidates for state and county offices to be elected, but there will, in all probability, be a bond proposition before the voters and no one can tell what other propositions will come up before there will be another opportunity to register. Don't lose your vote by failing to register.

Cottages for Rent I have for rent for the summer a number of nice cottages, furnished and unfurnished, some with water under pressure, bath and water closets; all favorably located. Free foot wharfage to tenants and free bathing privileges. E. B. GASTON, Fairhope, Ala.

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The Darrow and McCafferty families of Mobile are occupying Mr. Wolf's east double cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Crosbie expect to leave soon for a visit among relatives and friends in Iowa.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

Ice at Wilson's market, 200 lb block, $1; 100 lb; 65c; 50lb; 40c. Leave orders before noon for daily delivery.

For wood and posts, promptly deliverd see Reimer Poortstra or leave orders for him at the Post Office News Stand.

Remember Mrs. Call has long mitts, baby caps, baby dresses, kimonas, wrappers, dry goods, belts, collars and other novelties.

Misses Daphne Brown and Leah Gaston returned last evening from a visit of nearly a week with Miss Daphne's grandmother, Mrs. L. E. Page, at Mobile.

Miss Winnie Patterson left this morning for Barnet, Miss., where she will spend at least six weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, and her sister Miss Alice, enjoying a much deserved rest.

Mr. A. A. Corbett took advantage of a low excursion rate west, and left this morning for Denver to visit friends there. He left all of his personal effects here and expects to return, though his future movements are somewhat uncertain.

There will be a lawn party on the spacious and beautiful grounds of the Beach Hotel at Battles on Saturday evening, August 4, for the benefit of the Battles district school. There will be dancing and refreshments of all kinds. Admission 10c., children free.

Mr. W. F. Smith, of Meridian Miss, was in our town last Sunday and will probably send his family down for the remainder of the season. He is a friend and near neighbor of our friend, Mr. J. W. Posey who recommended Fairhope to him.

Mrs. Stagg has moved into the Miss Haworth cottage on Magnolia avenue, to be a little nearer the bay. Two of her daughters returned to Citronelle this morning and she was joined last evening by a lady friend who will remain over Sunday.

An "Italian Giant" squash grown by K. Koopman is on exhibition in the Mershon Merchandising Company's window. It is two and a half feet long and weighs over 50 pounds. This was picked some time ago and they say there are others now in the patch much larger.

Mr. Cliff Gabel, one of our respected southern neighbors, an old resident and father of a large family, died on Tuesday and was buried the following morning in the Montrose cemetery. His ilness was reported to have been of a cancerous nature superinduced probably by an internal injury.

Watch our windows for fall hats and shoes —Mershon Merchandising Co.

Messrs. Baldwin and Bell have put down some wells at Daphne recently.

The editor in chief acknowledges indebtedness to the associate editor, for some delicious peaches from her orchard.

Mrs. Dr. Edelman is spending the week here. Dr. Edelman was here over Sunday with her and will be over again next Sunday.

Grapes are ripe now. The Niagara, a largewhite grape of fine quality, has proven the most prolific bearer of any variety noted by us.

Mr. McIlrath has secured the Fairhope Ave. end of Capt. Jos. Lawrence's tract, corner of School street and is building a small house thereon. His father is getting impaient to come on here.

Messrs. Oberg and Corbett shipped a lot of melons to Mobile by the schooner Gov. Stone, on Tuesday. This was Mr. Corbett's final picking from his patch, which has yielded a lot of fine melons.

Figs are ripe and Mr. Abe Strauss' canning and preserving factory is in full operation putting up this delicious fruit. The editor visited the factory this morning and found Mr. Strauss and two assistants hard at work. We were favored with a pint jar of the preserved fruit and pronounce the quality O. K. Mr. Strauss says he is assured of a market for all he can put up.

Mrs. J. J. Hughes, her daughter, Mrs. C. Schuerman, and her grand daughter Marie Louise Schuerman, are pleasant summer residents of Fairhope again, occupying the Bellangee cottage which they had last season. They were also joined on Thursday by Miss Josie Hughes, graduate nurse from Charity Hospital, New Orleans, who will spend the summer with them here.

A grand concert and ball for the benefit of the North River Park school will be given in Fairhope hall, on Saturday, Aug. 4. Our friends and neighbors of the North River Park neighborhood, are showing commendable enterprise in their efforts to supplement the meager public school fund and maintain a good school, and should be generously patronized by the people of Fairhope.

A tree on the Improvement Company—Willoughby lot, is showing an extraordinary power to resist injury. It was barked entirely around and for more than a foot in the least place, early in the spring, but has gone right on apparently undisturbed, maturing a heavy crop of fruit and making a considerable growth of new wood. At this time it shows no sign of letting up.

Secretary Gaston and Doctors Greeno and Hail were all in Bay Minette on Monday and appeared before the County Commissioners to urge the making of Fairhope Ave, a public road between the wharf and section 15 where it connects with the present Silver Hill road. The commissioners however, had a special order of hearing complaints against proposed increases in tax assessments and could not pass upon any other matters.

Mr. Marshall Carney is now running his handsome naptha launch Haskell, as an "early and late boat," leaving Fairhope at 5:45 a. m. for Mobile, via Montrose and Daphne, and leaving Mobile in the evening at 6:10. This is a great convenience to those who have to have more time in the city than the Pleasure Bay's schedule allows. The Haskell is a speedy little boat, with 32 horse engines and makes the trip in two hours.

We have a fresh lot of D M. Ferry's seeds —Mershon Merchandising Co.

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Mrs. A. Swift and Ernest, accompanied by Master Arthur Gaston, left on Monday morning for Saraland, Mobile county, to spend several days with Mrs. Getty.

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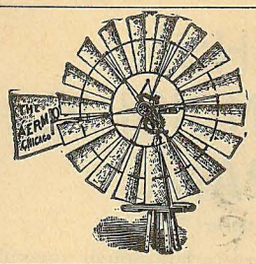
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Mr. R. L. Douglas, the popular fire insurance agent of Mobile, wife and five children, are at the Fairhope House. Mr. Douglas expressed himself to the editor as greatly pleased with the present management, and confident that were its excellence better known there would be a great increase in patronage.

The Littlefield Concrete Company has the contract for building a concrete block house for Mr. Geo. F. Riel, just west of the Manteuffel place in section 9, and is now at work upon it. This will be the largest job yet taken by the company in this vicinity. The house will be 36x50 and a story and a half high. Much of the material was already on hand in the Fairhope yard, and the job will be pushed right through.

A series of silver medal oratorical contests is being held in this vicinity under the direction of Mrs. Anna B. Hail, district president of the W. C. T. U. The first was held at the Fairhope Hall on Friday evening June 29; Miss Anna May Oswalt, being the suceessful contestant. The second was held at Point Clear, on the evening of July 6, Alfred Shepherd receiving the decision of the judges. A third will be held at Volanta on next Monday evening. The contests are preliminary to a gold medal contest open only to competition of those who hold silver medals (of which there are two or three others in town beside those qualified in these contests) the winner of which will compete at a district contest to be held at Citronelle at an early date. The following contestants have participated, Anna May Oswalt, Alfred Shepherd, Emma Johnson, Irene Lawrence, Fae and Mae Stersic, Clayton Baldwin, Violet Swanson and Lawrence Barnhart.

During the potato and cucumber shipping season great reports were in circulation regarding the advantages of hauling to Robertsdale and shipping via railroad there over shipping by boat to Mobile. Quantities of produce was hauled from the immediate vicinity of Fairhope to Robertsdale. We now learn however that results were not at all satisfactory. With very few exceptions a better net price was realized in cash on the Mobile market for potatoes than was received for shipments via Robertsdale the same day and up to the middle of this week cucumbers shipped through there had not yet been accounted for, though further shipments were ordered stopped weeks ago. We are also informed that the freight rate promised on potatoes was not adhered to, one shipper advising us that in no two of several shipments made by him was the freight rate the same and in every case it was higher than the promised rate. The result is likely to be a return to the old route of shipment, another year, by most of the shippers,

FOR SALE—Improvements on Fairhope Ave. near Brown's mill; 5 acres colony land good fence, bored well with pump, new neat cottage; household goods, cow and poultry. Cheap if taken at once. Wm. Zass.

A party of about fifteen couples came over from Mobile on a tug on Wednesday evening and enjoyed dancing in Massey's pavilion for an hour or more, leaving for Mobile about 10:30.

Mr. E. T. O'Connor and others have reported to the COURIER the seeing of a white mocking bird which makes its home in the vicinity of the Littlefield place. Mr. O'Connor identified it by seeing it fed by an older bird in regulation mocking bird dress. This is a rara avis indeed. It is to be hoped that no one will molest and in this connection the COURIER would call attention to the fact that there is a severe penalty against killing mocking birds in this state.

Mr. F. J. Steel, of the International Harester Company was in this vicinity this week and while here the COURIER office closed a contract with him for a gasoline engine to replace the small steam engine which has pulled the COURIER press the last two years. Mr. Steel is a pleasant gentleman and one of the best salesmen in the I. H. T. Company's force in the south. His company has the men and the money to make a good engine and backs every one with its unqualified guarantee.

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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County. J. S. LAMBERT, Bay Minette, Ala.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

I hereby announce myself as a canditate for Representative in the Legislature from Baldwin County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and respectfully solicit the support of the people of the County.

LESLIE HALL.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fonde and family of State Line have occupied the Lee cottage for the past week. They were delighted with Fairhope and regretted that they could not stay longer.

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Fairhope, to outward appearance, as other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the most casual observer, is yet unique among the towns of this or any land.

It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

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A Trip Around the Suburbs.

The editor and wife in company with Mesdames Stagg and Sutton, of Citronelle, took a drive on Sunday afternoon out through the Colony domain, across sections seventeen and sixteen and nearly across section fifteen, passing through the Holland settlement in fifteen, out on to twenty two, around Reimer Poortstra's field, and back by Mr. Mathison's to the main road at Mr. Braam's corner. The crops and fields of the Hollanders in particular, look very fine and give the best of evidence that our soil, with proper encouragement of fertilizer and labor—which is not less important—will respond nobly. The most conspicuous things entering "Holland-town" were the enormous squashes of Mr. Koopman, lying just inside his fence. They are monsters and well worth a trip to see. Mr Koopman also has fine corn, rice and sweet potatoes and he did have an enormous crop of cucumbers on the Duintjer place.

Mr. Steenstra who purchased the Goor place, and has his wife and son there, while he attends to his tailor trade in town, has fine crops, particularly his corn. He informs us that he and his neighbors are adopting the plan written of in the COURIER the beginning of the season, of not fertilizing at planting time, but applying it at intervals after the corn has got a good start. Mr. Steenstra has platted a portion of his tract for a little "east end" park and his umbrella trees on it were coming on nicely.

Mr. Vander Wall's place which was next on the route would delight the eye of any good farmer, for its straight rows, clean cultivation and vigorous growth. His rice was the best we saw; his corn fine and the abundance of cow peas showed the provision he was making not only for feeding his stock but for the enrichment of his soil. Off at a distance we saw some watermelons which looked nearly as "big as a house" and which we found he was saving for seed.

Mr. Mensenga's place, which lies on the north side of the Holland tract, we did not get onto, but he has this season done perhaps the best of any of our colonists on his crops.

Reimer Poortstra's place, as always, showed up well. Reimer—and Ms. Reimer, who is a full partner in this business—know how to make things grow and go and have a full measure of that patient industry for which the Hollanders as a people are justly noted.

Reimer has been working out a great deal and is always in demand—and most of the time with his horse, the two getting $2.25 a day (8 hours,) but he is getting more land in cultivation yearly and is looking forward to soon being able to quit working out and profitably employ all his time at home.

Talking with these Hollanders at the time of our trip and since, we found them in excellent humor, and full of hope and cheer. They are through the hardest part of their experience now, (having located here with but very humble means) and having to provide housing, fencing, clearing and fertilizers. They are enlarging their fields yearly and adding to their working equipment; have cows, hogs, plenty of chickens; their own milk, eggs, butter, vegetables, etc., and feel that the future is in their hands.

And now a word as to how the "Fairhope plan" affects these people. Save Mr. Mensenga, who added to his first taken twenty acres the place of Mr. DeBruyn, they hold twenty acres each. The rent (which has not been raised in three years) is 35 cents an acre. Twenty acres at 35 cents is $7 annual rent, with not a dollar invested in the land, no taxes to pay on it or on their improvements upon it, free tuition, free foot wharfage, free bath-house privilege, etc., etc. Mr. Steenstra told us of a talk he had with a gentleman living upon his own land a little farther out. This gentleman paid $15 an acre for his land. His forty acres cost him $600. Mr. Steenstra showed him that 6 per cent. interest on his investment would be $36, adding to which the $4 taxes paid (the tax on land alone, if assessed at its purchase price, would be $8.40) would make $40 which it was really costing him yearly to own forty acres, against $14 which the Colony was charging for the same kind of land a half nearer the common market.

False Conceptions of Single Tax As Applied by Fairhope.

EDITOR COURIER:

Permit me to point out a false conception of the Single Tax principle as embodied in the Fairhope policy, which seems to prevail among the critics of that policy, for both Mr. Norton in his recent letter and Mr, Brown longer ago in his little controversy with Miss Chapman, give evidence of the same misapprehension.

Commenting on the payment of state and county taxes out of the rent fund, Mr. Norton says: "The state and county taxes on these thousands of acres of unused Fairhope lands must be paid out of the fund which is paid in mainly by those whose rents exceed the state and county taxes on their personal property and improvements since it cannot come from those to whom the colony pays more than it receives." And from this he infers that, "In this way the new acquisition of land becomes an added burden, and to be borne by those least able to bear any burdens."

This implies that the rents of these people will be increased to meet the expense of taxes on the newly acquired land.

But on the single tax principle in practical operation as far as possible, rents are adjusted solely according to land values and have no direct relation to the Colony expenditure. They will evidently not be increased by any expenditure which does not add to the value of the

and rented. If these new lands become an expense to the Colony, through the state and county taxes exceeding the revenue therefrom, the effect will not be to increase rents in the older parts of Fairhope, but to diminish the amount available for public improvements. And it is quite conceivable that a large acquisition of new territory might prove injurious to the Colony in this way.

There is also a false idea implied in Mr Norton's words: "To whom the colony pays more than it receives." The payment referred to is the payment of state and county taxes; and these must evidently be paid to the state and county, not to individuals.

The state and county levy on the Fairhope citizens a certain amount of taxes which, by the state laws, are distributed in a manner which, by all disciples of the Henry George philosophy, is allowed to be unjust.

If the Colony undertakes to pay to the state and county the amount of taxes levied on its citizens, and redistribute them on more equitable principles, this cannot properly be designated as a payment to those who under the state laws, would have had to pay more than their just share.

A reform in the state laws along Single Tax lines would lead to precisely the same result, and opponents of the Fairhope policy of paying state and county taxes must, if they are consistent, oppose the introduction of such a reform.

S. J. CHUBB.

Council Proceedings.

The Executive Council met in regular session on Monday evening, July 16th.

All members present but F. W. Rose. President Brown in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read, corrected and approved.

Treasurer's report for June presented as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Wharfage	$ 45 81
Schools	18 52
Rent, 1906	92 26
Rent Penalty	51
Water Fund	433 23
Sundries	1 50
Total Receipts	$591 83
Cash on Hand June 1, 1906	255 67
Total Credits	$847 50
Total Disbursements for June, '06	668 97
Cash on Hand June 30, 1906	$178 53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Lands	$ 3 55
Highways	32 80
Wharf	65 29
Taxes	9 23
Schools	55 00
Salaries	25 00
Water Fund	411 72
Telephone	45 46
Postage and Printing	4 87
Well and Wind Mill	12 10
Sundries	3 95
Total Disbursements	$668 97

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Mrs. Howland, for labor of Mr. Trenholme and material for making book-case, and for cutting down library table	$2 85	
For material and labor of Mr. Dorchester in making book-case for library	75	$3 60
J. W. Braam, telephone work		1 60
J. A. Patterson, boat charges, express, etc. on water-works fittings	65	
Paid Albert Stearns, wharf work	94	
Paid Geo. Swift, wharf work	55	
Paid Ralph Coutant, cleaning bath house	30	2 44
E. B. Gaston, expense of trip to Bay Minette		2 44
E. W. Jefferson, repairing school-house doors and beach steps		2 25

Bill of Wm. Stimpson on pump at up town well, objected to because it allowed himself and Mr. Call a rate of $2,00 per day, and same was referred back to Mr. Stimpson for correction.

Superintendent of Public Services reported wharf business as follows: Week ending July 7, 1906, freight $23.92, passenger $5.40 (38 coupons), total $29.32; paid treasurer $17.59. Week ending July 14, freight $20.11, passenger $5.65, total $25.76; paid treasurer $15.46.

Mr. Bancroft reported that Mr. Bellangee offered to continue grading down the hill, with the water, as he had been doing, for $1 a week, or would contract to fill the hole now in the hill for $10. It was moved and carried that Mr. Bellangee's latter proposition be accepted, the work to be done in sixty days.

In regard to the contract with the Home Telephone Co, the same not having been actually executed, it was moved and carried that Mr. Bryant be informed that we consider the Corporation without power to grant a right of way over land under lease, and that the contract be amended by inserting after the words "and other lands," in line two of paragraph three, the words "not under lease." It was also moved and carried that the contract specify that "no poles shall be set anywhere save on streets, roads or alleys platted by the Corporation."

Secretary reported receipt of a warrant from probate judge for $12 50, amount allowed for land taken and for moving fence in opening public road on south side of section 16, . It was moved and carried that an order be drawn in favor of F. L. Brown for the portion of same allowed for moving fence.

Transfer from J. W. Lawrence to P. C. McIlrath of a strip 132 feet wide across the north end of the Lawrence tract was approved, provided Mr. P. C. McIlrath will make application in due form in person.

Relinquishment by Mr. Corbett and Miss Manly of lots one and two, block one, division two, recently granted them, approved.

It was moved and carried that Mr. Webb be instructed to call upon Mr. Bromberg for cash settlement on account of the forty acres included in deed to Mann, but which had previously been conveyed to Clough.

Also moved and carried that Mr. Webb be instructed to take the McGill claim to the northwest quarter of section two into the chancery court.

Secretary instructed to advise with Mr. Webb regarding putting other titles through chancery court.

The resignation of Wm. Stimpson as member of the water-works committee was presented but not accepted, on the ground that condition given as reason for the same, did not exist and the committee should stay with it until the obligations they had incurred were taken care of.

A. C. Staples, of West Branch, Iowa, who attended the Single Tax Conference and was here for a short time this spring, hopes to be with us again in September and to bring some friends with him.

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The weakness, of the personal property tax, is strikingly disclosed by the fact that it transpired after Marshall Field's death, according to the *Public*, that he had been escaping taxes annually on $15,000,000 of personal property. A personal property tax is wrong in principle, inequitable even if honestly applied, and injurious just to the extent to which it is applied. It rests heaviest upon the small home owner or farmer, whose possessions are known to the assessor, but strange to say, these are its most faithful advocates.

Education Must Precede Political Action

One of our citizens, who supports the Socialist party program, declared their great aim to be to "capture the machinery of the government." That has been the aim of the Democratic and Republican politicians for a generation, to get the power and the plunder. Platforms were only made to get in on. We credit the Socialists with good intention toward the people should they get the power, but unless they are agreed upon measures and the same meet the approval of the majority of the people, their power if they could secure it, would prove their undoing. We could not but contrast the Socialist policy (as stated by this gentleman) with that of the Single Taxers, which is to educate the people to a proper conception of individual rights and public duties, confident that when they are thus properly educated they will compel existing parties to take up right policies, or organize independently to do the specific things they agree upon. That this is the most sensible and effective method is shown by the number of radical Single Taxers elected to high positions; by the wonderful progress of the last few years along the lines of municipal ownership of public utilities, the initiative and referendum, the almost unanimous demand for railway rate legislation and the rapidly growing sentiment in favor of government ownership of railway lines and telegraphs. The latter is quite likely to be made a dominant issue in the next campaign by the Democratic party, whose towering leader Bryan, recognizes it as the only solution. Socialist educational efforts are entitled to large credit for much of this forward movement, but political party Socialism, has been a hindrance rather than a help and will be more so as time passes, adding a new party fetich to those which have commanded the homage of the people so long and further dividing rather than unifying the forces of reform.

The Moral Basis of Property.

From The Public.

Nature gives to the producer and only to the producer. The product of his labor comes first into his possession and into no one else's. It is his property and no one else's property, if there is any natural property. And it does not cease to be his property without his own consent or some one else's fraud or force. All this is obvious enough if we consider only an isolated man, like Robinson Crusoe. Whether he picks nuts, digs clams, catches fish, harvests grain, builds him a rude hut, or makes him coarse clothing the product is delivered by nature directly into his possession.

The same thing is true of men in the highest social state, where specialization is so intense that hundreds of persons co-operate to make, for instance, a single shoe. The first producer in the long series takes directly from nature the rawest of the raw material to which by his labor he gives the particular form of his own specialty. When he passes this unfinished object to the next specialist he does so either because by fair contract he is satisfied to do so, or because by fraud he has been unfairly led, or by force has been unfairly compelled, to do so. Likewise with every transfer of the unfinished shoe to the end of the line of production and into the posession finally of the consumer. The process begins with a transfer from Nature to the worker, and all along the line Nature gives to each worker, and only to workers, what they need to make their labor effective in adding to the utility of the product they have received from their predecessors in the producing series. So also with the necessary tools. Whether small and simple, or massive, complex and costly, each tool or machine is itself a product of labor and as such has its beginning, precisely as with the shoe, at the beginning of a series of productive specialties. At this point, and also all along the line of its production, as well as at the point of its use in making shoes, Nature responds | directly to the laborer and only to him. To the mere owner, whether of machines, or of land, Nature gives nothing. And since Nature gives to the user and only to the user, the true moral basis for property titles must be considered as beginning with him.

Intensive Culture.

The following statement regarding intensive culture of land we take from that excellent publication, *Land and Labour*, organ of the English Land Nationalization movement. The editor very properly observes that there is "a limit to the multiplication of such great successes as that of Mr. Vincent," but it is nevertheless, an extremely, encouraging report. We have converted his statements of amounts into U. S. money.

"A few years ago I was suffering with my chest and

the doctors said if I did not go out more I could not live. Very well, just at that time there was an outcry about the land not paying for cultivation. In my own mind I could not understand this, for as a boy at seven years of age I had to go out to farm work, therefore I never went to school. Anyhow I thought something was very wrong if the land would not pay, so to compel myself to go out in the fresh air, I took an allotment on the Sussex Downs to work in the early morning before my daily duties began. Here I might say that I am a waiter and have been in my present situation forty years, so you can understand I could not know much of land or garden work. I may add that my duty at the hotel I am working in means eighty hours a week, so I could not see my way clear in the few spare hours I get to take more than half-an-acre of land to garden yearly, especially as I started knowing practically nothing about such work, but I can manage to do my half-acre all alone, and take the liberty of enclosing you my little book to show with what results.

My garden is situated on the Brighton Race Hill ridge, and twelve years ago it was but four inches of soil on chalk, but I now have a foot of soil on the whole of the half acre, and year by year my profits increase. This last year my produce fetched $346.36 and my expenses for the period were $35.40.

Yes; get the men to stop on the land in this country. We ought not to have workhouses. Every man could live, and live well, if he could get the land, and would work it as it should be worked.

Farmers and landowners grumble because the land does not pay. Now for the fault. It is quite evident it is not the land, therefore it must be the fault of the man. Very well, get the land from these great landed proprietors, by sale preferred, and let it out to men, not by 1,000 acres, as no man can farm well a 1000 acres in England; let the farms be greatly reduced, and then the land can be treated as it should be. Most of us have children, and we all know how we love and treat them. Very well! Treat the land in the same manner, feed it, and keep it clean, and you will have no cause to complain. The land of old England is as good as it ever was.

I have serious thoughts of opening a kind of school for people who would like to make $500 a year off an acre. It is to be done, and done easily. I do know that one man can alone manage two acres, and at the end of this year I shall be able to tell how much more he can manage alone, so under my system one can gain £4 a week off two acres and do all one's self.

I say get the land; let any man have what he thinks he can live on and manage well. If the land will produce over one hundred pounds per year, per acre, is it not wrong for a man to have, say 500 or 1,000 acres which in no way can he properly manage, as in the first place he cannot feed such an acreage, let alone keep it clean, and gather in his crops.

HENRY VINCENT.

T. A. Booth, of Bay Minette, candidate for sheriff at the approaching Democratic primary, has been in Fairhope several times recently, being engaged in hauling telephone poles, from the swamp near Marlow, for the Home Telephone company. Mr. Booth served as sheriff prior to the election of Mr. Armstrong and proved a faithful and competent official He has also been Mr. Armstrong's chief deputy during his incumbency. The genial "Tom" as his friends always call him seems to be well in the lead in the race and will, in all probability, be Baldwin's next sheriff.

Renew your subscription to the COURIER promptly and try to send at least one new one along with it.

Voters Register!

Remember that the Board of Registrars of Baldwin County will be at Fairhope tomorrow, Saturday, to register all voters who have not been registered as provided by law. Will be at Randall's store Daphne, on Monday the 23rd.

This will be the only opportunity to register before the regular fall election, save at the county-seat the two days just prior to the election and it is very important that voters should attend and qualify themselves. Not only are the candidates for state and county offices to be elected, but there will, in all probability, be a bond proposition before the voters and no one can tell what other propositions will come up before there will be another opportunity to register. Don't lose your vote by failing to register.

Mr. Jos. Schuller who was the advance guard of our Holland contingent but left us about a year ago for Saint Louis, writes that he hopes to be back again in December. Mr. Schuller was a hard worker, and we regretted to see him go—and were confident he would in the end find it a mistake. We are glad he intends to return.

The Bell Telephone Co. got its work in with the New Orleans Council which for $12,000 a year gave it a franchise to the exclusion of a competitive company, offering $100,000 and to reduce rates from $120 to $84.

R. J. Williamson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; sends along with renewal of his own subscription the new six months subscriptions of two friends.

Thos. P. Beggs, Brooklyn, renewing his subscription adds a dollar, "for trial subscriptions to any persons to whom you may desire to send".

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If you want fruit jars go to Mershon Merchandising company-

Hon. S. C, Jenkins will address the voters of Fairhope in the hall this evening.

Mr. O. M. Stearns is over from Pensacola for a short visit with his son Albert and family.

In the silver medal oratorical contest held at Volanta, on Monday evening Miss Violet Swanson was the successful contestant.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

Ice at Wilson's market, 200 lb block, $1; 100 lb; 65c; 50lb; 40c. Leave orders before noon for daily delivery.

For wood and posts, promptly delivered, see Reimer Poortstra or leave orders for him at the Post Office News Stand.

Mrs. L. E. Page, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. L. Brown, from Monday evening to Thursday morning.

Remember Mrs. Call has long mitts, baby caps, baby dresses, kimonas, wrappers, dry goods, belts, collars and other novelties.

The genial Dr. Woodruff of the Peerless Laundry, Mobile, is with us again for a while with his family. They are at the Fairhope House.

A Mobile lady came over last Sunday intending to rent one of Mr. Wolf's and with the money in her pocket-book to pay for it, but unfortunately lost her purse on the way over.

George Cain and Mr. Rathje, who were on the water-works while it was under construction are now on the Home Telephone Company's construction force with prospect of some weeks work.

Mr. Levi B. Wells a former resident, who has been away for about two years was here a couple of days this week visiting friends and looking after some interests retained here. Mr. Wells has been married since he left here. His home is in Albany, New York, but it is quite probable that he and his wife and Miss Rathburn may spend next winter here.

Watch our windows for fall hats and shoes —Mershon Merchandising Co.

Note change in ad of R. A. Lambert and Son, well men. The editor of the COURIER takes pleasure in unqualifiedly endorsing the Messrs. Lambert as men who are thoroughly qualified to cope with the difficulties met in getting an adequate and permanent supply of water in this section and believers in the "square deal". If you are needing a well sunk, a wind mill or a gasoline engine, write them.

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The prospect is good for our securing quite a colony of summer visitors from Meridian Miss.

Mr. E. T. O'Connor, of the Mershon Merchandising Company, is off for a few days vacation.

Henry Clare littlefield and wife were over on Sunday visiting the home folks and enjoying the bathing.

Did it ever dawn upon you that your merchant needed cash? We are it. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. C. E. Littlefield was over from Mobile a few days, the latter part of last week, recuperating from a slight illness.

Dont you want a good saddle? We have some good ones and they are all for sale. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Remember that Rev. C. E. Hill preaches at the church every Thursday evening, and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

The ceiling of the hall has been completed under the direction of the V. I. C. ladies and a new fence is now being built in front.

Mr. Swift has rented the Stevens cottage also his own cottage on Bay View Ave; to Mobile people for the balance of the season.

The fig crop is good this year. The ladies are busy putting them up for home use and they are being brought from all directions to Mr. Strauss's canning factory.

The Kennedy family of Mobile, who occupied Miss Haworth's cottage last summer, are in the new cottage built by Mr. Bellangee for Miss Richards, for the balance of the season.

It is strange what lax ideas of honesty some people have. The firemen had several dollars worth of flags in their decoration of the stand for the Fourth of July celebration and before nine o'clock that evening all of them were torn down and carried off.

At the suggestion of a subscriber, we reproduce the following recipe for "gingered pears." They are excellent.

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.

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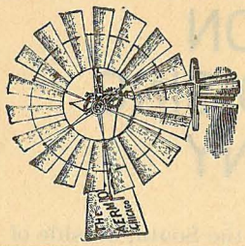
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The friends of the Roses will hear with regret that Mrs. Rose found her mother at the point of death with no hope for her recovery.

It was reported that a "man-eater" shark had been seen near the pierhead recently but when those who were reported to have seen it were investigated, it proved to have been a dog shark.

Andrew Murray had his right hand crushed under a log at the Volanta mill Wednesday morning, sustaining a fracture of one bone and also painful bruises. Dr. Sheldon was called from Fairhope to make repairs.

Mrs. D. S. M. Unger and children left for their northern home at Western Springs, Illinois this morning. The Ungers had been with us so long that we had almost begun to count them as fixtures in the community, but that could not be until we get Mr. Unger too, which we wish we might do. Mrs. Unger has entered heartily into many of our interests, and her bright children are general favorites.

Neighbor Oswalt is added to the number who have had disastrous experience with tile walled wells hereabouts. The bucket broke loose as it was near the top of the well, filled with water, and dropping so long a distance the concussion as it struck the water broke the tile, ruining the well. Mr. Oswalt says the well had cost him about $150 to date.

Moral: Connect with the public water system, get off cheaper than you can provide a private supply, and have the great convenience of water under pressure right in your kitchen and for fire protection.

Mr. R L. Douglas was a caller at the COURIER offce on Wednesday and was accompanied by his friend Mr. John Overbey, who was persuaded by Mr. Douglas's warm endorsement of Fairhope's advantages to bring his wife and come over for a few weeks stay. Mr. Overbey is now equally enthusiastic over Fairhope. Mr. Douglas declared we had all the advantages of both Citronelle and Point Clear, without the disadvantages of either. We had the elevation and pine woods of Citronelle and the salt water bathing of Point Clear, without being away from the water as one was, or having the glare of the afternoon sun across the water and sand as the other had—the bluff and fringe of forest along the shore being our protection from the latter. Mr. Douglas also remarked upon our improved means of communication, with two telephone lines to Mobile, by which telegrams could also be forwarded and delivered without delay. The gentlemen were agreed that a direct, fast boat run on a schedule which would put business men in Mobile at 8 or 8.30 in the morning and let them stay until 6 p. m, would make Fairhope Mobile's most popular summer suburb, and indeed tempt many to make their homes here the year around. Both are at the Fairhope House and much pleased with its accomodations and management.

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Capt. G. A. R. Lawrence's many friends will regret to hear that he is very miserable and has gone to Bay Minette for a course of treatment from Dr. Campbell, an Osteopath who did him much good once before.

Mr. and Mrs. Healy, of Citronelle, are in Mrs. Bessie Call's pleasant rooms for a two weeks' stay at least and were joined for a short visit by Mr. and Mrs. Yerion. their little daughter and Mrs. Yerion's mother also of Citronelle. We understand other Citronellians are likely to visit us during the summer. Our people who would like a little change of scene and to get away from business for a little while, can hardly do better than to return the compliment and go up to Citronelle for a little while.

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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

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Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

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The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

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THE LANDLORD'S SONG.

I sit like a king in my lordly tower,
And all that I see is mine,
And I reign supreme and I wield a power
By virtue of right divine.

And the farmer ploughs and the farmer sows,
And he toils with care and pain:
'Tis for me he ploughs and reaps and mows
And gathers the golden grain.

And the miner digs in the darksome caves,
Where the sun doth never shine:
Though they work and toil like galley slaves,
The fruit of their land is mine.

And I eat the fat and I drink the sweet,
And I neither toil nor spin,
And I pass the time with companions meet,
And ever the rent comes in.

And the markets may rise, or prices may fall,
And men may be discontent;
But though ruin should overwhelm them all,
Yet still I must have my rent.

For I make the laws which hedge me around,
That none may my right assail;
And I've built them up with a skill profound,
And a cunning that must prevail.

—Taxation, Perth, West Australia.

THE FAIRHOPE FRANCHISE, AS VIEWED BY A NON-VOTER.

One of the charges most frequently made against the Fairhope Corporation by its present day critics is that it is "undemocratic." The tenants upon its lands not members of it are, it is complained, denied their right as American citizens to self government, they comprising the larger part of the population—the people of Fairhope are compelled to submit without voice or vote therein to the despotism of an oligarchy, the implication, inevitable and necessary to give such charge any point, being that Fairhopers are in this respect at a disadvantage as compared with the people everywhere else throughout the country—of the neighboring communities of Baldwin, for instance, which are thus more free and in the enjoyment of political rights of which the people of Fairhope are deprived.

As one of this large disfranchised class, living upon Fairhope land but without a vote in the management of Fairhope affairs, I beg to offer my views of this—my understanding of the situation—as to what the F. S. T. C. is or is not.

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation is, then, an association benevolent and progressive in spirit and having as its object the amelioration of business conditions—in the main through economic reform and especially through the Single Tax, of which it essays to give the world a working demonstration. Related with this latter principle, but necessarily subordinate thereto, it also seeks to give expression or exercise to certain principles or methods of democratic government as yet far in advance of what has been reached by political progress in the country at large, and *within its own membership* is in miniature a democracy as true to the ideal as is possible under present general laws of a character much further removed therefrom.

In its relation to the outside world, however, it occupies the position of a private corporation and of a landlord. That this is by existing conditions made necessary to the perpetuity of its work, would seem too evident upon a little investigation and thought, and by all that has been said by its exponents in the past, to need any further argument here.

It does not, itself, claim to be anything more. It does not claim or propose as its object to establish a local government in Fairhope upon ideally democratic lines, whereunto everybody can come without further qualification than American citizenship (or without even that) and participate therein on a free and equal footing unabridged "by race, color," (cuticular, political or moral) "or previous condition of servitude" to current antiquated land-tenure ideas, "protective tariff" notions, and the like. Such an experiment would hardly prove feasible or wise.

The so-called "government" of Fairhope is, then, nothing but the terms of a lease between landlord and tenants—of the principal landlord in Fairhope, the one owning the most of its land, or that most centrally located. There are other landlords here, too, around the edges and dipping into the holdings of the first; thus there are other "governments" close at hand as well as that of the S. T. Corporation; but who will claim these are more democratic? The same is the case at Battles, Montrose, Daphne, and the other places along the shore or throughout Baldwin. With the inhabitants of these places the people of Fairhope have an equal participation in whatever government there is (that of the county being, I believe, the most local within its limits so far attained), and its tenants have as much—and a little more—voice with regard to the terms imposed by the landlord.

It is easily understood that the assumption of the latter position by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation is a measure dictated by the circumstances of the case rather than one prompted by its harmony with the spirit actuating its members; and the democratic predilections of these are not to be impugned on account of the restrictions they have judged prudent to adopt as safeguards to the effective carrying out of their leading idea, the Single Tax.

"But," I hear one of their critics say, "the Single

Tax in its final terms is simply Freedom! and the Fairhope plan, being restrictive of freedom, cannot be Single Tax." It is a common failing with many very ideal and somewhat visionary people to employ as definitions certain generalities which, though fine sounding, are rather vague and decidedly inaccurate, confounding together things, which though related or harmonious, are not one and the same. There can be no doubt that as to their higher aspects Freedom and the Single Tax are close of kin--offspring of one heavenly birth, and as principles must necessarily co-exist in the mind and heart of the devotee to either. But from the practical standpoint they are quite distinct; and the Single Tax is simply a fiscal measure of definite economic character, equally practicable under and compatible with any form of government whatever, be it the autocracy of the Russian Czar or the democracy of the Swiss cantons; and the present unequal development of human nature may make its co-existence with certain individual concepts of freedom, so-called, inexpedient. "Facts are stubborn things," and those who would charge their brother reformers with want of confidence in the principles of self-government because they exercise discrimination as to their associates in the special work they have in hand, can only be referred to facts as justification for the counsel they have taken.

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation does but adopt measures necessary for self-preservation and the non-impairment of its work, in the restriction of the management of its affairs to a membership which can be relied upon as in sympathy with its spirit; and is well within its rights—legal as well as moral—in so doing. It might, indeed, in a friendly spirit be suggested that were its membership fee reduced to a lower figure, admitting a greater number of genuine Single Tax sympathizers to its ranks, so that money might not appear so important a discriminating factor, it could hardly fail to place the Corporation in a better position, in more ways than one. In this, however, as in other respects, stress of circumstances may compel its policy.

The members of the Corporation cannot rightfully be adjudged insincere in their desire and effort to present a working demonstration of the Single Tax, however their methods may be criticised.

Whatever suggestion may be offered or criticism justly made of colony methods by Single Taxers not members of the organization conducting its affairs, it should be borne in mind that, as a regularly incorporated private corporation, it has certain legal rights (which, considering circumstances, may fairly be allowed to be moral rights, as well) in common with all such corporations, and its members cannot be expected to do otherwise than exercise their own judgment in reference to details of the task they have taken upon them to perform; and to assume from the outside the office to bring any sort of forcible pressure upon them to do otherwise is to seriously strain the bond of fraternal feeling (to put it at its mildest) which should be maintained among all who have at heart the common weal, however differing in their methods of action. Especially should be avoided as harmful to the common cause all impugnment, direct or implied, of the motives of brother Single Taxers by their separated fellows of the same faith. The latter can surely find for their powerful, active minds other objects more imperatively calling for attention, other matters upon which to exercise their keen intellects, to the greater behoof of economic progress.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters.

July 18. x x x Sisters Linberg:—You in the liberal clubs of your two Kansas cities must be rejoicing over two cheering signs: the coming to the fore of that brilliant Single Taxer, W, W. Rose. For by his picture in the *Public*, which I think you subscribe for, he must be the very *rose* who used to speak so eloquently in your Single Tax Club, and quite often in that great Socialistic Sunday meeting, (the correct name escapes me, but it met in a big hall on the main street.) Do you remember how the Single Taxers were dreaded on that platform, and that sometimes they were treated with scant courtesy? The other thing that will please you is the Pope's frank avowal that he advocates the higher education of women, and of the woman's rights movement in all that is not contrary to Christian morals. The avowal was made in an audience granted to the Austrian leader of that movement, Mme. Thiemer. He told her that he approves of women becoming doctors and lawyers, and studying everything but theology. He said they were the first teachers of children and therefore of humanity. He would not see them in politics, as man has made sufficient muddle (*gachis*) in that field.

x x x I have just made a visit to our new canning factory, the enterprise of Mr. A. Strauss. It was a delight to see everything looking so clean and orderly. Of course everything is brand new, but I "guess" Mr. Strauss is one who will keep his factory in pristine condition. Immense tables held symmetrical rows of figs preserved in rich syrup, and he stood at the cauldron filling the glass jars with a long ladle. The room is large, well ventilated and supplied with city water. He informed me that he had orders in advance for all the figs, at least, that he could put up; and next year his intention is to put up all kinds of fruit and I think vegetables, as well. I think it is his intention to make some "pound for pound" preserves of "skinned" or pared figs, one of the most delicious of sweets. Only quince, and cherry preserves can excel them, and perhaps the red raspberry jam of our mothers. By the way, the chief kindly acknowledged my sending him some beautiful Elberta peaches. He was ill at home when I sent him a dish of my red raspberries and he forgot to mention those, my pride and delight. The vines are thrifty, and I have sold every young plant—everyone, at least that the gardener who lately hoed and fertilized them did not dig out. However he kindly left me a few! I had charged him to spare those and pull out the weeds around them by hand. And another "by the way" is that Mr. Munshon is a gardner that does his work most carefully and in so workmanlike manner that I cannot refrain from this deserved praise. He does not speak English very well yet, and we who know his ability ought to help make it known,

Why does not some one take photographs of Mr. Bellangee's cottages? They are the most original in design and the most picturesque in Fairhope, I think, and they should be given in the COURIER. They are

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Laurie J. Quimby of *The Square Deal*, Omaha, writes: "I have always had great hopes of Fairhope, and trust that it may some day be my good fortune to visit there."

Note the ad of Mr. E. S. Selee, Buffalo, N. Y. in this issue headed "Sample cigar free!" Mr. Selee is an ardent Single Taxer, and would greatly appreciate, we know, orders from Single Tax friends who are readers of the COURIER.

A REFERENDUM ELECTION

Obedient to a petition filed by the requisite number of members, a special meeting of the members of the Corporation was held on Monday evening for the consideration of the following propositions:

FIRST PROPOSITION

Resolved: That the plan of securing public services through the intermediary of trustees, who shall be authorized to incur such indebtedness as may be necessary in installing such services, pledging the services thus secured and their revenues for the payment of such indebtedness and to administer such public services until the obligations assumed by them on account thereof are satisfied, is not in violation of the provisions of the constitution either with regard to the granting of franchises or the incurring of interest-bearing indebtedness and constitutes the most practicable plan and the one which should be pursued in securing needed public services.

SECOND PROPOSITION

Shall a special election be held in 48 hours to elect a board of three Water Trustees and the Council be directed to turn the water system over to them for administration, in harmony with the above resolution and the directions of the Council.

Quite a good audience gathered in the hall—of members to participate in the deliberations and of non-members to witness the proceedings—for the rule is that meetings of the Corporation are open to all who may desire to attend, and they are usually quite full of interest.

A motion was adopted limiting speeches to ten minutes and no one to speak a second time until all had been heard who desired to speak.

It very soon appeared that there was a radical difference of opinion, not only as to the constitutionality but as to the advisability, of the propositions and extending to those members who are usually wont to be in hearty accord.

After a thorough discussion participated in by many of the members, and just as it appeared that they were ready to vote upon the proposition, Trustee Bellangee announced a ruling of the trustees that the proposition involved in effect a change of the constitution and must under it be submitted to the whole body of the membership, not only the resident but the non-resident members.

Mr. Gaston moved that the ruling of the trustees be not sustained, which was seconded and being put was lost by a vote of 5 to 9. The vote was hardly a conclusive test of sentiment, for a number left the hall before the vote was taken, and several who were present failed to vote, either not understanding the motion or unable to reach a decision satisfactory to themselves. The writer, as one who was on the losing side does not want to be understood as "squealing" on the result, for the members had due opportunity to inform themselves and if through indifference any failed to register their wishes, indifference was tantamount to opposition. With such a meager vote however, the matter can hardly be considered permanently settled.

The discussion was carried on in a manner distinctly creditable to those taking part and the result, small though the vote was, was a vindication of the initiative and referendum as embodied in the Corporation's constitution.

How foolish to talk of "rings" and "bosses" in an organization where the members can at any time assert their prerogative either to propose new measures for consideration, require the submission to vote of the members of the acts of officers, or even remove them summarily.

Our Meridian Colony.

Mr. J. W. Posey, wife and children, and Mr. John T. Land, wife and young son, arrived on Sunday morning from Meridian, Miss. Messrs. Posey and Land were obliged to return to their business, Mr. Land leaving Sunday afternoon and Mr. Posey Monday morning, but their families will remain for the balance of the season. The Poseys are in the Nelle Lee cottage and Mrs. Land and son in the Miss Haworth cottage. The gentlemen expect to be with them frequently and Mrs. Land is also expecting a lady friend and her son to spend some time with her. Mrs. W. F. Smith and children, of Meridian, also arrived on Monday evening, to occupy the west Improvement Co. cottage on Fels Ave, for the balance of the season

Still other families of Meridian people, are expected this week.

All of this movement from Meridian is primarily due to Mr. Posey and his family, and according to him the COURIER was an important factor. As a result of the talk of Mr. and Mrs. Posey and their children, and the circulation of the COURIER weekly among their neighbors every family in their block save one, is either here, or expecting to come for a longer or shorter stay. And it is very probable that we shall have some of them, at least, with us during the summers to come.

The Editor is also much gratified to know that as a result of the COURIER'S arguments and illustrations Mr. Posey is very nearly, if not quite, converted to the Single Tax faith.

The service rendered by the COURIER in this and innumerable other like instances in attracting people hither, whose presence directly or indirectly benefits every business or working man in the community,

entitles it to the hearty support of all residents, while its influence in converting people to the Single Tax faith should commend it to Single Taxers everywhere, as a most effective propaganda.

LATER: Mrs. J. H. Currie and family and Mrs. Dagby and two children have arrived, Mrs. Currie's family having taken Dr. Atkinson's pleasant first-floor suite of rooms, and Mrs. Dagby having joined Mrs. Land. They also are delighted with our town and its natural attractions.

Hon. S. C. Jenkins Addresses Voters

Hon. S. C. Jenkins spoke on last Friday evening in Fairhope Hall. The audience was not large, but was quite appreciative and Mr. Jenkins made a favorable impression. It could not be expected that he would in all respects please so radical an audience as that which would gather at Fairhope, but his radical stand on some important questions such as the railroad and local self government questions, was fully appreciated and no doubt won him votes.

While he recognized rate legislation as the form in which the railroad question would present itself to the legislature—and upon this declared himself in favor of giving the railroad commission all the power it asked. Mr. Jenkins stated that he stood with Wm. J. Bryan in the belief that government ownership and operation was the ultimate and logical solution, regulation being the next necessary step, both because the people were not yet ripe for the more radical course and because it would be the means of squeezing out fictitious valuations against the time of purchase by the government.

He declared in favor of liberal extension of the power of the people in local communities to conduct their own affairs, including the right to levy taxes for roads and schools.

On the question of good roads, he advocated a direct county tax for road purposes, supplemented by the state from its revenue from the hire of convicts and by national appropriation if possible.

On the question of schools, he favored going the limit of state and county taxation and then allowing the districts to levy a special school tax upon vote of their people.

LOGAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Healy left for their home in Citronelle this morning; and Mr. and Mrs. Yerion, also of Citronelle, will take their place in Mrs. Bessie Call's rooms for several weeks.

Remember the grand concert and ball at Fairhope hall on Saturday evening, August 4th—one week from tomorrow— for the benefit of the North River Park school. A rare treat is promised.

Remember the Lawn Fete on the grounds of A. M. De Coudres tomorrow (Saturday) evening. At 8 P. M. a musical and literary program will be rendered by Miss Maude Muller Scott's elocution class. There will be ice cream and cake on sale. Admission will be 25 cents, children 10 cents; the proceeds to be divided between the Point Clear Baptist Church and Fairhope gymnasium.

The Piedmont W. Va. *Herald* of the 20th reports the death of Mrs. Sarah Pearce, mother of our Mrs. F. W. Rose, which occured on the 15th. She had reached the ripe old age of 83, left four daughters and a son, and was most highly spoken of in the obituary notice referred to.

In the same issue of the *Herald*, we noticed an announcement by Mr. Rose, of the sale at auction, on the 21st, of his valuable property in Piedmont. We have not heard the result, but trust he made a good sale, and will be back soon prepared to carry out his plans here.

MRS. HOWLAND'S LETTERS

(Continued from 3rd page.)

well adapted to house-keeping also, and have more closets even than the Pines, When I return from the North, I mean to try to resume my picture making; or at least after we get the new library and my photographic table comes to light again. It is now snowed under by the Schindler and Vanderbeck contributions.

x x A book I have read with great delight is a pamphlet by Allan L Benson, sent by my old friend E. D. Northrup. It is "New Zealand's Reply to Pessimism" I hope no one will fail to read it (tho the author sees no "way out" but through Socialism), because it shows the wonderful progress making and made in that country already in the reforms we, and all real reformers are seeking. We only differ as to methods. Another book is sent in by Comrade Comings and is entitled "The Cost of Competition" a title not likely to attract Single Taxers but it ought to be read if only to please the donor who is almost painfully anxious that at least our "broad gauge" single taxers may know what the book contains. Dr. Rowe has the volume now, and I hope he will send the COURIER a criticism of it. If he does not, Mr Comings and I propose to do so and we may want all the space of one issue to hold what we have to say! I therefore advise the chief to accept the criticism of Dr. Rowe. To be sure he is not committed to writing one but I trust he will. Of course we believe that competition becomes a mere "scare" with the equal opportunities that the inauguration of the Single Tax insures; but in the place of "cut-throat" competition will come friendly emulation, and it will be honest effort and ability which will win. That is what everyone must wish who does not desire to get something for nothing.

I am in receipt of pleasant words from Mr. Chidester and from Col. Daniels and will give extracts from both in our "next" if possible.

Cottages for Rent I have for rent for the summer a number of nice cottages, furnished and unfurnished, some with water under pressure, bath and water closets; all favorably located Free foot wharfage to tenants and free bathing privileges. E. B. GASTON, Fairhope, Ala.

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The fine suburban home of Dr. Henry C. Borst has been placed in my hands for sale. This is the best location we know of to enjoy the advantages of both town and country. It is just three-eighths of a mile from the heart of the town, a trifle over twice that from the bay. There are nearly seven acres of land, three cleared and the rest in pasture; two story house, well finished, with four rooms and hall on first floor, beside detached kitchen; up stairs undivided. Good barn, chicken houses, two cisterns, cemented cellar; vineyard of fine varieties, in full bearing, large scuppernong arbor, peaches, plums, figs, mulberries, 75 persimmon trees, a loquat and orange trees, strawberries, dewberries, raspberries, fine shade trees, roses, etc., etc. Rent on the ground this year, only $9.70. Only reason for selling, " too many doctors at Fairhope."
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"Father" Stearns gigged a red fish weighing twenty-five pounds the other day.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

Fresh supply of Peter Pan purses, new back combs, gray comb sets for elderly ladies, at Call's.

Remember the Thursday evening services at the Christian Church, conducted by Rev. Claude E. Hill.

Ice at Wilson's market, 200 lb block, $1; 100 lb; 65c; 50lb; 40c. Leave orders before noon for daily delivery.

For wood and posts, promptly delivered, see Reimer Poortstra or leave orders for him at the Post Office News Stand.

Mr. E. T. O'Connor was back on duty at the Mershon Merchandising Company's big store on Monday, after a short vacation.

Rev. H. R. Walker, of Mobile, of the Episcopal Church, conducted the services at the Christian Church last Sunday morning.

Mr. Leslie Hall of Bay Minette, candidate for representative from Baldwiu county, was in our little city last Saturday, meeting the voters.

Misses Hazel Williams and Leah Gaston left on Wednesday morning, for Saraland, Ala., to be the guests for several days of Mrs. Getty.

Mrs. Charles Wilson, Miss Maud and Master Worden left on Monday for an extended visit with relatives at their old home, Des Moines, Iowa.

We have been having a genuine "rainy season" for several weeks and it has cut short the fig crop some. It has given us great weather however, for grass and cow peas.

The Carlson planing mill is getting out the door and window frames and interior finish for the Riel house, Fairhope. This is a cement-block house, the cement work being done by the Littlefield Concrete Works, and J. W. Kirk of Marlow being the successful bidder on the wood-work.

Friends of the Powells will be very glad to hear that Miss Ivy is very much improved in health since the operation she sustained recently. Mr. Powell hopes to get down next month.

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Mr. Henry Bayer of Pittsburg Pa, arrived on Tuesday evening for a visit of a couple of weeks. He learned of Fairhope a little while since, from an article in the Pittsburg Dispatch and after getting a copy of the booklet and some other literature determined to come down and see for himself.

Mr. P. C. McIlrath arrived on Friday evening to join his son here, and they have moved into the neat cottage just erected by the latter on the corner of Fairhope Avenue and School Street. Mr. McIlrath, Sr., is not looking as well as when here before, but expects much benefit from our climate and breezes.

Mr. Drake, of the firm of Matteson and Drake, marine architects of Philadelphia, made a hasty trip to Fairhope on Wednesday, coming over with Mr. Hanson, mate of the Dolive, in a 16 foot launch. There was a stiff breeze and a good sea, and the spray drenched them pretty thoroughly in their small craft.

Mr. L. S. Bosworth representing E. C. Palmer and Co. of New Orleans, dealers in printing material, was in Fairhope on Tuesday and received an order for a very substantial addition to the Courier's job-office equipment, Mr. Bosworth was greatly pleased with our shore and threatened when he had a vacation to come over and spend it with us.

Captain George A. R. Lawrence, who is at Bay Minette for a little while, is no doubt talking Fairhope at every opportunity. He writes for some copies of the COURIER, which we have taken pleasure in sending him, with a few booklets added. Fairhope is not nearer to any one's heart than the Captain's, and he is always ready to give a reason for his faith.

Mr. G. B. Stapleton, was in Fairhope on Wednesday, making a final collection from those who allowed their names to be used in the case of G. B. Stapleton et. al., vs J. D. Hand. et. al., (the famous Baldwin county Court-house case) to settle the costs on the same. Of the thirteen who "made good." six were residents of Fairhope. The sum required of each on this trip was $7.25 making something over $20 that it has cost each of us.

The Littlefield Concrete Company of Fairhope and Mobile are already the leaders of the concrete block business in the South. The fact that they can work to any architect's details has put them in direct harmony with architects and they are being beseiged with offers of contracts beyond their present capacity. The Mershon Merchandising Co., sole owners of this business, are increasing their capital by the sale of more stock so that the plant can meet all such emergencies. Those who desire to be in on this had better subscribe now, before the allotment be all taken—and the stock increase in value. Address Mershon Merchandising Co., Fairhope, Ala.

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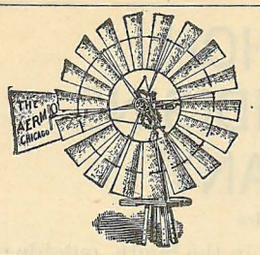
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A WEEK FOR WEDDINGS.

WOLCOTT AND MCCLOUD.

Edward Chandler Wolcott, of Warren, Ohio, and Msss Florence McCloud, of Magnolia Springs, were united in marriage at the house of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCloud, on Tuesday, July 24, the Rev. Howard R. Walker, in charge of Episcopal missions in Baldwin County officiating. The marriage was private, only the members of the bride's family being present. The groom has a host of friends in Fairhope, having spent some time here on several occasions and being an ardent Single Taxer and member of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation. His home is at Warren, Ohio, where he is secretary of large brick and tile works. The bride is a former Chicago lady, coming with her parents from that city to Baldwin County a few years since. She had many warm friends among her associates in Magnolia Springs society circles and the Magnolia Springs Union Sunday-school, of which she was an active and helpful member. Mr. and Mrs Wolcott came over to Fairhope on Tuesday afternoon and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Brown. A delightful reception was tendered them there on Wednesday evening, at which the hearty congatulaiions of the Fairhope friends of the groom were showered upon them. They will remain here for a few days, and then make a short tour embracing southern places of interest and eastern cities, and will be at home to their friends in Warren, Ohio, after August 15

TYRRELL AND BRYANT.

Miss Joyce Bryant. the charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bryant of Mobile—and Fairhope, and Mr. Edward Joseph Tyrrell, of Toledo, Ohio were married at the Bryant home in Mobile on Wednesday. Miss Elma Stapleton, the bride's young aunt, was her only attendant; and the groom was attended by Mr. Harvey Brown, of Toledo, as best-man. Mr. Tyrrell is a draughtsman who has been in the employ for some time of the Home Telephone Company, but whose business interests center in Rochester, N. Y., whither he will take his bride in a few days.

PERKINS AND STEARNS.

Mr. G. E. Perkins and Miss Myrtle Stearns were married in Mobile on Tuesday. The bride was attended by Mrs. F. A. Creswell. The young couple returned to Fairhope on the evening following. Mr. Perkins is an estimable young man, whose home has been here with his sister, Mrs. Oswalt, for several years and who is a trusted employe of the Southern Bell Telephone Company. The bride is the attractive and capable daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stearns. They will make their home here.

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Messrs. Wm. Stimpson and E. Smith are in attendance this week on the farmers' institute at the state agricultural college and experimental farm at Auburn.

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Our Mr. T. P. Lyon is now at Oak Summit, N. Y., about 100 miles from New York city. His health has not been at all good since he left Fairhope, and he may be expected back soon.

Mr. H. A. Lohman, engine installing expert for the International Harvester Co., came over on Wednesday to install an engine for Dr. Hail, who purchased one to pump water out of his deep well. The Doctor was not quite ready to install his however and as it was exactly the same engine as ordered for the COURIER office, due to arrive in a few days, he kindly let us put his in and will take ours when it comes. The new engine works perfectly and we anticipate very satisfactory service from it.

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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County. J. S. LAMBERT, Bay Minette, Ala.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

I hereby announce myself as a canditate for Representative in the Legislature from Baldwin County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and respectfully solicit the support of the people of the County.

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Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

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Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues. Also a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection, and a public hall of large size, comfortably seated.

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Enjoys Reading the Courier.

EDITOR COURIER:

I enjoy reading your paper very much, and items which show what is actually going on at Fairhope in social and business matters, and in such industries as can be carried on there, especially are looked for. Martin Battle of Brooklyn N. Y., was an intimate friend of mine and his accounts of his visit to Fairhope some years ago have been kept green in my memory. I hope to spend a week in Fairhope this winter, and I shall come prepared to believe that you are doing exceedingly well in managing the town's or Colony's affairs in a way to be approved by Single Taxers, no matter how well grounded their opinions may be. The booklet you sent me gives a close idea of what Fairhope was a few years ago. Another edition should be printed this fall, if possible, giving later particulars. I wish all the members of the Colony the best success.

Yours very truly,

New York City. GEORGE WHITE.

Mr. Arthur Trenholme Discusses Fairhope Policy

EDITOR COURIER:

If it be permitted, I would wish to further discuss the matters taken up by F. W. C. In the COURIER for July 27, under the heading the "Fairhope Franchise," as Viewed by a "Non voter." In my endeavor to analyze the present status of affairs I would not wish to be considered as actuated by any hostile or acrimonious spirit. My interest in the matter is as deep and desire for harmony as great as that of any resident here, voter or non-voter.

In article 2 of the Constitution of the Fairhope Industrial Corporation the purpose is set forth as follows: "Its purpose shall be to establish and conduct a model community or colony, free from all forms of private monopoly, and to secure to its members therein equality of opportunity, the full rewards of individual efforts and the benefits of co-operation in matters of general concern."

This then was the original purpose of the "Fairhope Industrial Association" and this purpose was retained on the formation of "The F. S. T. C." I would here lay stress on the fact that it is to the "members" of the community or colony, which is to be established that "equality of opportunity, full reward of individual effort, and the benefits of co-operation" are to be secured, and not to members of the Corporation or Association, save as they are colonists.

The original intention, which was adhered to for a short time, was that only members of the Association were to be admitted as colonists. This being found impracticable, the land was thrown open to all; and socialists, single-taxers, believers and non-believers, were cordially invited to take up land. At this point we perceive an incongruity. Hitherto all members of the colony were members of the Association: from now on we have members of the colony who may or may not be members of the Association.

Constitutionally there has been no change to meet the changed conditions; and the constitution which was formulated for a colony where all colonists were voters, is now retained in a colony where an ever increasing proportion of colonists are non-voters. Hence this curious anomaly is presented in Fairhope, of an ever increasing number of people who pay the same rents, hold land on the same conditions, move on the same social planes, belong to the same societies as their neighbors who are Corporation members, and yet have no vote in the matter of municipal water-works, no vote in the direction of the school in which their children are educated, no voice in the management of even the pettiest village affair, for all of which the rents they pay are being expended; whilst their neighbours, members of the Corporation—perhaps one fifth of their number—absolutely control municipal affairs.

Under this state of affairs can Fairhope truthfully be called a type of democracy, or held up as an example of self-government, or even what the Constitution sets forth as the purpose of the Association, "a model community"? Is it a "model community" where four fifths of the colonists are disfranchised as regards village affairs? The foregoing should inevitably suggest to the thinking mind the rock which breaks the even current of the Fairhope stream. Set forth clearly, it is evident that in Fairhope the two functions of, first, the administration of the land on the principles of the single tax, and secondly, the administration of municipal affairs, have been confused as one function, and that the discontent, past and present, is due greatly to the feeling that stirred the breasts of the American Revolutionists when the cry of "taxation without representation" roused every patriotic citizen to resistance.

So it is now in Fairhope. Let us keep separate the functions which never should have been joined. "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's" and let the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation manage its just and legitimate business, namely the assessing and collecting of land rents, the payment of state and county taxes, the repayment of personal property taxes; but "render unto God the things that are God's", and let the colonists of Fairhope manage the affairs of the colonists of Fairhope. Let all that pertains to municipal government be a matter of concern to the whole municipality, and not to a minority. Let us away with the government of the many by the few: let us all feel that we have an equal concern in the welfare of our village, and demonstrate to the world that the "purpose" of Fairhope can be truly secured, and that we have established a model

communiity or colony, free from all forms of monopoly, ahd have secured to (all) its members "equality of opportunity, the full reward of individual effort, and the benefits of co-operation in matters of general concern."

ARTHUR KINGSLEY TRENHOLME.

Founded on Bed Rock

Extract from address of Fred Cyrus Leubuscher at the Jefferson dinner of the Manhattan Single Tax Club. 1905. and published in summer number Single Tax Review.

"Our cause" appeals not only to the mind but to the heart. The appalling misery in which so large a percentage of the human race is plunged by dire poverty must appeal to the compassion of civilized human beings who during the last century have become more and more humane. The fact that there are so many remedies offered proves that the conscience of the race has been awakened. At first charity was adopted as a means of solving the problem. It was soon seen however that admirable as is charity, it can only alleviate poverty: but in the long run it really accentuates poverty. The socialistic dream of a co-operative commonwealth was next brought forward, and it numbers among its believers millions of earnest, devoted men and women. Thinking people, however, agreed with Herbert Spencer when he said that the socialistic commonwealth would be slavery and result in the annihilation of individuality. The rebound landed us in the realm of anarchism. This was soon discovered to be the abode of angels and not of erring mortals. The Single Tax, the happy medium hetween these two divergent schools of thought must commend itself to the intelligence of the masses. America, it seems to me, is the place where it must first find general acceptance for not only was that the home of the prophet and seer, Henry George, but it is also the home of the most tender-hearted and hard-headed race that ever lived on the face of this globe.

Only a quarter of a century has passed since "Progress and poverty" was first published but the truth contained within its covers has reached the heart of millions. As an organized movement the Single Tax may not have made much headway; but there is not a hamlet in this land, I venture to say, where you will not stumble across a Single Taxer. Not only has it taken hold of the minds and hearts of the poor and humble, but the highly cultivated, and in some cases even the wealthy, admit the truth of the doctrine. Wherever a reform movement is started, you find the Single Taxer in the fore-front. What are twenty-five years in the history of a great movement? It took thousands of years for the idea of a democracy, of a government by the people and for the people, to develop. I think the progress of the Single Tax in a quarter of a century has been wonderful and full of promise.

The Council held a special session on Monday evening and authorized the officers to make a note without interest, in favor of the American Supply Co., for the amount due them—a little less than $800, members present agreeing to make up the interest.

Items of 75 cents each for a half days work on well (in bill of Wm. Stimpson referred back for correction, at last meeting) of George Cain and H. Gilmore were allowed.

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Rev. Clarke Compliments Courier and Fairhope.

Rev. A. T. Clarke, who is pleasantly remembered from his visits here, writes renewing his subscription to the COURIER, and adds:

"I find something of interest in every number. I judge all papers by quality, and not by quantity. The boast of some publications as to the quantity of matter they furnish is not an attraction to me. Every one must respect the vigor of your replies to Mr. Norton and other critics. I regret that the demands of missionary service have for some months prevented me from visiting Fairhope. I know of no more attractive locality for a vacation, summer or winter."

The Garrison-George Memorial Tablet Committee.

We have received a circular issued by the Garrison-George Memorial Tablet Committee, which includes many of the most familiar names among Single Taxers, and of which Mr, Joseph H. Choate, is chairman and Bolton Hall, secretary. The circular is as follows:

This committee has been formed to erect bronze tablets on the houses in which William Lloyd Garrison and Henry George died in this city, as is done by various patriotic societies here and abroad, suitably to mark sites associated with celebrated men.

As these will attract the attention of visitors to the city they will be an inspiration to many and a factor in the education of the young. We do not desire a large contribution from any one person, and have therefore limited the amount of a single subscription to not more than $10.

One of Mr. George's sons, Mr. Richard F. George, has made sketches for both tablets and the consent of the owners and tenants of the building has been obtained. The tablets which it is proposed to erect will be of appropriate size and will consist of a bas-relief portrait and the words "William Loyd Garrison died here May 24th, 1879" and the same inscription with the proper date on the Henry George tablet.

We should be glad to receive a check from you; your check may be made payable to Bolton Hall, Treasurer.

Land and Other Taxes.

Is not the following statement a striking one, and one well worthy of consideration?

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Chicago. F. W. MAGUIRE.

T. P. Lyon writes Mrs. Howland that he is enjoying himself on the old farm in "York state," where his father was born, picking cherries and helping to make hay. He says that a number of his friends there are becoming interested in Fairhope and he expects some of them will come here by fall.

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Advertising rates on application.

One who has driven much over the county lately reports a large proportion of properties listed "for sale, outside Fairhope. Of course these cannot be charged to the "Fairhope policy."

Wm. J. Bryan will it is expected make a southern tour, during the next few months, and Mr. Fels and Dr. Rowe (the latter of whom enjoys a close personal acquaintance with Mr. Bryan) will endeavor to get him to include a visit to Fairhope in his tour.

In his article in this issue, Mr. Trenholme discusses in proper spirit and with much force, the problem of making Fairhope the truly "model community" it was the purpose of its founders to establish. In the next issue the editor will give Mr. Trenholme's propositions some consideration.

We heartily recommend Volanta to those who are charmed with the beauties of this shore, but don't like the Fairhope plan, Its location is equally as delightful as that of Fairhope—in fact it has an added charm in beautiful and romantic Bayou Volanta (Fly creek), on its northern border and lots can be bought outright, —if you have the money.

Mr. T. N. Freeman returned on Tuesday from an extended tour throughout the state in the interests of the Socialist party. Mr. Freeman was glad to get back home for a little while. He says he saw no place which he thought at all the equal of Fairhope as a place to live, and had told people everywhere he went of its advantages, many of whom he thought would get down to visit us.

Another one on the personal property tax humbug. According to the Mobile Item, A. L. Gould, a prominent merchant valued his goods in two stores and as many warehouses and three automobiles at $3,000 to the assessor. The county tax commissioner raised him to $12,000. He protested and the increase was disallowed by the county commissioners but the tax commissioner has given notice of appeal to the circuit court.

Tom L. Johnson, "S. T.," and mayor of Cleveland, will preside at the great reception to Wm. J. Bryan at Madison Square Garden, New York, on August 30. Our other Single Taxer, and Fairhoper, Daniel Kiefer of Cincinnati, is active with the mayor of his city in arranging for a reception there to Mr. Bryan.

Rev. Hill has his eye on a lot on the bay front, and if he can secure it, will build upon it at once. You see the place to put the house is the first consideration. As the desired location is upon the Fairhope Corporation's land, he will no doubt, get it. The only delay is on account of our not having fully decided upon the platting of it—or rather not having had the platting actually done, so that the lot could be located and applied for.

We were greatly pleased this week to see again, Mr. Jas. H. Barry's *Star*, not in its familiar style but quite as attractive and filled with good strong meat for radical thinkers as of yore. The entire *Star* printing plant was destroyed in the great San Francisco disaster but by the indomitable energy of Mr. Barry and the assistance of loyal friends, who rallied to his support (as they will to that of every man who forgets self in warfare for the public weal) a complete new plant has been installed in a new building and the *Star* takes up the work where it was forced to leave off.

If "knockers" against Fairhope seem to some visitors more in evidence than supporters of the town and its policy, let this be borne in mind: that the people who are doing what they can, anywhere, to help themselves and help their community, are too busy to hold down dry-goods boxes—or the seats in front of the post office —and criticise everything and everybody. Your "knocker" is usually the "gentleman of leisure"—occasionally because fortunate "investments" enable him to live without work—of his own—but more often because of a constitutional tired feeling which affects all muscles but those that wag the jaw.

For the benefit of brother printers who feel the need of a proof press but don't feel able to afford the ordinary iron one, the writer would say that he has had one made of wood which answers the purpose admirably. A good dry 1½ inch plank carefully surfaced, makes the bed. Upon the outer sides of this are screwed strips 1½ inches wide by 1¼ inches thick with a rabbit on the inner edges, ½ inch wide by ¼ inch deep making the track in which the roller runs The latter is 8 inches in diameter accurately turned from a solid pine block, and covered with best quality proofing felt. Any desired pressure can easily be had by simply pressing down on the turned handles as the roller is rolled over the form.

New York is to have a "cloud piercer," "skyscraper" has become too commonplace. The tallest building in the great city now is the Park Row building with 29 stories, but the Singer building is to be 41 stories. It will tower to a height of 612 feet and will rest upon a base but 60 feet square. If the problems of

construction are successfully met and the building is completed and stands the stress of its own enormous weight and of the winds which sweep over Manhattan, a certain result will be to boost up land values. It would at first thought seem that to double the facilities for doing business on a given area of land, would be to reduce the value of land, but such never proves to be the case. If new advances in the building art enable land to be put to more profitable use, the demand for it will be only so much the greater, and the owner (who is so frequently not the user) will ultimately reap all the advantage in enhanced value.

Mrs. Howland Off on a Trip.

Mrs. Marie Howland left on Tuesday morning via the Mallory steamer *Colorado* for New York for an extended visit with relatives and numerous friends in tfie east.

The much needed rest and change which this trip will afford was made possible to Mrs. Howland by a relative and by her friends of many years, Messrs. C. B. Hoffman of Enterprise, Kansas, D. D. Chidester of Philadelphia and John W. Lovell of New York, all of whom were associated with her in the Topolobampo colony to which she gave the genius and enthusiasm of her best years. It is pleasant to her to know, too, that all of these are very appreciative friends of Fairhope and will be interested in the news which she will bring them in person—she will see Messrs. Chidester and Lovell, at least, on her trip.

Those who have so enjoyed Mrs. Howland's "letters" will be glad to know that she has promised to continue them during her trip.

Her adress at New York, will be "care of J. W. Lovell, 127 Riverside Drive." She expects to be gone about three months.

See notice elsewhere about the library during her absence.

Library Notice.

To Friends and Library Patrons:

From this date, July 31, the Library will be closed except for a short time every Friday at 2 p. m., when Mr. Paton kindly agrees to open it *long enough to record all books returned, collect fines*, if there be any, *and give out books according to custom;* but he is not expected to do more.

My neighbor, F. W. Chapman, will bring to the Library all my mail except letters, and will co-operate with Mr. Paton in whatever ways are mutually agreed upon.

I may be absent several weeks, and I trust that the patrons of the Library will make the tasks of these kind friends as agreeable as possible.

Hoping that active work upon the planning of the new library will be resumed, and that the building will be finished and occupied in due time, I am

Yours faithfully,

MARIE HOWLAND, Librarian.

Mr. T. N. Freeman returned for a few days' rest from his lecture tour around the state, will speak before the Progressive League on Sunday at the usual hour, 3 o'clock. His general topic will be the miners of Alabama and Colorado and their abuses: also some of his own experiences of the interest of the people in the political problems of the time.

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Mr. Powell writes the editor that he hopes to be in Fairhope about the middle of August.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

Fresh supply of Peter Pan purses, new back combs, gray comb sets for elderly ladies, at Call's.

Remember the Thursday evening services at the Christian Church, conducted by Rev. Claude E. Hill.

Ice at Wilson's market, 200 lb block, $1; 100 lb; 65c; 50lb; 40c. Leave orders before noon for daily delivery.

Mrs. Captain Foster's mother, Mrs. Finney, is with her again after some months spent visiting children in Louisiana.

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Mr. Fitzgerald caught a cavalla last week weighing twenty pounds.

We have a fresh lot of D M. Ferry's seeds —Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Perkins are "keeping house" in the Steenstra cottage.

Mrs. Walker and daughters have moved into the lower suite of the Mogg house.

Deputy Tax Collector Cooper was in this city this week looking after delinquent tax payers.

Did it ever dawn upon you that your merchant needed cash? We are it. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. Shermer of Battles was in town on Saturday, and renewed his subscription to the COURIER for another year.

Messrs. Stimpson, E. Smith and Hoopes returned on Monday evening from the Agricultural institute at Auburn and reported a very pleasant and profitable time.

Great preparations have been made by the good people of Battles for the lawn party for the benefit of their school fund, which is to be given tomorrow evening. If the weather permits there will, no doubt, be a very large attendance.

Father Creswell adds much to the appearance of the street in front of his property. by keeping it mowed clear of the yellow dog fennel, which is conspicuous almost everywhere else. Mr. Frank Creswell also followed the good example of his father and cleaned up in front of his property.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County.

T. A. Booth.

Bay Minette, Ala.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County. J. S. LAMBERT, Bay Minette, Ala.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

I hereby announce myself as a canditate for Representative in the Legislature from Baldwin County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and respectfully solicit the support of the people of the County.

LESLIE HALL.

Fresh lot of garden seeds just received. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. J. M. Armstrong, sheriff of Baldwin county, died at his home in Bay Minette, on last Friday from a cancer.

The regular monthly meeting of the Arts and Crafts Society will be held on Monday, August 6, at 3 p. m. at the studio. Important business.

Misses Leah Gaston and Hazel Williams returned on Wednesday evening from a week's visit with Mrs. Getty at Saraland, Mobile county.

Rev. Claude E. Hill will preach in the Christian Church on Sunday evening at the usual hour, and an especial invitation is extended all to hear him.

Practically every furnished cottage at Fairhope is now occupied and our streets are lively with summer visitors. These also make a good local demand for produce of all kinds.

Mr. J. H. Wienand of the Mobile Trunk Company and wife, come over on Tuesday evening, and rented half of the west Wolf cottage for a month and will probably remain longer.

The last two Sundays there have been violent rain and wind squalls just about leaving time of the afternoon boat, much to the discomfort of the large number of Sunday passengers.

Mr. Abe Strauss was in Mobile on Tuesday and placed some of his fine fig preserves with Mobile merchants. He says he saw figs at many places but none of as fine quality as his own product.

Mr. Arch. Crosbie and wife left last week for a several weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Iowa. These delightful old people do not expect to be able to make the trip back to their old home and friends very often, as the weight of years makes traveling, no doubt, much of a burden to them. All their friends wish them a safe trip, a pleasant visit, and a safe return.

FOR SALE — One O. I. C. (Chester White) male, and one female that will have pigs Sept. 4. Both thoroughbred. Suitable to be crossed with the native hogs. Will weigh about 250 to 275 lb each.
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Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott left for the east on Tuesday. Their friends regretted greatly to have them leave, but are not without hope that they will eventually come back to make their home with us.

There will be a Silver Medal Contest at the Hall on Saturday evening, Aug. 11, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. To defray expenses an admission fee of 5c will be charged.

Mrs. Hopkins and Miss Tijou, sisters of Mr. Tijou who bought the Rev. Shupe place, are in town for a while enjoying the bathing. Mrs. Hopkins is also accompanied by her daughter. They have one of the Comings cottages.

Mrs. A. H. Mershon and four children left on Thursday morning for an extended visit among their numerous relatives at DesMoines and other points in Iowa. Mr. Mershon accompanied them as far as Chicago for a few days respite from business cares.

Remember the concert and ball at Fairhope hall tomorrow (Saturday) evening for the benefit of the North River Park school. There are known to be some excellent musicians in that neighborhood and the best they have will be presented to the people.

Conrad Steiger, the old soldier barber, who dropped in a few months ago, is getting considerable patronage at his little shop near the wharf and seems as happy as a king. He is entitled to a home in the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Virginia, but seems to prefer to remain here while he can support himself.

Mr. H. B. Slaughter and Capt. John Foster went to Galveston recently to examine a steamer, and on Monday Capt. Foster received a telegram from Mr. Slaughter, instructing him to take a crew and go to Galveston and bring her around to Mobile. This vessel will be operated between Mobile and Florida Coast points with Capt. Foster in command.

Mrs. Currie of Meridian, who is at Dr. Atkinsons' with her family is quite carried away with Fairhope. She intends to take up with her husband, (who is expected here to spend the month of August) the matter of having a cottage for them, and is writing to her friends in all directious, urging them to come down and enjoy the delights of the summer here.

The Strattans have secured a lease for a year of the former Smit cottage (now owned by C. S. Brown) which they are now occupying with the Sweets. Mr. Stratton has also closed a deal with the Southern Floral Nursery Co., whereby he will continue in charge of their branch business here. and expects to materially increase their planting and stock carried.

We neglected to mention last week among our Citronelle visitors, Mrs. A. W. Ellyson, wife of the postmaster at Citronelle and a cousin of Mrs. J. W. Braam, of Fairhope; and Mrs. McCall. Mrs. Ellyson was greatly pleased with the bay and has designs on a bay front lot. She returned home on last week but Mrs. McCall will remain some time yet. She is at Rest Cottage.

We have on display in the Courier office window one of those giant squashes of Mr. Koopman's contributed to the editor. It is much larger than that in Mershon Merchandising Compan's window, and more round in shape. It weighs 83 pounds. When it has been on exhibition a little longer we shall put it to the test of eating and give our friends an opportunity to sample it too.

The Courier office did some printing this week for an excursion-lawn party at Daphne on Wednesday evening, August 8, for the benefit of the Baptist churches at Point Clear and Daphne. The steamer Caloosa will leave the north wharf, Point Clear, at 6 p. m. and make all landings, reaching Daphne at 7:30. Tickets good for the round trip and admission to the lawn party will be 35c.

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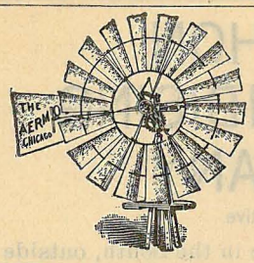
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Dr. Woodruff's dwelling in Mobile was burglarized between Saturday evening and Tuesday morning, while he and his family were at the Fairhope House. The more valuable part of their silverware, the doctor had been careful enough to deposit in a safe place before they left the city, and their loss was mostly in clothing and miscellaneous articles.

Mr. W. H. Bryant has made formal application for the beautiful lot just across the bridge, held for a long time by Colonel Greeno, of Cincinnati, and hopes to build a nice cottage theron before long. Mr. Bryant is a warm friend of Fairhope, says a good word for our town—and plan—whenever opportunity offers and he and his family will be a very desirable acquisition to our community.

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Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

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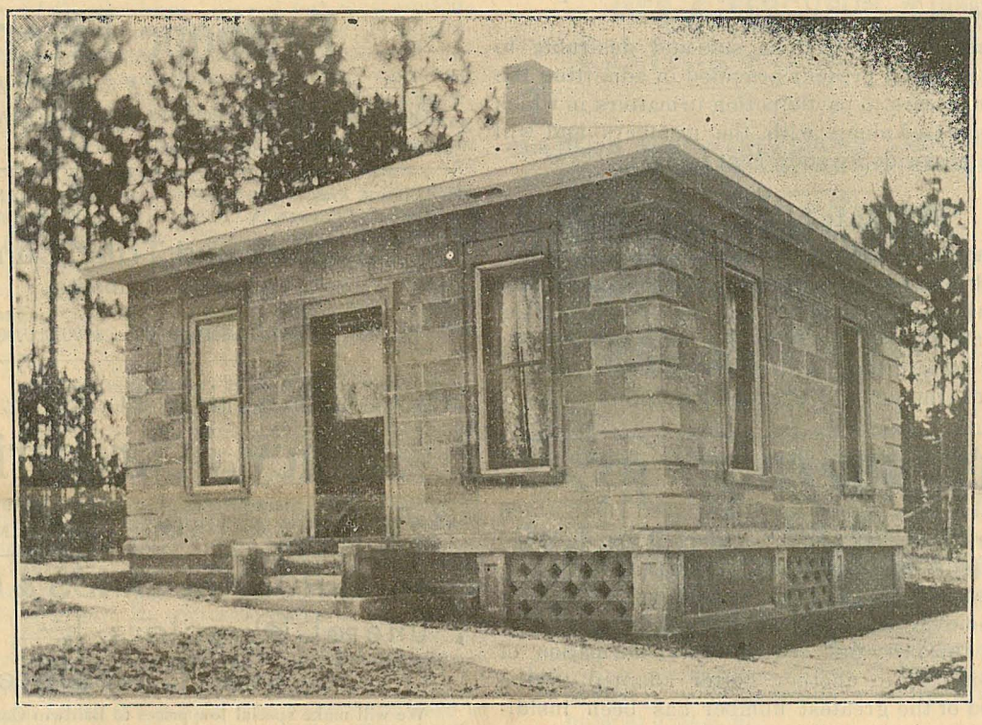
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With Regard to "Democracy" at Fairhope.

In Mr. Trenholme's well tempered article on Fairhope in our last issue he made a strong argument in favor of extending to non-member lessees of the Fairhope Corporation the privilege of participating in its administration. In the main the COURIER sympathizes with Mr. Trenholme's position. We wish at this time only to present a few consideraiions which seem to us necessary to passing a correct judgment upon the matter.

First The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation must not be confounded with "municipal" corporations. It is a private corporation, voluntarily formed, for a specific purpose.

Second: While, as stated by Mr. Trenholme, an invitation has been extended to all sorts of people to take Corporation land, the invitation has been extended only on the basis of the lease contracts and no rights can be conceded to any one further than stated in these contracts.

Third: To make a trial of "democracy" was not the first purpose of the founders of Fairhope but to demonstrate the wisdom of the policy of taking land values for common use.

Fourth: The sincerity of their purpose both as to this and as to democracy is amply vindicated by the

extent to which they have gone and no critic has ever begun to go as far—in practice.

Fifth: Anyone desiring it can today acquire an equal right of participation in the Corporation's management upon exactly the terms complied with by the present members.

This full participation can obviously not be extended to every one; so long as the Corporation is engaged in applying a policy to which the great mass of people are either indifferent or positively hostile and the extent to which it may be carried should and must be left to the members of the Corporation; who as has been stated, have gone further than their critics or any other persons, in demonstrating their loyalty to both the principles of Single Tax and democracy.

The Courier believes it to be safe and desirable to go further than is at present provided in admitting the non-member lessees to participation in matters in which they are interested along with the members and will suggest a plan for doing so in next issue.

Trouble to be Expected.

Editor courier; "My Dear Gaston:"

I have followed for years with impersonal interest the occasional slight eruptions in your bright settlement at Fairhope.

I am very certain that you folks will continue to have your share of troubles and tribulations in this valley of the shadow.

Analyzed these "spats" mean that the human mind is apt to run in economic ruts; you folks jog certain conventional minds out of their cherished ruts, which jogging they bitterly resent, of course. You should take things philosophically on that score and keep everlastingly at it—keep at it in *your own* way.

There has never been an instance recorded in the evolution of humanity but that the transformation of one social order into another better adapted to the greatest good of the greatest number has been insidiously, viciously, often violently resented by minds working in the conventional ruts of the older order.

Conceive then your occasional community spats as local illustrations of this world-old fact.

Said Goethe: "Against stupidity even the Gods fight in vain". Say I: don't even try to budge minds which wont be budged. What's the odds? Why should you? You can't do it.

You Fairhopers have established on a little speck on the map a community policy to *suit yourselves*. There you are practically working out certain moral and economic propositions. That is your work for yourselves and the nation. Stick to it—that's the only way. Don't waste brain tissue and effort in fighting windmills. Those who prefer to have the economic earning power of *man* taxed instead of the economic earning power of *land* have no excuse for handicapping "you all's" efforts at Fairhope. Thats all! A. Wangeman,
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But already we hear suggestions of a great change. People have suffered too acutely from the long continued wet and chilling winter season, and now it is known that an "earthquake region" has terrors in store that are too terrific for human courage to encounter. The testimony of all who have enjoyed our long continued, dry, balmy, genuine "Indian summer" is so pronounced in favor of it, that our high, pine-covered elevation by the sea is becoming known as the very "ne plus ultra" of a winter resort, and is becoming appreciated in many directions, where tourists are seeking for health and comfort. Already we hear of the engagement of rooms and cottages for the coming winter. At times our accommodations have been sorely taxed, but better and better are being provided each year; and we understand this winter "the Gables", one of our most attractive homes, with water, gas and modern appliances, will be opened as a "Sanitary Family Home" which, with its four adjacent cottages, will make a large addition to the accommodations in the central portion of town.

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The COURIER is in receipt of letters from a number of Single Taxers of national reputation, endorsing its arguments in the discussion with Mr. Norton and agreeing with it that the arguments of Mr. Norton are those of a non-Single Taxer. We hardly like to trespass upon the limited space of our usual issues with more of this matter, but may publish the accumulated letters soon as a supplement for the benefit of those who affect to favor the "Henry George Single Tax" but decline to accept the "Fairhope plan" as any kin to it.

TheCOURIER's friend of many years, O. N. Bancroft, at Wulfert, Lee Co., Florida, writes that he is able to read the COURIER now only by proxy, for 49 years at watch repair work and reading 10 to 15 papers and magazines have proved to much for his eyesight. He adds: I am pleased to know you are able to answer fairly all the quibblers and critics of your efforts—strange how many persons there are who do not want to see a success in anything out of the old ruts. Fortunate for Marconi that he is away from these pessimists. —Success to you is my prayer. Remember me to Mrs. Howland on the basis of "Topo" acquaintance in Mexico.

It Does Work—That's the Trouble.

Mr. P. J. Weber, of Chicago, who has been visiting friends near Fairhope, has been studying that town plan, under the impression that the Single Tax was being applied there, and came to the conclusion that the Single Tax would not work. He is only one of many hundreds who have decided adversely in regard to the Single Tax from seeing the Fairhope plan work and supposing it to be a demonstration of the Single Tax system.—*Standard.*

Mr. Weber is a very pleasant gentleman, but, as he is a real estate agent, who is endeavoring to sell land in the vicinity of Fairhope at $15 to $25 an acre, when Fairhope is offering the use of better at 35c. a year rental, to quote his adverse opinion proves only the *Standard's* unfairness toward Fairhope. The real trouble is, you see, that not only does the Single Tax "work" at Fairhope as it would everywhere if given a chance, but it would make the land speculators work, too.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

July 31, on board S. S. *Colorado*, 3 p. m.

Dear Friends:—We are scheduled to sail at 2 o'clock, and still the lading goes on. Mr. Gaston and Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott came with me, and we were introduced to the principal officers and then made a complete tour of the ship. It was very hot below and we only *looked* into the fire-room where six furnaces were blazing.

The tide is high, for the gang-plank hangs nearly perpendicular. How the summer sun beats down on this ship! There is scarcely a breath of air. The most charming thing aboard is the three-weeks-old baby of a pretty and very young mother. I borrow the baby and nurse it for half an hour or so. It was a very quiet child, but evidently three weeks on this planet had made him weary of life, for he yawned continually.

Mr. Gaston was exceedingly kind in seeing me off. The captain and the engineer knew him and praised him after he was gone. He had once been a passenger on this ship. x x x The gong calls us to lunch. I hoped there would be electric fans over the dinner table, but there were none. The written menu was ample as any dinner need be. There was even soup; but the only palatable thing to me was the ice water. I tried the potato salad and wished the cook might use the Fairhope recipe.

Later—At last the baby goes down the steep gang-plank, and we back out into the bay.

August 1, 6 a. m.—This is heavenly. How delightful the breeze, how blue and clear the water! Yesterday I felt so ill that I doubted the wisdom of leaving the Pines, but a long night of precious sleep with the sea air playing over me has made life worth living. Think, dear friends, of *my* having nothing to do but lounge and "feed" and sleep!

There are only a dozen or less of the passengers, and they are very nice people. I lie in a steamer chair and lazily watch the sea, which is as calm as a mountain lake. Do you know that in the golden age of the future we shall have clean water like this washing the feet of all maritime cities. Why not? No refuse or impurity will ever be dumped into it. All the waste of life and of living will be recognized as most precious to the land. The underground sewer with death in every section of it will be a thing of the past, and keeping our streams and all our waters pure will be a sacred duty of the municipality. This was the idea of Owen, the leader of the Topolobampo enterprise. The cleaning of fish for the big camp and for the river camps, 30 miles away, was a serious labor, as all the waste had to be taken far out from shore and thrown overboard. It could not be buried there, where practically it was all rock. To remember this one fact of right beginning is a great satisfaction.

Thursday p. m., Five bells. See how nautical we are! x x x There may be some excuse under some circumstances for washing one's fingers at the dinner table and drying them on a napkin, but I must say it seems out of place on shipboard, where there are oceans of time and our rooms so little distance from the table. x x x At table Fairhope was mentioned, and a young gentleman who knew everything predicted the sure downfall of the colony because we did not permit money making by the corporation. What! own land and lease it, and make nothing out of it! The idea plainly excited his contempt. One gentleman only came to our defence. You can imagine how grateful I

felt. The engineer was not at the table. He, I think, knows something of Henry George.

Friday p. m. The gentleman mentioned is G. D. Clark, a merchant of Scranton, Mississippi. He has read much, and is evidently a successful, happy man: *id est*, a very pleasant *compagnon de voyage*.

Later. A long and spirited discussion on deck by disputants whom the passengers facetiously dubbed J. P. Morgan (the captain), Li Hung Chang (Mr. Clark) and the Dowager Empress of China (M. H.). I think it lasted for hours, and sometimes all three were talking at once. J. P. Morgan had nothing good to say of China. He iterated and reiterated all the abuse of sailors and missionaries, even to the charge of killing female children, eating rats, selling women, &c. &c. &c. It was really regrettable in a nice, intelligent, agreeable man, who plays whist like an angel! It was no use arguing with him; no use citing the testimony of writers who had lived years in the interior of China, like the French consul, G. Eugene Simon, the scholarly author of *La Cite Chinoise;* and finally Li and M. H. resorted to nonsense. We declared that we could never have gone to sea but for China, since she gave us the compass; could have had no Fourth of July for want of fire crackers; and how would we ever have known when to go to dinner without the gong! Someone said that you could not argue with Dr. Johnson, for when his gun missed fire he knocked you down with the butt end of it. Most of the passenger listeners were silent, but they mostly sympathised with the captain, as passengers always do. Mr. Clark make a strong effort, continually reminding "J. P. Morgan" of the fact that he was talking of a vast empire of over six million of inhabitants who know how to keep the bulk of their people on the land and for centuries to exist, multiply their arts and industries and increase their population without a standing an army—the few soldiers for their vast frontier being quite insignificant.

The next argument will, no doubt, be on the Single Tax when I think you will see we have a strong champion in Mr. Clark.

A good crowd went up to Daphne on Wednesday evening from Battles and Fairhope, and joined a larger crowd at the lawn party and entertainment at the old court-house for the benefit of the Point Clear Baptist Church. The program was by pupils of Miss Maud Muller Scott's class in expression. The following partieipated (all from Fairhope save one): Annie Mae Oswalt, Dorothy Rowe, Martha Ahrens, Frances and Mary DeCoudres, Fae Stersic, and Grace Hutchings. Miss Scott also recited by request Pickett's Charge. Messrs. Dr. Sheldon and Will Dealy assisted with comic songs and recitations.

An examination of the tax schedules returned by the deputy assessors reveals the fact that the only people in Omaha who have pianos that exceed $200 in value are a few poor people who have not yet learned the art of lying. And strange to say, the same authority will show that very few of the very rich men have such a thing as money on hand or in a bank. If the law for the punishment of perjury were enforced, most of the population would be in the penitentiary; the evidence that would send them there would be the tax schedules to which they made oath. There is a cause for good men swearing that they have no personal property. That cause lies in the fact that the state is a highway robber when it collects a personal property tax. Men are learning this fact, and, as they are otherwise helpless against the invader of their homes, they lie about their possessions. Better come out into the open, and annihilate the monster.—*The Sguare Deal.*

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Council met in regular session on Monday evening; Messrs. Bancroft, Call and Mathison present. Vice President Stimpson in the chair. The following bills were allowed:

John A. Patterson, paid A. Stearns, wharf work	$4 69	
Paid George Swift, wharf work	2 81	
Paid Ralph Coutant, cleaning bath houses	45	
Paid Steamer charges on water works fittings	10	$8 05
J. H. H. Smith, probate judge, recording fee		85
E. B. Gaston, postage in July	1 51	
Printing 200 copies water works rules	1 00	
Printing 1000 letter heads	3 50	
Printing notices of referendum	85	
Printing official ballots for special election	1 00	7 86
A. L. Stearns, janitor service, 4 meetings		1 60
G. W. Wood, collecting water rents		1 05
J. Bellangee, grading around pumping station, etc., to July 20		5 93

Messrs. Stimpson and Call allowed 75c each for work on well, on bill previously reported by Mr. Stimpson.

Treasurer's report presented as follows:

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Highways	$12.50	G. M. Bancroft	$66.90
Rents, 1905	7.00	Highways	14.11
Rents, 1906	149.90	Taxes	29.09
Rent Penalty	2.59	Schools	50.00
Wharfage	29.18	Salaries	28.68
Telephone	8.50	Water Fund	100.00
Water Fund	60.37	Telephone	10.00
Sundries	.50	Postage and Printing	27.09
		Well and Windmill	12;50
Total Receipts for July	$270.54	Sundries	4.40
Cash on hand July 1	178.53	Total Disbursements	$342.77
Total Credits, July 31	$449.07		
Total Disbursements	342.77		
Cash on hand July 31	$106.30		

Mr. Patterson reported business of wharf as follows:

Week ending July 21—freight, 17.28; passenger, $5.25 (39 coupons); total, $22.53; paid treasurer $13.52.

Week ending July 28—freight, $16.94; passenger, $5.80 (41 coupons); total, $22.74; paid treasurer $13.64.

Week ending August 4—freight, $22.39; passenger, $4.90 (49 coupons); total, $27.29; paid treasurer $16.37.

Secretary reported settlement with American Supply Co. as per instructions of Council, first having applied on the account $50 received from Mrs. Howland for a connection with the mains, leaving the amount for which note was given $740.37.

Clerk of water-works instructed to fix guage on water tank and to clean out tank, and to have the well covered.

Supt. of Public Services directed to make a report of all materials purchased for wharf from January first to July first, of whom bought and what amounts are due therefor.

Committee consisting of Call, Mathison and Gaston appointed to go over report of school committee.

Superintendent of Lands and Highways Bancroft recommended that a tier 2 lots wide of 66ft. lots be platted on the west of street across White tract, as recently changed, and that White avenue (first east and west street in the tract) be made 100ft wide at the front, narrowing to present width on east line of Nichols tract. It was so ordered by motion, and also that street on south line of tract be correspondingly widened toward the front on Corporation side. Mr. Bancroft was directed to have platting done at once in conformity with this action.

Mr. Bancroft also directed to survey and stake Mr. Stimpson's west line in conformity with new plat.

Application of T. J. McIlrath for north 132ft of Joseph W. Lawrence tract, granted.

Application of Mrs. Bertha Mathison for lots 1 and 2, block 45, division 4, granted, provided notice be posted and no objection be filed by next Monday evening.

Application of W. H. Bryant for lots 1 and 2, block 1, division 1, granted.

L. V. Barnhart appointed janitor in place of Mr. Stearns, resigned.

Adjourned to meet on Monday evening, the 13th, to consider the matter of selling turpentining privilege.

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Remember the Thursday evening services at the Christian Church, conducted by Rev. Claude E. Hill.

Dont forget the oratorical contest at the Hall on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock sharp. Admission only 5c.

Miss Harriet Dynan, of Chicago, arrived on Thursday evening to spend a few weeks with her friends, the Sweets.

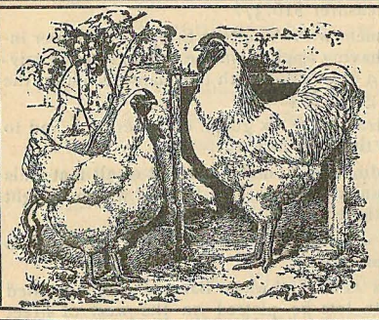
A son was born on Monday, the 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Posey, summering in the Lee cottage. The COURIER takes the liberty of suggesting that this youngster, who had the good taste to be born in Fairhope ought to have "Fairhope" for one of his names even if it is thrown in as an extra.

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Mr. Ewald has treated his cottage to a coat of paint.

Mr. A. T. Clarke of Mobile with his famiis in the west Coming s cottage.

Fresh lot of garden seeds just received. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. Jno. Cafferty and family, in one of the Wolf cottages, have as guests this week Miss Alice Carrol and the St. Bernard collegiau, M. J. McCafferty.

Mr. C. F. Perry wife and little daughter, of Stanton, Central Alabama, arrived on Tuesday evening with intention of remaining. They are friends of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Mathews.

The R. L, Douglass family have returned to Mobile, but were greatly pleased with their five weeks' stay at Fairhope. Mrs Douglass gained fifteen pounds in weight in the five weeks.

The minstrel entertainment by the firemen at the hall tonight is to be "the event of the season". Don't fail to go, enjoy a hearty laugh and help out the firemen in their worthy efforts in behalf of the whole community.

Mrs. Ellyson, of Citronelle, who was here for several days visiting the Braams, returned to her home for a few days and came back with reinforcements, Mrs. F. W. Greene accompanying her. Mr. Ellyson arrived last evening and will remain over Sunday, and Mr. Greene is expected this evening. They have rooms in Mrs. Bessie Call's pleasant cottage.

Mr. J. H. Currie joined his family here on Sunday morning and remained until Wednesday morning when he returned to Mississippi to look after some business matters requiring attention. He expects to be back again for a longer stay in about a week. He is prosecuting attorney for the Meridian district. He is as much charmed with Fairhope as is his wife and the prospect is excellent for his taking a lot, and building a cottage for the regular summer occupancy of the family.

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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County. J. S. LAMBERT, Bay Minette, Ala.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

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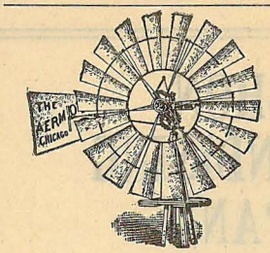
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Mr. McDonald one of the popular clerks of C. J. Gayfer and Co. Mobile, is spending a weeks vacation at Rest cottage.

The concert and ball at Fairhope hall on Saturday night, for the benefit of the North River Park school, was fairly well attended, in spite of counter attractions. A very enjoyable program was presented and a neat sum realized for the desired purpose.

New goods every day at Mershon Merchandising Company's.

Rev. Gardner C. Tucker of Mobile, is having a nice cottage built at Seacliff.

FOR SALE OR RENT: A store room 40x64 feet with movable partition, with fixtures. Living rooms upstairs. Good opening for a hustler. C. K. BROWN, Fairhope.

A fine son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. Trenholme on Friday of last week and mother and child are doing exceedingly well.

FOR SALE — One O. I. C. (Chester White) male, and one female that will have pigs Sept. 4. Both thoroughbred. Suitable to be crossed with the native hogs. Will weigh about 250 to 275 lb each.

J. D. STRATTAN, at W. E. Sweet's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynch and daughter and Mrs. Lynch's mother, all of Mobile, are in one of Mr. Wolf's cottages.

Mr. Steenstra has added a gallery on the south and west to the late Goor place, adding much to its appearance and comfort.

FOR SALE—A good young cow. Will be fresh (second calf) in a few weeks. $20. See George W. Lawrence, Fairhope.

Don't you want a good saddle? We have some good ones and they are all for sale. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. Hammond, a Robertsdale merchant, was in Fairhope a few days ago and bought quite a bill of the Fairhope Canning and Preserving Company.

The Albert Stearns family left on Monday for Pensacola, Florida. They would prefer living in Fairhope, but work is more plentiful and wages higher in Pensacola just at present.

The Battles people are past masters of the art of getting money from the public by means of entertainments. Their lawn party on last Saturday night is reported to have netted in the neighborhood of $400.

Thanks to Captain Marshal Carney and the launch Haskel, Rev. C. E. Hill was able, after his morning service in Mobile, to get over to Fairhope in the afternoon and to preach for the local congregation in the evening. He will speak at the church again on next Sunday evening.

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues. Also a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection, and a public hall of large size, comfortably seated.

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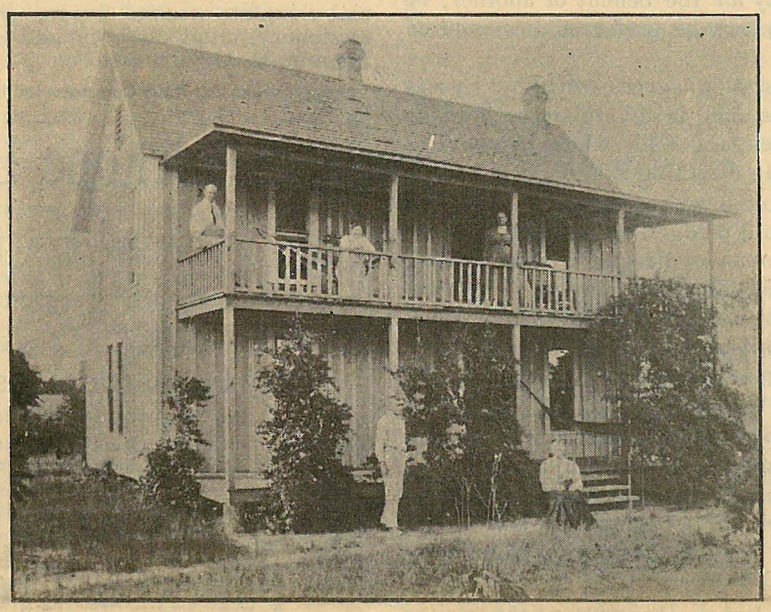
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Residence of
P. Y. Albright



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Photo by E. L. Page

OUR PICTURE is of the comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. Albright, on Magnolia Ave., purchased by them recently of Mr. L Vanderbeck and greatly improved in appearance by the two story veranda or "gallery," as we say in this country.

This pleasant home is located on a beautiful lot 100x 279 feet on Magnolia Ave., only a block and a half from the center of the town. The rent upon the lot is $6 per year, which is the cost of having such a lot and home in Fairhope.

The parties shown in the picture are Mr. Paton and his mother, below, and Mr. and Mrs. Albright and Mrs. Yarnelle, Sr. Above.

Land Values Advancing in Mobile.

Talking the other day on the *Pleasure Bay* with a couple of Mobile gentlemen summering on this shore, we had an opportunity to learn how the landlords are not only following up but anticipating the increase in land values in that city.

One gentleman, who had with much difficulty secured a five-year lease upon the property in which he does business, at a rental of $1500 a year, has already, with the lease having run but two years, been offered an advance of $700 per year for the three years remaining, cash in advance, for his lease. This, with the interest on the advance payment, amounts to an advance of 50 per cent. in two years—and is all land value—for the building is just as it was when the lease was taken.

Just at the present this tenant is on the "right side of the game," but he has a forecast of what will happen to him when his lease expires in three years He may be forced out of business.

Another gentleman is paying $1500 a year for a building which, within less than ten years, was renting for $400 a year, and which has been condemned by the city and is only allowed to be occupied by sufferance, while a new building is being erected by the tenant. As the building is worthless, this is all ground value.

We were told on good authority at the same time that one of the largest dry-goods stores in Mobile is closing out its business and leaving the city and that the chief reason given was the enormous increase in rents.

Editor Courier's Plan for More "Democracy"

We stated in last issue that we deemed it to be safe and desirable to go further than is at present provided in admitting non-member lessees to participation in Colony affairs and would suggest a plan for doing so.

It should be unnecessary to state that the members of the Corporation having in their constitution and lease contracts put wholly away from themselves every opportunity to reap any selfish advantage from those who might locate within the Colony, the only purpose they could have in denying to any the fullest participation in its administration, is to safe-guard its funda-

mental policies. This it is their right and duty to do—and this, we may say, they will do—but beyond this it seems to us very desirable, not only for making Fairhope a "model community" in every respect possible, but for the satisfaction and peace of mind of those responsible for its existence, that all of its citizens should be made to feel themselves sharers in its privileges and responsibilities.

Common sense would dictate that if one was bound to administer a property for the benefit of another, he should let the other say how he preferred it should be done.

The Fairhope Corporation agrees with its lessees that its public revenues shall be administered for the joint benefit. Let, then, those for whose benefit the task is to be done join in directing it.

Nearly two years ago the writer proposed that the Executive Council should pledge itself for one year to expend the net land rentals as directed by the lessees. This was done, substantially, but the privilege and responsibility were not brought home to the non-member lessees as might and should have been done.

We know that this offer did not have any noticeable effect in allaying the criticism to which the so called "management" was subjected, but the trial was not long enough or thorough enough. And if unjust criticism followed a longer and more thorough test it would be seen by fair minded men to be unfounded and would simply react upon the critics, destroying their influence.

After much consideration of the matter, the writer some weeks since formulated a plan, which has been privately submitted to some of the members of the Corporation and some lessees, and is hereby presented as embodying his views of what it is safe and advisable to do. it is in the form of a declaration to be made by the resident members of the Corporation, as follows:

We, the undersigned, resident members of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, being genuinely desirous of extending to the non-member lessees of the Corporation every privilege of participation in the administration of Colony affairs, which can be given them without endangering its fundamental policy, but believing it is not practicable to amend the constitution in this particular at this time, hereby agree, as members of the Corporation and officers (if such) that they shall, if not in arrears, have a vote upon the expenditure of funds derived from land rentals and from the public services operated by the Corporation, including the right of petition under the initiative and referendum, in matters pertaining to such expenditures, so long as they act in harmony with the constitution of the Corporation; reserving to the majority of the resident members the right to determine whether or not any measures favored are in harmony with the constitution.

"CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION."

Twice before Breakfast, and again after Dinner.

If it had not a serious side, it would be "sure amusin" to so often hear the refrain, "Let's change the Constitution."

To satisfy a portion of the good people we have been acquainted with in each of the "Colony's" where we have been familiar, would require at least a couple of changes each day before breakfast, and occasionally again after dinner to make them entirely happy. To change and change again the constitution, to tinker at some of the laws and regulations, seems in the view of these "reformers" the main push in all colony effort

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Instead of patiently working out the essential purpose of the ideal of using land rentals for community purposes and showing the world what a sponge to absorb the increased values of land, consequent on close settlement, is the landlord system, and how much more just it is to let this unearned increase created by the community, go to pay the community's necessary expenses, it seems to a portion of the people the main thing to do is to suggest and insist upon all the changes and variations possible in the constitution, so that if carried out and all these changes put into effect it could soon be said, at any possible change mentioned: "Oh! that has been tried, that was our ninety fifth change and it did not suit all the people, and there has been as many more tried since, and some want to change again."

Some of the changes suggested sound very much like spite, and personal malice, and are put in a way to do all the harm possible; some like late suggestions sound like a candid study by one portion of the residents seeking for a little broader justice for their side, but to adopt these changes might convey a slight injustice to some other interests involved. The fact should be kept constantly in mind, that it is an immensely difficult task to frame any constitution, or agreement for many people and many conditions, some members inside, some outside, some residents not members, some friendly to the ideal, some intensely antagonistic, so the effort to please and satisfy all, or even a majority, is at all times a most perplexing problem. But to go ahead at the main purpose of the colony's life, is neither difficult, nor troublesome, and the flattering progress, and the degree of success already attained in turning land values from the pockets of the landlords to the benefit of the community, is surely enough to encourage anyone imbued with the "spirit of progress" to persevere, and even to submit happily to some slight unevennesses in assessments, or lack of fullest possible equality in arrangements.

It seems self evident that we have already set the world a notable example of a successful step towards a higher ideal of justice, in this so fundamental reform, and that is worth much more than any degree of academic perfection of constitution.

That the "Single Tax" in all the academic perfection in which its great prophet wrote it down on paper ever can be or will be put into action just as he prescribed it, is a serious question. His disciples in New Zealand, tho' thoroughly imbued with the spirit of his teaching, did not copy exactly his rules, nor methods, but adapted them to existing conditions, and opinions, as well as they could, and expect to improve and develop as the years of experience go on, as we may hope to do in Fairhope, if we put our united efforts at growth and development, instead of faultfinding and querulous criticisms, at every flaw, or imperfection our imaginations lead us to think we can find in plans or execution of them.

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Mr. F. W. Greene, of Citronelle, spent several days here with his wife and daughter returning to Citronelle on Tuesday morning. Mr. Greene was the general agent of the M.&O. R. R. at Saint Louis in 1894 and came up to Des Moines to secure the routing of our first party of colonists over his line, which he did. He usually gets what he goes after. Naturally he has been considerably interested in Fairhope since, though this was his first visit to it. He says one hears of Fairhope everywhere, as it is one of the best advertised towns in the south, and congratulated us heartily on the substantial work accomplished since the day when he met the writer in Des Moines a little less than 12 years ago. Mr. Greene had the misfortune to make a little too perpendicular a dive, from the spring-board at the bath-house on the eve of his arrival, striking the bottom with such force that he drove his spinal column up a joint or two—he thought—and had a stiff neck during his stay materially interfering with his comfort. We hope to see him here again, and wish him better luck next time.

The farmers here have now time to look over their sales and strike a balance, and to several we have talked with their year's work is very satisfactory. Mr. Dibble in a letter to his home in Evansville, Wisc. writes of an acre he had in radishes which netted him $102.86. Besides that the same land is planted to corn which is as good as any he ever raised in the north, standing 10 and 12 feet high and with from 2 to 4 good ears on the stalk. Mr. Hyland's asparagus has netted him $200 per acre,and he is planting more of it. Pillman Bros, have done quite as well, as also has Mr. Haertel, Mr. Auvil, Mr. Klein and several others we have not interviewed. This season's crop has demonstrated the fact that money can be made here in a land where it is a pleasure to live both in winter and summer.—*Fruit dale Herald.*

The "Cloud Piercer" and its Site.

The following facts furnished by our New York correspondent, well known to Single Taxers, are of especial interest as showing the relative value of the greatest triumph of modern building engineering and its site:

Editor Courier:

The forty-one story building now being erected by the Singer Manufacturing Company is the tower part of a new L-shaped building estimated to cost about $1,500,000. The land (approximately) which this new building will occupy is now assessed for $1,489,000. As only some two fifths of it has now a Broadway frontage, averaging about $100 a square foot, and the other three-fifths now assessed at some $45 a foot will be joined to it, making it practically all Broadway land, this assessment is less than the real value of the plot.

The Singer manufacturing company owns all of this land and also the corner on which its old building stands, which is now assessed at $1,055,000 for the land, and $380,000 for the building. This new and old building and all the land occupied by them should be considered as a whole and it will be seen that the total assesment of the land is now over $2,500,000, while the value of both buildings will not exceed $2,000,000.

These figures are not exact as there have been changes in plans, and the lot dimensions are irregular. But they are close enough for illustration. No estimate can be made of the tower by itself, as it is only 60 feet square, and must be considered not only in relation to the building, but also more as an advertisement than as a commercial structure.

A. C. Pleydell.

The Gold Medal Contest

At the hall on Friday evening next week August 24 will be of unusual interest. Eight young people of Fairhope and vicinity, who have won silver medals for excelling in oratory will then enter a contest for a gold medal and the one who wins this gold medal will go to Citronelle later this fall, when the state convention of the W. C. T. U. is held, and enter there a contest with other young people who have won gold medals, for a "grand gold medal". Later the winner of this will have a chance to contest with other winners for a diamond medal. These medal contests are doubly valuable in teaching the art of high oratory and at the same time most valuable lessons in temperance and high moral concepts, as the declamations are selected for this exalting effect.

Local and Personal.

Mr. Slaughter received a telegram on Monday morning announcing the serious injury of his wife in an automobile accident, in Chicago, and left on the noon train Monday, Mrs. Greeno, following on Wednesday morning. It was reported that Mrs. Slaughter had her skull fractured and arm and jaw broken. Miss Slaughter escaped with only a shaking up. Later advices confirm the extent of Mrs. Slaughter's injuries, but state that she will recover.

The following Mobilians are late arrivals at the Fairhope House, having come down this week from Daphne. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and Miss Sue Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Lang, Miss Toxy, Dr. Gaines, wife and two children and Mr. Thompson. They are much pleased with Fairhope and the Fairhope House.

Mr. A. F. Dorey, superintendent of the Southern Industrial Association farm at Gateswood, this county, of which nearly all the stockholders are Chicago school teachers, is visiting his friends, the Sweets.

The series of W. C. T. U. silver medal contests was continued with contests at Silver Hill on August 2, at which Mae Stersic won the medal; Euclid Aug, 6 Uhlma Hail, winner; Aug. 11 at Fairhope hall, Clayton Baldwin, winner; at Captain Nichols' Fairhope, the 15th, Fae Stersic, winner. See notice elsewhere of the gold medal contest to be held on the 24th.

The Komikal Koncert by the "Feegee Funny Four" and assistants at the hall on last Friday evening afforded an evening's enjoyment to a very good audience. The F. F. F., Messrs. Dr. Sheldon, Pilcher, A. M. and W. A. Dealy, were genuinely funny, and their singing, dancing and acting would have done credit to professionals. The following also assisted: Mr. C. Anacker with a cello solo, Miss Maud Scott and Mr. Albright with recitations, Mr. Yarnelle with a character sketch and Mr. Gaston with solos, all of which were of a high order. We regret that limited space prevents mention of each number.

Mr. C F. Perry, our late arrival from Stanton, Ala., has secured by transfer from Mr. Albright, two lots on Section St., between Mr. Bell's and Mr. Freeman's upon which he will build at once. Mr. Perry is a native Alabamian and a Confederate veteran.

The Fifth Thursday Club meets this month—on Thursday, the 30th. Particulars as to place and program in next issue.

A pleasant dancing party was given in the hall on Tuesday evening by Miss Mamie Zurhorst.

The V. I. C. will meet next Thursday at 3 P, M. with the president, Mrs. R. F. Powell.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Council met in special session on Monday evening to consider the matter of leasing for turpentining the Corporation's unleased land.

All the members of the Council were present, save Mr. Rose, who is away, and there was also quite a large attendance of members, and lessees, and others.

The matter was discussed at length, the following participating: Messrs. Gaston, Lawrence, Creswell, Call, Yarnelle, Bellangee, Bancroft, Brown, (C. K. and F. L.), Strauss, Mathison and Stimpson.

A motion that the land be leased for turpentining and that bids be asked for, was carried by a vote of 3 to 1, Messrs. Call, Mathison and Patterson voting in the affirmative and Bancroft in the negative.

Council adjourned to meet the next morning at 9 a. m. on the White tract bay front to consider the matter of platting same, valuing lots and such other matters connected therewith as might come before them.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

On board Steamer *Colorado* Aug, 7, 1906.

* * * Much is to be learned from the passengers and officers of a steamer like this, and especially from the discussion one listens to between them. So far as I have learned there is only one on board who believes in equal suffrage for woman or negroes. For woman because it would unsex her, take away her value as mother, wife and housekeeper. That one is a woman, a very intelligent fruit grower of Florida, and she, alas! would see the negro disfranchised—for his own good, of course!

There are "lots" of nice people on board. One is a gentleman who has lived in our county, and says he used to know the Stapletons, and every body else there, is interested in our Colony and hopes sometime to visit us. He defended our "Single Tax" principles in one argument at the table, coming to my aid right ably and gallantly.

I was surprised to learn that this rich Mallory Co, has never given its officers an outing, but I believe it contemplates following the example of other rich companies in this respect. The engineer has been in their service twenty-five years and has not been off duty a day on account of illness. Whenever absent from any necessity his pay is docked. Every passenger here, I think, would testify to the uniform kindness and politeness of all the officers. The stewards also are prompt and capable and the sailors also, so far as a passenger can see. The *Colorado* is one of the oldest steamers of the line but staunch and finely built and her machinery works with wonderful smoothness. Very nearly everything is first class. The stair case to the dining-room is a splendid work of art.

Tomorrow at 9 a. m. we expect to be in New York.

I would so like to take a peep at the Pines and see if my chickens and flowers would know me.

BAY FRONT LOTS FOR LEASE

Notice is hereby given that the beautiful tract on the Bay Front, just south of the Captain Nichols tract, has been platted and is now open for lease.

Six Bay Front Lots

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Most of this tract is covered with magnificent shade trees and on some of the lots are bearing pecan trees.

The rent on the front lots has been fixed for the balance of this year at the rate of from $17 to $20 a year, and on lots not on the immediate front, but fronting on the V-shaped streets running at right angles to the Bay, at from $20 (for lot of extra size) to as low as $5.

These are annual rents, covering payment by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation of the taxes on the lots and also on improvements made thereon; free bathing privilege, free tuition in Colony School, free foot wharfage, and other advantages.

Appointments for examination of the lots may be made by addressing or calling upon the undersigned, of whom also full information, copies of lease, etc., may be obtained.

Applications are now in and will be considered by the Executive Council on next Monday evening, August 20th, for several of these lots.

In case of rival bidders the lots will be granted to the one who will bid the highest "bonus" in addition to the rent.

ERNEST B. GASTON, Sec.

By order of Executive Council, Aug. 14, '06.

Rare Bargain in Fairhope Property!

On account of his desire to use the money in business in Georgia, where he now is, Mr. J. W. Moorman has instructed us to offer his place on Fels avenue at an extraordinary bargain. This is a very convenient cottage of 6 rooms on ground floor, with large garret which would easily make another good sleeping room; wide gallery on front and two sides; boarded up and down, and finished with muslin and paper inside; 2 fireplaces; connected with public water system. Two lots, each 66x132ft, enclosed with neat board fence. Rent on lots to Colony, only $4 each. If sold at once, $500 cash.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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The water works tank was treated to a thorough cleaning out on Tuesday—and needed it.

Remember the Thursday evening services at the Christian Church, conducted by Rev. Claude E. Hill.

Mr. Corbett got back on Sunday morning from his western trip, which took him as far as Colorado. He is not yet fully decided as to his future movements.

Leaving Glencoe, Md. (about three hours from Philadelphia) on Monday morning, the Powells were in Fairhope by 8 o'clock Tuesday evening—a quick trip.

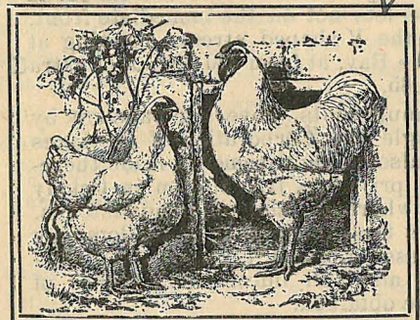
After seeing the new house on the farm finished, in which he has been so greatly interested, "Father" Knowles left last week on an extended visit among friends and relatives in Ohio and other northern states. He expects to be gone several weeks.

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Mr. DeCoudres has gone north and Mrs. DeCoudres will go tomorrow. The young ladies will in the meantime remain at the Dr. Scott place, at Battles.

Robt. R. Tisdale of the Lighthouse Engineer's office, Mobile, is spending the week here with his three grandsons, guests of the Darrows, in one of the Wolf cottages.

A. DeLong, wife and grandson of Citronelle, are at the Creswell home for a short stay. Mr. De Long has the honor of being mayor of his thriving little city and is a very pleasant gentleman.

The Haskell did not get in Sunday evening, in time for Rev. Hill to meet his Sunday evening appointment, but he will remain over next Sunday and preach at the church both morning and evening.

Capt. G. A. R. Lawrence came down from Bay Minette on Monday particularly to attend the special council meeting to consider the turpentine lease on the Corporation's unleased land. He returned to Bay Minette on Wednesday morning.

M. V. Watros agreeably surprised his many friends by his unannounced arrival on Monday morning to spend his vacation here. He is looking exceedingly well and has a very pleasant position at Enid, Okla., at a fine salary, but still thinks there is no place like Fairhope, and will not be satisfied until he gets back again.

Mr. A. H. Mershon returned on Sunday morning from his northern trip. He went as far as Chicago with his family, where they spent several days most pleasantly, with the Abbots who have been their guests here. Mr. Mershon prefers Fairhope to Chicago as a place of residence. Above Cairo he says the crops were suffering greatly from lack of rain.

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For the Legislature.

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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. Samuel C. Jenkins.

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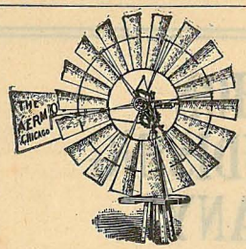
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Mrs. Pilcher and daughters Hazel and Margie left on last Saturday morning, for an extended northern trip going directly to St. Paul, Minnesota, where Mrs. Pilcher's sisters, Dr. Edith G. Fosnes and Miss Mary Gould are.

The Powells arrived on Tuesday evening to be with us again for some time and received a cordial welcome back. They arrived in Mobile on the afternoon L. & N. train—late as usual—but thanks to the launch, Haskell, were able to get over the same day.

New goods every day at Mershon Merchandising Company's.

The editor, when in Mobile last week, had the pleasure of being shown by Captain John Foster over the splendid steamer lately purchased by Mr. H. B. Slaughter for the Florida coast trade, and brought around from Galveston, Texas, by Captain Foster. The ship is the Manteo, an iron vessel, over two hundred feet in length, with good speed, great cargo-carrying capacity, on light draught and fine passenger accommodations. A large force of workmen were engaged in giving her a thorough overhauling under the captain's direction, and she will be ready for service in about two weeks probably. Later we shall give a fuller description of her.

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News has been received by Fairhope friends of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Unger's baby, which had been delicate from birth, and to preserve whose feeble life they had made such great efforts. It died at their home in Western Springs, Illinois, a couple of weeks ago

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Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

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Courier Closes Twelfth Volume Enlargement With Next Issue.

This number completes the twelfth volume of the COURIER, quite a ripe old age for a "reform" newspaper, reached only, as our fellow reform editors will especially appreciate, by persistence and self-sacrifice on the part of the publisher and generous support from the paper's friends.

Thanks to these the COURIER, having seen during its twelve years, the downfall of contemporaries by the score, is on a better footing than ever before and able to announce an enlargement of more than fifty per cent with the beginning of the next volume.

The increased space will enable us to report more fully the important happenings at Fairhope and will also enable us to keep our readers in touch with the news of the great movement throughout the world, which we have greatly desired to do, but which our limited space has forbidden.

The extra work involved in making the change and the difficulty of getting extra help when needed may make us late with our next week's issue, and it will be some time before we get things just as we want them. We bespeak the forbearance of our friends for any shortcomings apparent during the next few weeks.

Boat Business Proves Prosperity of Fairhope.

One has only to travel on the steamer to measure the relative importance of Fairhope and other Eastern Shore towns. Several gentlemen who make the trip frequently agree that the passenger business at Fairhope will average very nearly if not quite as large as at all six of the other landings above. This does not however, include the passengers from Daphne wharves by the *Caloosa*.

To see the passengers stream off and on the boat here on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening and Monday morning, in particular, is quite a sight. They are often thickly strung along the whole length of the wharf.

The exclamation is frequently heard from passengers on the steamer: "why, Fairhope seems to be the most popular place on the shore." And so it is, and steadily becoming more so, for Fairhope is conceded to be growing more rapidly than any other shore town.

This growth in population and business is, as it was intended to be, the strongest kind of an argument for the policies whose benefits it exists to demonstrate.

Hostile critics may try to explain its prosperity on other grounds than its policy, or even declare it a "failure" but the *facts* of its continuing growth and vitality, are too apparent to those having opportunity to see. They only serve to advertise the "Single Tax Town," and make it more talked of, and thought of, than it would otherwise be. And the fair-minded man, when led to investigate by criticism, as is often the case, is easily convinced of the good intentions of its founders and the just and beneficient working of its policies.

Opinions of Prominent Single Taxers on Mr. Norton's Criticisms of Fairhope.

H. F. RING FULLY APPROVES COURIER'S POSITION.

EDITOR COURIER:

In reference to Mr. Norton's views of the policy pursued by the Fairhope Colony, I heartily approve of the position taken by you in connection with the matter, and know of nothing further to add to what you have said about it in the COURIER. Yours Truly,

Houston, Tex. H. F. RING.

J. W. HARRINGTON RESTATES CASE PLAINLY.

EDITOR COURIER:

I beg to say that I think it will be a relief to the readers of the COURIER when the controversy with Mr. Norton is brought to an end. There has been nothing gained in a long time by the multiplication of words in this controversy. I cannot see that Mr. Norton has said any thing new in some time. I find nothing but the same old arguments re-stated and again re-stated. To me they seem without force; they have all been completely answered, and even the answers have been restated a sufficient number of times. Cannot this controversy be dropped?

The majority, I think nearly all, single taxers agree to the following propositions as to the Fairhope policy.

1 That no tax should be collected from any resident except a single tax on the value of the land occupied by such resident.

2 That such tax should be equal to the full rental value.

3 That the rental value is not "fixed" by the occupant, the residents, nor the officers; but is "fixed" by the present demand for the land under the present existing conditions.

4 That the duty of the corporation by its officers, is to discover the actual value of the land, which is precisely the same problem met with by the assessing officers of every community, and which is probably no more different in Fairhope than in any village of like size. There is nothing so easy to assess as land values.

5 That those who pay the full rental value as a tax, should have all their burdens of government defrayed out of that fund, so far as possible; which of course involves the payment of their state and county taxes.

6 That the future rental value cannot be "fixed" in advance, for the very good reason that no human wisdom can determine in advance what the future value will be.

7 That the policy of the Council should be, and probably will be, to collect the full rental value year by year as it arises, and no more.

Yours very truly,

Oshkosh, Wis. J. W. Harrington.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Council met in regular session on Monday evening with all members present save F. W. Rose.

Minutes of meetings of Aug. 6, 13 and 14 read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

J. A. Patterson, paid Wm. Stimpson for 30 piles for wharf @ 45c		$13 50
Feb. 28, paid for 4 pairs braces for telephone @ 10c	$ .40	
April 25, 10 pr. same	1 00	
May 10, 1 pair of batteries	80	2 20
Aug. 9, paid Jos. Keller for blacksmith work for wharf		25
Paid F. L. Brown for hauling and sawing 2,384 feet of lumber @ $9 and delivering same @ $1.25, for wharf		24 43
Council ordered a warrant drawn for stumpage on above lumber, to be recorded as received from the land and expended on the wharf		9 54

Superintendent of public services reported wharf business as follows:

Week Ending	Freight	Passenger	Coupons	Total	Pd Corp
Aug. 11	$17.07	$5.10	46	$22.17	$13.30
Aug. 18	19.48	5 90	56	25.38	15.23

Application of Rev. C. E. Hill for lots 2 and 4, blk XIV F, division 2, granted.

Transfer of lots 2 and 3, block 3, division 4, from P. Y. Albright to C. F. Perry, approved.

Mrs. Mary B. Allison applied for lots 1 and 2, block 13 F, division 2. Mrs. C. E. Nichols also applied for lot 1, offering a bonus of $1. No. 2 was granted Mrs. Ellyson and it was voted that she be notified of Mrs. Nichols' bid and that the lot will be held open for further bids until the next meeting of the Council.

Superintendent of lands and highways reported that the Home Telephone Co. found it necessary to cut away trees along their line and was instructed to receive bids for ascertaining who will utilize such trees on the best terms, and report at the next meeting.

He also reported that he and the vice president had looked over the streets and bay front on the White tract and indicated the work needed in clearing away brush, trimming off the lower branches of trees and removing such trees as are in the way. He was instructed to receive bids for this work also, until the next meeting.

In regard to the granting of a turpentine lease on unused land, it was voted to advertise for bids in two issues of the Courier, *Standard*, and *Times;* bids to be received in two ways: by the box and in a lump sum, and the right to reject any and all bids being reserved.

The matter of providing bath-house facilities for those building on the White tract bay front was discussed, but no action taken.

The Courier job office has just printed three thousand neat four-page folders setting forth the advantages of Fairhope in winter, due chiefly to the enterprise of brother Comings who ordered 1000 for his own use and secured orders from others for the remainder of the edition.

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Dear L. You said you would promptly send me all the important Fairhope news; and I have been here almost a week, and not a word has come to me from any one at home. Of course I am "in clover" at this lovely home of the Lovells, but I cannot but worry a little. Even the private elevator—a luxury I never before enjoyed—and the colored gentleman to open and shut the front door cannot prevent my wondering how those young White Wyandottes are getting on without me, and if the mocking birds have eaten *all* the rest of the figs. The Courier of the second instant I found here, and that of the ninth is overdue. * * * How this New York has changed in thirteen years! The most striking thing was Trinity Church steeple, which used to tower above everything on lower Broadway. Now the "sky-scrapers" around it and close to it make it look like a toy church. Speaking of a church reminds me that last Sunday I went with one of the Lovell family to the service of the Vedanta Society. Respectability was written on everything, even on the four yellow candles that burned on the simple altar. To me it was very pleasant to hear the voice of a real Hindu *Swami*, (religious teacher) reading and expounding the *Bhagavet Gita;* but I confess the long season of meditation or silent prayer seems inadequate to fill all my mind, and (but for its being Sunday) I could wish I had brought along some knitting or crochet work!

* * * I feel better and stronger than I have for two years at least; and it seems selfish in me to be here just enjoying myself, while the rest of you are working. But you will not like to hear this, and I desist.

x x x You can imagine, D. D., what long talks we are having about our Mexican colony. What a history it is! And that little precious Fairhope Public Library has a complete file of the organ of the venture, *the Credit Foncier of Sinaloa.* You could have added stirring incidents. Let me quote from your late letters, as I promised recently to do: "I have heard from 'Don Eugenio', Mr. Tays [one of our Civil Engineers there—M. H.], several times in the last two or three years. He is prospering greatly. Lands that we could have taken title to at from one to seven cents an acre are now selling at from $2.50 to $5 an acre.

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Brother Colley of the *South Alabamian*, Jackson, Ala., tried the experiment of twice a week issues for a few months, but has gone back to weekly issues and eight five-column pages.

Mr. Mark Peavy, a prominent merchant of Mississippi, who has visited Fairhope, missed an issue of the Courier and writing for it says: "My interest is intense in everything that transpires in the model city of Single Tax."

A feature of the last number of the "*Review of Reviews*", is a symposium by 45 Labor Members of Parliament on the books which helped them most. The editor says that next to the Bible and Dickens, Henry George has left a deep impression upon the mind of the average workman.—*Land Values*, Glasgow, Scotland, August, 1906.

We have reason to be particularly pleased with the number of visitors to Fairhope thls summer from interior southern towns. Citronelle, Ala., and Meridian, Miss. are especially well represented, not only in numbers but in the quality of the people furnished to swell our summer population. As almost without exception they are delighted with Fairhope, we may look for more another season.

We have accumulated a stock of several hundred copies of the Courier, of various dates for a year past, which we would be very glad to send out in quantities to suit, to friends who will distribute them where they are likely to do good. If you feel disposed to send stamps or coin along to help pay the expense, we will appreciate it; but we will send them prepaid, without charge, if requested, either to subscribers who will distribute them, or direct to addresses furnished.

C. F. Nesbit, of Washington D. C., sends a subscription for the Courier to be sent to "Crystola Brotherhood Town, Mines and Milling Co.," Green Mountain Falls Colo. He says: I do not know if you are familiar with this movement. It is along our lines and is very significant. I want them to become familiar with the best land policy and I really think Fairhope has it, I was last week at Arden, Frank Stephens' place in Delaware. That is coming on. My conviction is that within ten years these colonies of *free soil* will be dotted all over this country. It is the next step in our social evolution. The land must be free. I do not think anything but sickness or death will prevent me from visiting Fairhope before next January."

Monroe, La., is much in the public eye now for its experiments in municipal ownership. Not only does it own its water-works and electric lighting system, but it has its own street railway system, and even a municipal theatre, base ball park and race track. The results of its experiments will be followed with especial interest. It may be safely assumed from experience elsewhere that the water-works, electric light and street railway will prove successes. The municipal theatre, ball park and race track are innovations.

Clean up the Streets and Your Premises. Appeal From the Village Improvement Club.

Mobile had a "clean-up day" recently, which proved a great success. The mayor proclaimed the date; the newspapers took it up vigorously; the city furnished carts to haul the rubbish away, and the people turned to with a will, cleaned up the rubbish on their yards, mowed the weeds—even in many cases on the streets in front of their premises—greatly to the improvement not only of the appearance of the city, but of its sanitary condition. Fairhope ought to have such a cleaning up day and we suggest that the Council set a date for it.

Later: The Courier office has just been visited by a committee from the V. I. C. stating that at the meeting today (Thursday) the Club decided to take the initiative in the work of cleaning up Fairhope. It will employ a man to mow the weeds from the principal streets, but urgently invites the co-operation of citizens, either by mowing in front of their premises or paying the man employed by the Club for doing so, when he comes along. The co-operation of the property-holders in this way will make the burden of each very light, and will add immensely to the appearance of our village, in which all should take a proper pride.

If the yellow weeds are cut off the streets now, and when dry piled and burned, the crop will not be nearly so luxuriant another season.

Property-holders should also mow inside their fences at the same time. With a clean street, untidy yards will look doubly bad. The Courier hopes to report a general response to the call of the V. I. C.

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Successful Farming, a bright little agricultural journal published at Des Moines, urges its readers to "buy land now." It says:

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The "wise investor" is not the fellow who studies "the country's problems" with a view to solving them for his country's benefit, but to turn his knowledge to his personal profit.

The wise statesman, seeing how future generations must have access to the soil to maintain their existence, will not support the policy which will make their necessity the opportunity for the unearned gains of "investors", but will advocate a policy which will now, a hundred or a thousand years hence, secure to all equal opportunity to supply their wants from nature's storehouse—the earth.

Severe Electrical Storm Wednesday.

Oone of the severest electrical storms ever experienced in this vicinity, visited Fairhope on Wednesday. The rain poured, the wind blew and the lightning snapped and cracked around in terrifying style, striking in five places which have been reported to us. Mr. Swift's house was struck at the comb near the chimney and the bolt ran down the side of the roof, ripping off the shingles and splintering the rafter and cornice boards. Another bolt is reported to have struck Mr. Dunnell's little home, about two miles out, scattering his effects and even singing his hair though not shocking him severely. Another struck a tall pine just opposite the COURIER office. Another played along Mr. Fisher's wire fence, on Fels avenue, shattering several posts as it went off into the ground, and still another pranced down the Home Telephone Company's line on Section street, leaving its mark on several poles. Several telephones were put out of business temporarily but no serious injury was done.

BAY-FRONT LOTS LEASED.

As reported in the Council proceedings, applications for lease of lots in the White bay-front tract were granted on Monday evening, of Rev. Claude E. Hill (for two) and Mrs. A. W. Ellyson of Citronelle (for one).

Rev. Hill is the well known pastor of the First Christian Church, Mobile; and one of the lots applied for by him is for another member of his congregation, Mr. Hakason, a contractor. Mrs. Ellyson is the wife of the postmaster at Citronelle. All expect to build upon their lots before the opening of the summer season next year, and all are influential people who will attract others.

The salt water, which was driven down the bay for a couple of weeks by high water in the rivers, returned with a rush last week, bringing with it crabs, shrimp and fish galore. Great quantities of shrimp and crabs have been caught, and flounders were fairly to be picked up along the beach. On last Saturday evening, in almost every haul of little shrimp seines, four or five yards long, nice flounders would be drawn out. One big fellow out a little way, right alongside the wharf, could be seen so plainly from the wharf, that even his markings could be plainly distinguished, and lay there until a young fisher lad came along and transfixed him with his cruel gig. Over 60lb., actual weight, of shrimp were caught by the Gasses the day before. The value of the food supply drawn from the bay at this point will run up into large figures. and constitutes a very important feature of the economic advantages of the location.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

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"All these painful and pleasant experiences—the external ones painful, the internal ones pleasant—seem to me like a dream: part of the dream a nightmare, as when with a big Smith & Wesson double-acting 44 calibre revolver in my hand, I stood by Col. Owen while he smashed the Mexican 'Speak Easy' one beautiful Sunday morning and emptied out all the *mescal*, the *tequilo* and other fiery beverages. Also when two of our colonists started out over the hills, swearing they would find and shoot Owen; and when Tays, Campbell and myself strapped on our belts and took our carbines and started out to hunt the hunters! There was a part of me that was frightened, and another part that was resolute and determined. All these experiences have a lesson to teach provided we are willing to learn it."

Just One Farmer.

It is not often that the people of Alabama choose farmers to the senate or to congress. At present every member of congress is a lawyer except Mr. Bankhead, the senior member. Both the senators are lawyers.

Of the candidates for the next congress all are lawyers except Captain Hobson, the nominee in the Sixth district, and Percy Clark, a candidate in the fourth district.

Of the candidates for the senate, regular and alternate, all are lawyers except Captain Bankhead, who is a farmer. He is the only farmer candidate for any of the places at Washington.

While Captain Bankhead has been in public life for many years, he has always been a farmer. He has had his home on his farm and has spent the months there between the sessions of congress. Not only is he a farmer, but he raises good crops every year and has always done so.

It is remarkable that only one man has been able to maintain himself as a statesman in congress from Alabama for twenty years, who is a farmer and has always been a farmer. If Mr. Bankhead goes to the senate he will be the first farmer senator. His distinguished services have made him conspicuous, and no man, lawyer or business man, surpasses him in service.—adv. *Birmingham Ledger.*

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On account of his desire to use the money in business in Georgia, where he now is, Mr. J. W. Moorman has instructed us to offer his place on Fels avenue at an extraordinary bargain. This is a very convenient cottage of 6 rooms on ground floor, with large garret which would easily make another good sleeping room; wide gallery on front and two sides; boarded up and down, and finished with muslin and paper inside; 2 fireplaces; connected with public water system. Two lots, each 66x132ft, enclosed with neat board fence. Rent on lots to Colony, only $4 each. If sold at once, $500 cash.

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Our old friend Louis LeSaulnier, the "Single Tax Druggist" of Red Bud., Ill., who stopped his COURIER for a time on account of being away from home, is back again and orders the COURIER again to his address. He writes:

"I am at home again and want to keep posted on Fairhope affairs, as I take great interest to hold up and advertise Fairhope as a good object lesson. I found great discontent wherever I went, in Germany as well as in Washington, D. C., and elsewhere; that is, among people who think and can understand cause and effect. I took pleasure in giving many people the address of the FAIRHOPE COURIER so they could keep up their interest in investigating further what I presented to them as worthy, and which in by far the most instances, was new and aroused thought. I try to get all people with whom I come in contact to think out for themselves what would be the result if the United States, state and county governments would not interfere in any way and allow Fairhope to set an unhampered example in showing the better way of administering public affairs."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Banner patterns at Call's.

Scuppernong grapes for sale by Mrs. Otto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellyson and Mrs. McCall returned to Citronelle last week.

Watch our windows for fall hats and shoes —Mershon Merchandising Co.

Dr. Rowe's windmill was struck several times during the electrical storm of Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. DeLong returned to their home in Citronelle on Tuesday, after a pleasant visit.

Remember the Thursday evening services at the Christian Church, conducted by Rev. Claude E. Hill.

Road Overseer Shermer has been doing some very much needed work on the public road, Battles to Fly Creek, of which he is in charge.

Fairhope, always healthy, is quite remarkably so this summer. Our physicians would have "slim picking" had they to depend upon it for their practice.

The Messrs. Winberg are putting down a well for Mr. Berglin. A much more satisfactory thing in the long run we are sure, would have been to connect with the public system.

Mr. F. A. Florence and family, are enjoying the summer in one of Captain Nichols' cottages. Mr. Florence is a representative of the Heinz Co., and in his travels through the south found no summer resort to equal Fairhope. His brother, F. S. Florence, of Atlanta, who is his guest here, is also enthusiastic over Fairhope.

Fresh lot of garden seeds just received. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page were over from Mobile from Saturday evening to Wednesday morning. Mr. Page was suffering from a severe wrench of his back while doing some heavy lifting.

Messrs. Posey, Smith and Land, all of Meridian, visited their families here over Sunday. Mr. Posey and Mr. Smith remained over until Tuesday morning but Mr. Land went back Monday morning,

Mr. T. N. Freeman left on Thursday for another lecture tour in the mineral district of Alabama and was accompanied by his wife and mother who will go on to their home at Albertville, Ala., where they will remain perhaps two months.

The following composed a pleasant party which took a picnic supper on the platform under the magnolia last Saturday evening: The F. L. Browns, Gastons, Bancrofts, Powells, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page, Mrs. E. L. Page and little son, and Mr. Pilcher.

At the silver medal contest at Volanta there was a tie between 1 and 6. Medals have been awarded to both Ethel Smith and Lawrence Barnhart. There will be a gold medal contest at Point Clear Grand Hotel, Tuesday Aug. 28th and at Silver Hill Baptist Church Sat. Sept. 1st

Prof. and Mrs. Bowman and two daughters of Citronelle, arrived on last Thursday evening to spend a week or more here. They are in a portion of Dr. Atkinson's house. The Bowmans are not strangers to Fairhope having spent some time with us before, and have many friends here. They are former Iowans. The Professor is an ardent single taxer and sooner or later we count on having them with us permanently.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County.

T. A. Booth.

Bay Minette, Ala.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Baldwin County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit the support of the people of Baldwin County. J. S. LAMBERT, Bay Minette, Ala.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the coming primaries for the office of Representative for Baldwin county, and respectfully ask the support of the voters of Baldwin county. D. C. BYRNE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative from Baldwin county in the next Legislature of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I respectfully solicit the support of the people of the county. SAMUEL C. JENKINS.

I hereby announce myself as a canditate for Representative in the Legislature from Baldwin County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and respectfully solicit the support of the people of the County.

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The Bayside Cafe did a rushing business last Sunday, catering to the wants of those who visited the bay front.

Mr and Mrs. Bruno van Bavel are rejoicing over a bright new daughter, who came to their home on Tuesday. They have now a boy and a girl.

D. P. Durban representing the well known Amzi Godden Seed Co. of Birmingham, was in town last week and made the COURIER office a pleasant call. His house enjoys a large trade in this vicinity, and is a frequent advertiser in the COURIER.

Miss Beckner and Miss Estella Lawrence went to Mobile on Saturday, saw the Fitzgeralds and others of their friends off on the excursion north, and remained over Sunday with Mrs. Burgess. Mr. Cyril Burgess accompanied them back, going on down to Battles.

Rev. G. W. Wood has received an appointment from Governor Jelks as justice of the peace, has forwarded his bond and on receipt of his commision will be prepared to take acknowledgements to all legal documents, and dispense even-handed justice as occasion arises.

The familiar figure of Rev. A. E. Shupe is again seen upon our streets. The northern climate and the strenuous work undertaken as pastor of a large congregation proved too much for him. We understand Mrs. Shupe is expected soon and that they may return to their farm, or, possibly, locate in town.

The sloop "Quo Vadis," belonging to Mobile parties, dragged her anchor in a heavy squall yesterday evening and drifted against the wharf, where, after knocking a lot of railing off the wharf, she turned over on her side and filled and sank. Libbeous Jefferson's sloop was also blown against the wharf, but was not capsized.

Dr. Clara Atkinson and Miss Frances Gaston, the editor's eldest daughter, left on Tuesday for an extended visit with relatives and friends at the old home of the family, Des Moines. Miss Frances will also visit her grandmother, Mrs. Leah Mershon, and other relatives at Bay rd, Iowa.

Mrs. S F. Cooper from Citronelle arrived on Wednesday evening with two children, to spend a couple of weeks. She had been at Coden for a while and liked it very much there, but came to Fairhope largely on account of the greater safety of the beach here. Deep water close to shore there made it somewhat dangerous for her children.

Fairhope contributed quite a liberal quota to the large crowd leaving Mobile on the low-rate excursion last Saturday. Among those noted by the COURIER reporter were: Mr. Z. J. Tiffany and daughter, Mrs. Toft; the Fitzgerald family of five, Mr. J. W. Braam, Dr. R. A. Hail, and Mrs. VanBendegom. Mr. and Miss Dibbens and Mr. Leiser of the North River Park neighborhood also went.

The Fifth Thursday Club will hold an open meting in Massey's pavilion, August 30, at 3 p, m. Reviews of Oppenheim's "Development of the child will be given by Mesdames Dorchester and Yarnelle. Ice cream and cake will be on sale at the close of the meeting. All members and friends are invited. M. H. Brown. Sec. pro. tem.

The Fitzgerald family left on the excursion, undecided as to whether or not they would return—which is pretty good indication that they will, for the chances are that no one returning to a place from which he has been absent for a while, will find things as attractive as memory has pictured them. Mr. Fitzgerald assured us that if his wife would consent after a short visit to the old home, they would come right back on their return tickets, and Miss Addie, also, was favorable to returning. We hope to see them back.

The Home Telephone Company has a big force at work this week building its lines through Fairhope according to agreement with the F S. T. Corporation. Only the very best of material is being used and the work is being done in the best possible manner. When their work in this county is completed, we will be assured first class facilities for connection with the outside world. Mr. Bryant, the vice president and general manager of the company, is a liberal and progressive gentleman and a warm friend of Fairhope, which is now his summer home, and his assistants are gentlemen like himself.

Dr. Toulmin Gaines, of Mobile , has made application for one of the beautiful bay front lots in the White tract. Dr. Gaines and his wife were among the party who were reported in the last COURIER as coming down from Daphne and being at the Fairhope House. He is a native Mobilian, a scion of two of the oldest and best known families of the Gulf City and his deciding to take and improve a lot under the "Fairhope plan" will doubtless have considerable effect in assuring Mobilians that Fairhope is O. K.

Dr. Gaines has, of course, been hearing of Fairhope for many years and had long been intending to visit it, but the opportunity did not present itself before.

The Progressive League had a very interesting session last Sunday. Mr. Powell led with an interesting and instructive talk on conditions in the eastern cities as viewed by him, and the discussion was quite general and interesting, the following participating: Messrs. Lancaster, Baldwin, Brown,(F. L.), Comings, Wolf, Gaston, and Messrs. DeLong and Bowman of Citronelle, Prof. Bowman in his remarks expressed his deep and continuing interest in Fairhope and his pleasure over the marked improvement noted by him since his last visit two years ago. He thought our progress was very gratifying and encouraging and assured us that an interest in and sympathy for our efforts was cherished in quarters we know not of.

We have a fresh lot of D M. Ferry's seeds —Mershon Merchandising Co.

Ice at Wilson's market, 200 lb block, $1; 100 lb; 65c; 50lb; 40c. Leave orders before noon for daily delivery.

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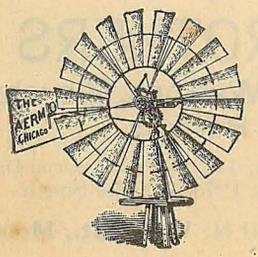
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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues. Also a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection, and a public hall of large size, comfortably seated.

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Prominent Single Taxers on Fairhope Critics

We continue this week our series of articles by well-known Single Taxers on Fairhope, and particularly the criticisms made upon the Fairhope policy, for the encouragement of those who are actively participating in the work, and to show those who may have been advised to the contrary, that the Fairhope policy is recognized by those prominent in the movement, as being a genuine application of the Single Tax principle, as far as possible under conditions beyond its control. Mr. A. C. Pleydell, whose letter follows, has been active in Single Tax work for many years, was editor of that excellent Single Tax journal, *Justice*, of Wilmington, Delaware, and is now closely associated with the work in New York City. Mr. Pleydell is not a member.

MERELY A JUGGLING WITH WORDS.

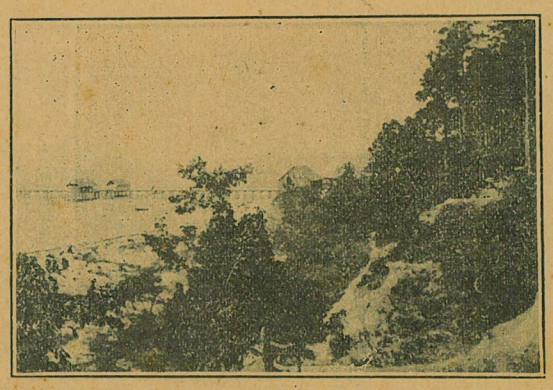
EDITOR FAIRHOPE COURIER:

I have read in the COURIER several articles and letters by Mr. Norton in criticism of the "Fairhope plan." The essence of this criticism is contained in the following paragraph in the letter printed July 13:

"Laying upon the land values, all the state and county taxes now assessed by the state and county, would in effect be a continuance of the present taxes—and not an abolition of any part of them—even though Fairhope were to pay them out of a fund created from its land rents, and such a shifting would in no sense be an 'exemption of the products of labor,' whereas the Single Tax system would abolish all taxes other than that upon the rental value of land."

You seem to have covered this point so completely in your reply that I would not take the matter up again were it not for the curious fact that there seem to be Single Taxers who consider Mr. Norton's point to be well taken. But as I see it, it is merely a juggling with words. The Single Tax theory does not contemplate the abolition of taxation, but a shifting of the burden, so that the contribution of the individual to the support of government will be measured by the worth of the site that he occupies instead of being measured by the property he possesses or produces.

The present state and county taxes now charged against the residents of Fairhope are proportioned according to the value of the land they occupy and to their tangible and intangible possessions. The Colony treats these taxes as a whole, and pays them out of its rent fund. It has enough left to conduct its municipal affairs as well as those of any town of similar size. It, therefore, has the Single Tax plan in operation with two exceptions that are beyond its control. One of these is that the inhabitants of Fairhope still pay federal taxes indirectly, and the other is that the rental value of Fairhope land may be higher than it would be were the Single Tax in opperation throughout the United States. In my judgment both these factors are negligible in this discussion as they are inseparable from any gradual or partial adoption of the Single Tax. A very small Single Tax nation, unless it could produce a great variety of goods, would suffer from taxes that burdened the productive power of its neighbors, and its land values would be enhanced by the continuance of land monopoly beyond its borders.



View from Rest Cottage Wharf.

I never heard it claimed for Fairhope that it had achieved the Single Tax in its entirety. But it seems to me that the plan by which the Colony raises its revenues from rental values and from these pays the state and county levies, comes as near to the Single Tax in theory as can be done until an entire state is converted, and in practice gives the people of Fairhope about the same benefits that the people of any small area would enjoy if they had the Single Tax in operation there only.

It seems scarcely worth while to answer Mr. Norton's proposition and objection that some renters are "being paid" to live in Fairhope, because the rent they pay is less than the taxes of which they are relieved. The Single Tax is expected to accomplish a similar result; that is, to decrease the tax burden on many people and make up the deficit by taking the rent which now goes to private pockets. If such a change will benefit some people more than others it will be because the former are more wronged by the present system. Those Fairhope renters who are not relieved of an amount of taxes equal to the amount of their rent are still the gainers by whatever amount of taxes they are saved; elsewhere they would have to pay rent and pay taxes in addition.

As I have never visited Fairhope I do not feel competent to express an opinion as to the accuracy with which the Colony rentals are assessed. But I have discussed this entire subject with many who have been at Fairhope and who are credible witnesses, and from their testimony have concluded that the "Fairhope plan" is being administered with as near an approach of practice to theory as is usual in human affairs. As to its material prosperity, Mr. Joseph Fels, whom I have known for years as a very practical business man (and whose business itself is evidence of his accurate judgment of affairs) told me a few days ago that he thought Fairhope was a great success, and doing more for the Single Tax than anything else of which he knew.

A. C. PLEYDELL.

56 Pine St., New York, Aug. 9.

Fairhope Noted Approvingly by Middleton, Eng., Guardian

The leading editorial in the Middleton (England) *Guardian*, of Saturday, Aug. 18, entitled "What is Progress?" concludes as follows:

"How comes it then that, instead of all this, we have grinding poverty, vice, and unemployment, with crowded workhouses and asylums, and government and philanthropic movements, though equipped with costly appliances and manned by innumerable officials and assistants, utterly unable to stem the growing torrent of distress? Simply because we have left first principles behind and ignored the natural order. Therein also lies the remedy. As we write there comes to us from the shores of the Mexican Gulf word of men and women who have founded the city of Fairhope, in order to demonstrate the possibility of living a true life. They have not gone out into the wilderness. They went no further from the haunts of men than was necessitated by the need for land at a moderate price. Neither do they in manufacture or in commerce seek to do anything more than we do or than will be found in all American cities. They live the ordinary life of sober citizens. But they from the first determined that no individual should appropriate anything that he did not earn. Their motto is 'Values created by the community taken for the community. Values created by individuals left for individuals. Public services conducted for public benefit.' And Fairhope does and will prosper. We may do the same here. There is no need to emigrate. On this Tom Tiddler's ground of old England may be worked out the same happy destiny that is being evolved near the shores of the Gulf Stream. Only to the community must be secured the values which come to land by their presence and industry. The government has promised legislation on this subject next session. If our readers only would realize the importance to them of this pronouncement they would raise an agitation to secure thorough-going reform. It would then be of far greater importance than the repeal of the Corn Laws was to our fathers, for by the uprooting of the present robber system of taxation and the inauguration of the Single Tax upon land values men and women would be set free, and an end be put to that competition amongst them for a bit of work which enables the sweater and the monopolist to exploit them. Our aim should be to realize what John Stuart Mill taught: 'The best state for human nature is that in which, while no one is poor, no one desires to be richer, nor has any reason to fear being thrust back by the efforts of others to push themselves forward.'"

Biloxi, Miss., has decided upon the purchase of the plant of the Back Bay Artesian Water Works Co., and will operate the same as a municipal public service.

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The bathing is exceptionally fine now.

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The Gass family have moved back to their Mobile home.

Watch our windows for fall hats and shoes —Mershon Merchandising Co.

Fresh lot of garden seeds just received. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. L. Barnhart's oldest son, Alfred, is working in the Mershon Merchandising Co's store.

The hum of the mower is heard, but almost daily rains have greatly interfered with hay-making.

Remember the Thursday evening services at the Christian Church, conducted by Rev. Claude E. Hill.

The Bowmans left for their home in Citronelle this morning, after a fortnight pleasantly spent at Fairhope.

The Tiffanys expect to move into the Rathburn cottage, on Fairhope avenue, soon after the first of the month.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

Ice at Wilson's market, 200 lb block, $1; 100 lb; 65c; 50lb; 40c. Leave orders before noon for daily delivery.

The COURIER expects to be able to make an announcement in next issue of great importance to Fairhope.

Brother Rose was pressed into service very soon after his arrival and is assisting us again in the COURIER office.

Mr. A. A. Corbett is driving the Mershon Merchandising Company's big team during the absence of Mr. Tiffany.

Miss Ola Powell has been confined to her room for several days, with a "rising" in her head.

H. M. Ewald has taken a position with Bernard Luscher, painter and decorator, Mobile, during the summer lull in work at Fairhope.

Our children's play suits are the thing. They are going. Don't put off buying till they are all gone. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mrs. E. W. Yarnelle left on yesterday morning for a northern trip, and will be gone several weeks. Mr. Stuart Yarnelle accompanied her as far as Mobile.

Mr. J. M. Beckner is another who takes pride in the neat appearance of his place, and don't stop with the fence, but keeps the street clean in front of it.

Wm. Stimpson spent two days in Mobile this week on business. He is stocking up with building material for the fall and winter building boom, which is sure to come.

Sea Cliff has quite a colony of summer residents, and is well represented among the passengers on the steamer and in the crowd waiting on the wharf to meet the boat in the evening.

The attendance at Mr. Massey's regular Thursday evening dance in the pavilion last evening was swelled by quite a party who came down from Daphne on the Caloosa. They are greatly pleased with the new pavilion.

Mrs. Hughes, her daughters, Mrs. Scheuermann, and Miss Hughes; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Creswell, Mrs. Wallace, and Mr. W. G. Gelink, went up on the Pleasure Bay Tuesday and spent the day picnicking at Daphne.

THE FAIRHOPE HOUSE



The next three months will be delightful at Fairhope. The extreme heat of summer will be past and the chill winds of winter will not have begun to blow. The bathing will be unsurpassed and the fishing good. ¶If your summer vacation has been delayed, you are fortunate to be able to take it now, and no place can be found better than Fairhope and the Fairhope House, whether you be from the South or the North. ¶It is now time also to be engaging your accommodations for the approaching winter. ¶Address for rates and full particulars,

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The Home Telephone Company has completed the transfer of the Corporation's lines on Fairhope avenue to its poles, as per agreement with the Council. The job has been well done under the direction of foreman Mr. Polk.

The Johnson family, which has been with us for about a year, left this morning for Bay Minette, which will enable Mr. Johnson, who is in charge of tie cutting for the L. & N. R. R., to be at home every night. They may come back next summer.

Mr. Paton gave the Misses Bowman, Mr. Bowman, Jr., and Miss Leah Gaston, the pleasure of a sail in his fine cat-boat on Monday. They got becalmed, however, down between Point Clear and Week's bay and had to row most of the way back.

Mr. John T. Land, of the Meridian Star, has been spending the week here with his family. The two elder sons of the family, youths who have been at work during the summer vacation, are also here for a little rest and recreation before they take up their school work again.

The work of getting the weeds mowed off the streets has been well begun, and with a very great improvement in appearance so far as it has been done. The Bermuda and carpet grasses are forming a fine sod on the road sides, and kept free of weeds they will present a very pleasing appearance.

Messrs. Van Bavel and Koopman, our enterpristng wood merchants, have placed an order with the International Harvester Company for a complete wood-sawing outfit, consisting of six-horse power gasoline engine and saw, mounted on trucks, and expect to he equipped in good shape to take care of the good trade they have built up.

Ladies, here is something that will interest you. We have just received a shipment of non-rust tin ware. These goods are the best that we have ever had. They are ahead of granite or enamel, for they will not crack if you drop them. They are not cheap in price, but their lasting qualities make them cheap. Come in and examine them and you will find that we are correct. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mr. F. J. Lefevre, of Louisville, Ky., after a stay of three or four weeks, became so pleased with our town that he purchased the W. J. Moorman place on Fels avenue, and will further improve it. On Tuesday he was joined by his niece, Mrs. Adelphine Dilly, and her little son, also of Louisville, and they will remain probably a month longer. They are relatives of the Zurhorsts and are stopping with them and Mr. Fisher.

F. W. Rose and family got back on Monday morning. They were accompanied by their friend, Mr. Harry Kellar, of Frostburg, Md., a very pleasant gentleman and a prospective settler. All were glad to get back, and were cordially welcomed by their many friends. Miss Hodge, of Brunswick, Ga., was also a fellow-passenger with them on the steamer, and will spend a week or more with her friends, the Florences, in one of the Nichols cottages.

Arts and Crafts.

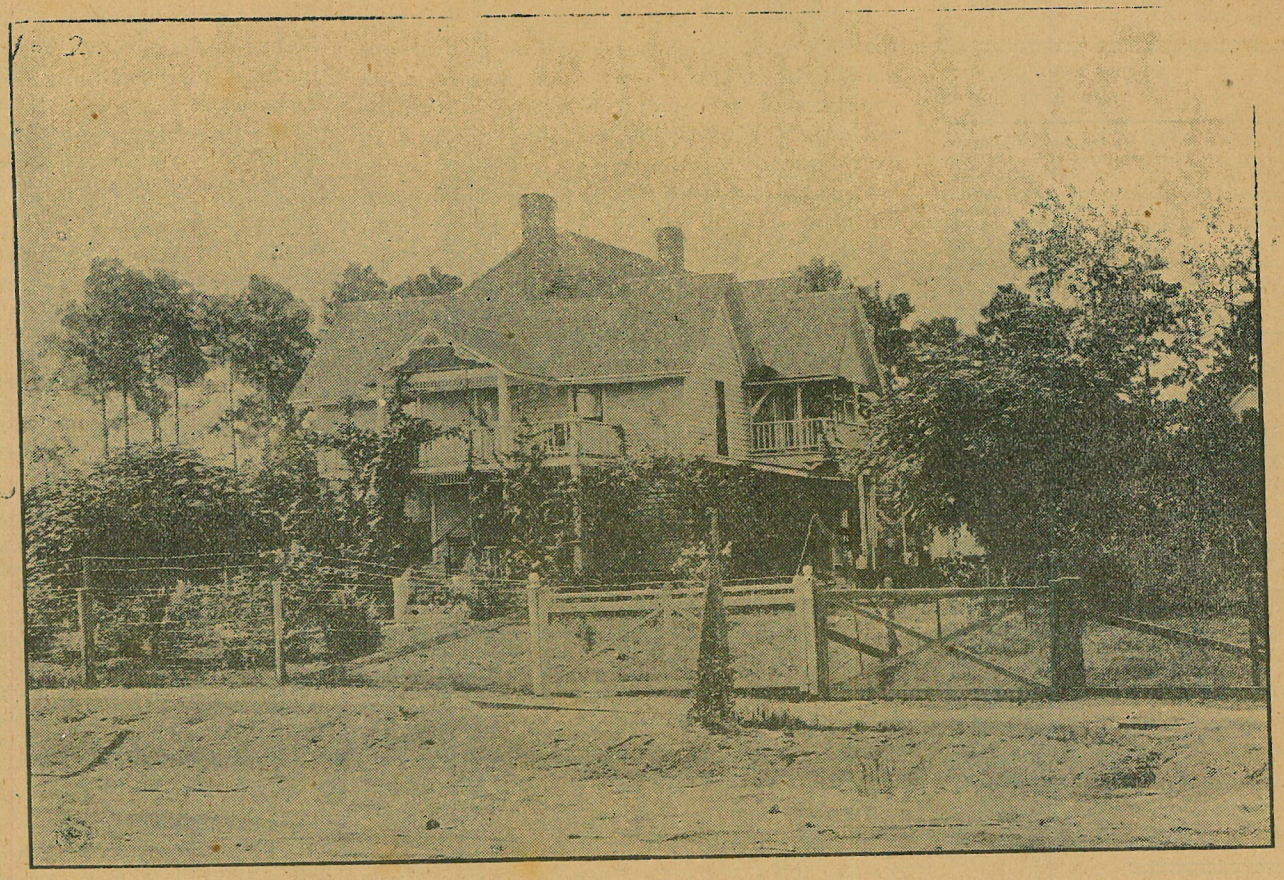
The regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the studio. Every member should be present.

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Public Opinion Concerning Oregon's Experiment.

The *Portland Oregonian*, the leading daily paper in Oregon and conservatively Republican in politics, in an editorial entitled Vox Populi, says:

The questions balloted upon by direct vote were not party issues. They stood or fell upon their merits alone. They were studied without factional prejudice and decided, we may fairly suppose, solely with reference to the public good.

It is one of the greatest merits of the initiative and referendum that it makes possible a clear separation between local and national issues. Under the older system, which still prevails in most of the states, the people could express their opinion upon such a matter as the Barlow toll-road purchase only by their choice of legislators. In determining this choice, numerous other questions necessarily played a part. Which party the candidate belonged to, how he stood on the local option question, upon women suffrage, and many other matters, would all unite to confuse the mind of the voter, and he could never express himself clearly, directly and exclusively upon any particular point. The method of the initiative and referendum permits each voter to express his individual opinion upon every question standing entirely by itself and without admixture of personal or partisan bias.

Mr. A. V. Callahan, of Point Clear, was a caller at the Courier office on Wednesday and left a sample of "James" grapes grown by him, which were exceptionally fine. They were from a 4-year old vine which bore last year and has, he said, about three barrels on it this year. The James is of the muscadine, rotundifolia type, large, black, thick-skinned, very sweet. Excellent for eating out of hand, though not as good as the scuppernong, but better for jelly, a vigorous grower and bearer, and especially adapted for covering an arbor. Mr. Callahan took orders for several vines for winter planting while here.

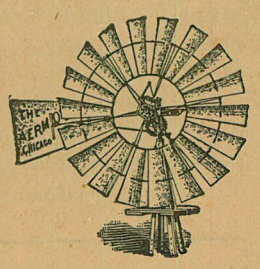
Remember those extra copies of the Courier of various dates we have on hand and would like to get out. A. Freeland sent $1.00 for a batch.

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GOLD-MEDAL CONTESTS.
Oratorical.

At the W. C. T. U. gold medal contest at Fairhope hall on last Friday evening, a very evenly excellent program of recitations was presented.

The prize was awarded by the judges, Mrs. Sweet, Messrs. Professor Bowman and W. G. Gelnik, to Miss Annie Mae Oswalt, the bright daughter of Postmaster Oswalt.

Mr. P. Y. Albright in a witty and pleasing speech announced the decision and congratulated the winner— though he was unable to deliver the medal, which had not yet arrived.

On Wednesday evening of this week another contest was held at the Point Clear hotel; and Master Alfred Shepherd, one of our most worthy lads, secured the medal.

Another, and we believe the final gold-medal contest, will be held at Silver Hill on tomorrow (Saturday) evening. If all the Fairhope youths who are entitled to do so, participate in the "grand gold" contest to be held at Citronelle in the near future, our town will have several chances of furnishing the winner.

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Charles Monaghan, of Denver, writes "In regard to the critics and kickers at the Fairhope policy I am certainly well pleased at the way they have shown up the weakness of their position, and at the same time given the COURIER a chance to teach them and others some good lessons on the principles of the Single Tax."

As intimated in our last issue, some of our material necessary to getting out the COURIER properly in the enlarged style has failed to arrive in time for use in this issue, and we have had to get it out with considerable difficulty. We thought it necessary, however, to issue with the enlarged pages this week, as it is the first number of a new volume.

Will not our subscribers who have received notice of expiration of subscription, please renew promptly, and if possible send at least one new subscription along with your renewal. If, possibly, you do not care to renew, please take the little trouble of dropping us a card, or notifying your postmaster or carrier, who are by law required to notify publishers.

Mr. George G. Dixon, a friend and former townsman of F. W. Rose in Piedmont, W. Va., now at Tucson, Arizona, and whom Mr. Rose interested in Fairhope through the medium of the COURIER and booklet, expects to arrive in Fairhope with his family next Tuesday, Sept. 4. He had at first planned on not coming before spring, but the Fairhope idea grew upon him and he decided to come right along.

Powerful interests, misleading phrases, and forms of law too often serve to blind us to the real immorality of privilege. But when we shall have thoroughly realized what I believe to be a final truth—that involuntary poverty is the most menacing fact in modern society, and almost the sole cause of vice and crime, and that involuntary poverty itself is but the logical and necessary result of law-made privilege, all good men will unite in attacking it.—TOM L. JOHNSON.

A friend writes us asking about a certain "Land Company's" proposition, in the interest of friends looking for a place to locate. We know nothing of the company referred to (it is not in this county); but it is "dollars to doughnuts" that it is selling land for several times its real worth, and deluding prospective purchasers with the belief that there's a big speculation in it for them. If our correspondent's friends really want a place to locate and make a home, and are not looking for a speculation, they should come to Fairhope. If they are looking for a speculation, they had better go elsewhere.

H. W. Kerch of Buffalo, renewing his subsubscription (for two years) adds: "I really would not like to do without the COURIER, as I am much interested in your demonstration, and hope some day to be more closely identified with it."

It seems to the editor particularly desirable that the work which is being done at Fairhope should be rightly understood in its home county, and to this end the paper should be put into the hands of prominent citizens in every quarter of the county. Some of these have subscribed and others will if called upon, but many will not care to subscribe who would yet read the paper if sent to them, and thereby get at least a correct idea of our aims and methods, which would be greatly to the interest of our enterprise, even if we do not win them to our way of thinking. The publisher will make a very low rate on the paper for this purpose and invites subscriptions to a fund to be used in sending the paper regularly for a year to at least one hundred prominent and influential citizens of Baldwin county, whose names we have.

Field of Courier to be Enlarged. Entitled to Support of all Citizens.

Our enlarged COURIER will give us space not only for more news of Fairhope, but for the news of the country adjacent and tributary to Fairhope. As soon as arrangements can be made we intend to get reliable correspondents who will furnish us with the news of the nearby neighborhoods. We have no idea of trying to make the COURIER a "county paper," but we hope to cover the local field thoroughly. Everyone within trading or shipping distance of Fairhope ought to encourage the COURIER to the extent at least of his subscription. Whether you agree wholly, or at all, with the editor's views, the work of the paper in behalf of its town and territory, in the benefit of which every merchant, mechanic, farmer, or worker of any kind, shares, entitles it to the support of all.

In a few days Captain George Lawrence will begin a systematic canvass of the vicinity in the interest of the paper, and we bespeak for him liberal treatment.

Fairhope in Winter Again

Fairhope's Attractions in the Lead Always

In a late number of the *Talisman*, whose editor is a Californian and a very able and scientific man, in giving suggestions how to rebuild San Francisco, with low-storied buildings, and not any sky-scrapers, he urges the remembrance that another earth shock may come at any time and possibly worse ones than the late disturbance.

Now we dislike any appearance of misusing an unfortunate country or people; but the testimony of those who have tried our winters has been so uniformly in our favor, as compared to the best elsewhere, that we fully believe that friends of the Single Tax and Fairhope are but doing common justice to their friends, to call attention to the greater safety and attractions of our high, pine-clad location, and our comparatively dry, comfortable and healthful winter climate.

If any of our friends can use the fine four-page circular we have just gotten out for the winter tourists' benefit, we will be glad to furnish them on application, or to mail them to prospective tourists who may not know how desirable it is here in winter.

The Supply of Land Is Limited Demand Must Forever Increase

The *Nebraska Independent* like the *Successful Farmer*, from which we quoted last week, urges Nebraska farmers to hold on to their land and increase their holdings if possible. Says the *Independent:*

The price of land while greatly advanced is still low in comparison with its worth, and the *Independent* warns its readers against being tempted into selling their holdings or influenced to accept the profits that can be realized by so doing. * * * With the millions of fertile acres now occupied and commanding greatly advanced prices, that a couple of decades ago were to be had for the taking, the land question is changed. Now only a comparatively small area can be added to our farm lands through expensive systems of irrigation while population and demand must continue to grow until only the rich can own lands in the most favorable localities.

Do not be deceived into thinking lands are high and that you can better your condition by a change of investment. Our best lands are cheap at the highest prices yet recorded for them, and are certain to go very much higher and to remain permanently at a high figure. The supply of land is limited while the demand must forever increase. Our soil and climate is unsurpassed in combination to produce the higher forms of human food. Do not sell your farms. If you do you may regret it. You cannot lose by holding on to them.

This is excellent advice. But how about the poor fellows who were not fortunate enough to get hold of those lands while they were to be had "for the taking" or who are yet to be born even? Evidently they are doomed to be the servants of those who are now urged to "hold on" The first purpose of the Single Tax is to secure to all men equal rights to the use of the earth, while they live upon it, whether now or in the future.

LANDLORDISM THE GREATEST OBSTACLE.

Extract from a Speech of Ex-Congressman Maguire of California at a Recent Dinner of the Friendly Club, in San Francisco, Cal.

Landlordism, the great parasite of modern civilization, has thwarted their patriotic purposes. The avarice of the landlords of San Francisco has come to the front as the greatest of all obstacles to the rehabilitation of the city. The merchants and the manufacturers of the city were ready to rebuild it, even to pay a reasonable ground rent for the privilege of rebuilding, and, in addition, to turn the permanent buildings which they would erect over to the landlords at the end of a reasonable term of lease; but the landlords of the burned district, with a few honorable exceptions drove them away from that district by arbitrarily raising ground rents to rates far above those prevailing before the fire, and the landlords of the unburned districts are forcing labor to demand higher wages and merchants to demand higher prices by arbitrarily raising rents on all houses and business places beyond the ability of tenants to pay, at the old rates of wages and prices. They are taxing the people to the last extremity of their ability to pay, and, of course giving absolutely nothing in return for the increased tax.

"While thus obstructing rehabilitation, landlordism is crying out for cheap labor and cheap materials to rebuild the city. It asks for sacrifices from every interest but its own. Yet the fact remains so broadly written that he

who runs may read, that the landlords are the only class of our people who will profit financially by the rebuilding of the city. Rebuilding will cause land values 'to go up by leaps and bounds,' as recently stated by Mr. Howell, but it will not cause the wages of labor nor the profits of manufacturers or commerce to increase. All other classes have a sentimental interest in rebuilding San Francisco; the landlords alone have a financial interest in it.

"A few years ago I read an advertisement published by a land agency here, which illustrates the situation very truly, it read: 'within ten years the population of San Francisco will increase to half a million, and land values will correspondingly increase, but you will get no benefit from this increase of population unless you own land on this peninsula.'

"If, however, the substantial improvement of all land in the city, up to or beyond the requirements of its population were accomplished the people would get the benefit of reduced rents, under the universal law of supply and demand. Getting cheap labor and cheap materials will not accomplish this result, unless combined with some means of discouraging speculation in idle land. If all tariff taxes were removed from building materials and if they were transported free of cost to the city, the landlords would increase their ground rents to cover the saving in the cost of improving and using their land.

"But suppose these things would benefit the city generally, what right have we to ask the general government to forego its tariff taxes on building materials or to ask the transportation companies to reduce their freight charges, while we propose to pounce upon those very materials with local taxes of two per cent per annum from the moment they are landed here until they are destroyed?

"Would it not be much better and more logical for us to co-operate with the general government and the transportation companies, by exempting all such materials, and the buildings constructed therewith, from local taxation, either perpetually or for a term of years? This exemption of buildings from local taxation would offer a great inducement to the investment of capital in substantial improvements, and the corresponding increase in the taxes on land values (which would not increase the tax burden of the improver) would tend to force the speculative holders of idle land to improve it; thus conserving and promoting the public good.

"Nothing, in my opinion, could more surely or more speedily bring about the rehabilition of San Francisco, than such a change in our system of state and local taxation. Nothing that has yet been suggested would do so much to give our people a substantial share in the benefits of the 'new deal' to which we all look forward with joyful expectation."

Meanwhile I shall lend my effort to improving the environment of our people by the creation of better and healthier places of recreation, by the estalishment of better and more socialized public comforts and conveniences, by the more scientific and humane treatment of delinquent classes in our penal institutions, by setting an example of efficient self-government and home rule, and last and most important of all, by promoting the restoration of *individual opportunity* and hope to the submerged classes of our city and establishing a condition of equal legal rights, with no legal privileges, to all its its inhabitants. —*Tom L. Johnson.*

Could You get us a new subscriber?



Mrs. Howland's Letters

* * * At last, dear Ada, I have met my beloved old principal, Miss Comstock, whom I have not seen for so many years. I was her vice principal in No. 33 some forty years ago. I had the pleasure of having her lunch with me here, in this beautiful home of my old friends, which I use,—I am ashamed to say—very much as I might a hotel. You see these Lovells never can do too much for their friends.

I go to my niece and sister in a few days, then to Vineland, to Philadelphia, and if I possibly can, to our Theosophical convention at Chicago September 16: then *home* to dear Fairhope.

Larchmont, N. Y., August 16. x x x In all my travels I have never been in a place so suggestive of Paradise as this Larchmont and the surrounding places, New Rochelle and Lawrence Park in Bronx, which is in Greater New York, and I know not how many other places, seem to be one lovely park city. The avenues are very broad, smooth as a floor, and many of them are kept oiled to prevent dust. Most of them are bordered by magnificent old elms and maples, and all of them by elegant residences with most beautifully kept hedges, lawns, flowering shrubs and beds of flowers. Hydrangeas in full bloom you see everywhere in clumps which must be eight feet high. The rudbeckia or golden glow is about as high, and one mass of brilliant yellow. These and the althea, and the beautiful tree phlox, are in every garden; but as you pass the more elegant and costly homes, you find beds of rare tropical and semi-tropical plants— palms and ferns sprayed by jets from fountains &c. I knew there was loveliness like this in the world, but I did not know that there was anywhere so great an extent of it. In most places you soon get out beyond such opulence to the mean, crowded little houses and the dirty streets of the poor—the workers who dredged and delved, blasted and graded, built the palaces and planted the gardens and parks, while they live in their crowded houses or tenements without land enough to plant one rose bush! Here the lovely park city seems to extend indefinitely. As I walked and drove about through these splendid scenes, I kept thinking: "Fairhope might easily grow into a park city like this; for the land is ours, and no speculator can buy it up and grow rich on the "unearned increment". The importance, the far reaching, immense importance of this one provision of our Constitution, not even the Fairhope people, as a rule, begin to comprehend.

I am sometimes impatient with those reformers who inveigh against the people who own these homes and the lands on which they rest. We should never forget that the moral codes of nations and peoples, of churches and of most institutions of learning, uphold the private ownership of land and all other monopolies. How can we expect "the people" to have a higher code? I think of the bright, educated young man among the passengers on the *Colorado* who could hardly conceal his contempt for the idea of owning land without making any money out of it!

Larchmont, Aug. 17. x x x Today I had my first automobile experience. The chauffeur was young Doctor Foote, and the carriage his own. At first, as we sped over these splendid roads, I could not feel at ease, and wondered we did not collide with everything; but I soon found that the doctor was perfect master of the machine. At one point in the journey, an ugly cinder got into my right eye. Dr. Foote stopped the machine, turned back the eyelid, and the thing disappeared, I think merely by that preliminary; for I was instantly relieved of the pain. At Lawrence Park I had hoped to see Mr. Stedman, the "banker poet", as he is often called; but I learned that he had moved away. We drove around his house and grounds, about which you may have seen accounts in the magazines. He is my oldest New York friend. We met over half a century ago.

x x x Dr. Foote, Sr., is quite feeble since having suffered a sunstroke some eight years ago, and since the burning of his beautiful residence, when he was taken out of his bed at 2 a. m., being ill at the time. This was a terrible shock to him. He is the author, you know, of many books in our Fairhope Library. I was his stenographic secretary many years ago, when his house and office were on Broadway. That burned home is being rebuilt, though one can hardly imagine he would wish to move from his present fine home. It is a corner lot of one acre, and that not covered by house and stable is lawn or vegetable garden, kept by the doctor's man. Everything is so luxuriant, E. B., that you would say he had mastered the intensive culture of the Chinese. x x x I had a most pleasant visit in Larchmont Manor. All were so exceedingly kind to me. A drive in Dr. Foote's carriage with Dr. Mary Bond Foote—"Mollie Bond" we called her in the old days—and Mrs. Watkins, her friend and housekeeper, I much enjoyed. I am getting so spoiled that I may feel quite poverty-stricken at the Pines, where I cannot flood all the rooms with electric light by merely pressing a button!

x x x From Dr. Foote's I went to Bronx, taking the trolley from Mt. Vernon station to the Botanical Gardens. Dr. L. Meyer met me there, and we had—I had, perhaps I should say—a grand time studying the tropical plants in the big hot-house, riding over the gardens; for the doctor talks well, despite his modest estimate of his knowledge of English. You know he is one of our strong friends, and may some time settle in Fairhope, where he would be a great acquisition in my opinion. After some precious hours, we went by the trolley to the doctor's home which he has recently built, had a delightful lunch prepared by his adopted daughter and housekeeper. After lunch and looking at the doctor's fancy poultry, we talked and played chess till it was time to take the subway. As we approached what he assured me was the subway, I expressed surprise to find it away up in the air! However, after a while, and without any change, the car went underground, and I reached 86 Broadway, which is near Riverside Drive, in a few minutes.

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The Primary Election.

The Democratic primary on last Monday resulted in the choice of B. B. Comer for governor by a large majority. In the county the only contests attracting any interest were those for representative and sheriff. Hon. Samuel C. Jenkins was nominated for representative and Thomas A. Booth for sheriff by substantial majorities. Nomination on the Democratic ticket is equivalent to election in Baldwin County, barring death or some extraordinary and unforeseen circumstance.

British Labor Politics.

Collier's Weekly has investigated labor politics in the land of John Bull, and reports:

"Among the fifty-five Labor men who have just been elected to Great Britain's parliament are nine miners, seven railroad men (engineers, brakemen, navvies), five factory hands, four printers, three shop clerks, two carpenters, two gas workers and general laborers, two steel smelters, two shipwrights, one barge builder, one sailor, one cooper, one furniture maker, one watch-case maker, one laster, one blacksmith and one agricultural laborer. These men enter the great hall of William Rufus and sit, many of them in workmen's dress, as successors to Hampden, Pitt, Fox and Gladstone. No more important or significant event has been flashed across the wire from England in fifty—perhaps in a hundred—years. It is doubtful if any more significant event has occurred in the world during the same period."

Meeting of Library Association.

A meeting of the Library Association will be held in the hall next Friday evening, September 7, to consider important matters. A full attendance is desired.

Mrs. L. J. N. Comings, Pres.

Mr. Wood has received his commission as Justice of the Peace and is ready for duty.

Mr. Perry is getting a small house up on his lot, on Section street, and when he gets into it will build more.

Mr. Emanuel Keller has engaged the Stemerdink place for the winter and will move in to put his children into our school.

The power sloop, Quo Vadis which was blown against the wharf and sunk during a gale last week, was raised and towed to Mobile.

Mr. Creamer's big horse, which he has been using in hauling for the Home Telephone Company, is laid up from a nail run into his foot.

F. L. Brown has been having more trouble with his deep well pump. They are a prolific source of trouble, to be avoided whenever possible.

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From a Teacher of Teachers with Years of Experience.

We have just received a long letter from a most highly valued friend, who has been a normal teacher for the past fifteen years, following years of common school teaching. And in strongest terms he confirms all that Mrs. Johnson, and the radical books we have been quoting, have said in regard to the harm and wrong of premature study for children.

He declares it is established beyond question, that children who do not study in school till ten, or better twelve years of age, progress so much faster than those put at study at five to seven, that they soon catch up, and excel, and are saved the danger of injury to brain and nerve so common among the school children of to-day.

He also declares he would not have his own children attend any school but a kindergarten, or what Henderson calls an "organic training drill," till fourteen years of age.

It is remarkable how much testimony is accumulating to indicate that pupils who do no book study till twelve, fourteen, and even fifteen years, and then have a fair chance, make up and even excel those put at study too young, as the common custom is. And the proof is also equally complete, that the too young pupils soon begin to have headaches, sleeplesness, and nerve weaknesses, manifest the bane of premature brain work in all sorts of ways, some that are clearly defined as nerve lesions, some that are not so well defined, but well accounted for as from interrupted nerve development.

It is only a matter of time and the battering down of prejudice and apathy, till we have a new system of "Child Development" that will give us a "new and superior order of citizens" for the new economic era that is so surely coming, and even now is at our very doors.

S. H. Comings.

Suggestions for September

IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN.

The Steckler Seed Company's garden manual for the southern states, (published at New Orleans), gives the following suggestions for September:

Mostly all seeds recommended for last month can be sown this month, but some more should be added to them.

In the early part plant Bush Beans, as they will bear before frost sets in. Also plant early varieties of Peas, such as Extra Early, Early Alaska, Washington. All kinds of radishes, carrots, beets, parsnips, salsify, roquette, chervil, parsley, sorrel, cress, lettuce, endive, leeks, turnips, kohlrabi, broccoli, early cauliflower, kale, celery, corn salad, and mustard can be sown during this month.

Begin sowing Creole onion seed after the 15th of this month, As this is one of the most important crops, it should not be neglected. Our planters and truck farmers in the neighborhood of the city make their first sowing by the 15th of this month. If the weather is hot and dry, it is necessary to cover the seed-beds with moss, after the seed has been sown; it will keep it moist and insure its coming up. As soon as the young plants make their appearance, the moss must be taken off. For main crop the end of this month is the proper time.

Transplant celery plants in ditches made for that purpose, and if the weather is favorable, set out cabbage and cauliflower plants.

If the weather is not too hot and dry, spinach may be sown, but it has to be well watered, otherwise it is impossible to get a stand.

Some cabbage seed may be sown, but cabbage sown this month will generally not do as well as seed sown during the preceding month.

Set out shallots, divide and transplant sorrel, sow turnip-rooted celery.

IN THE FIELD.

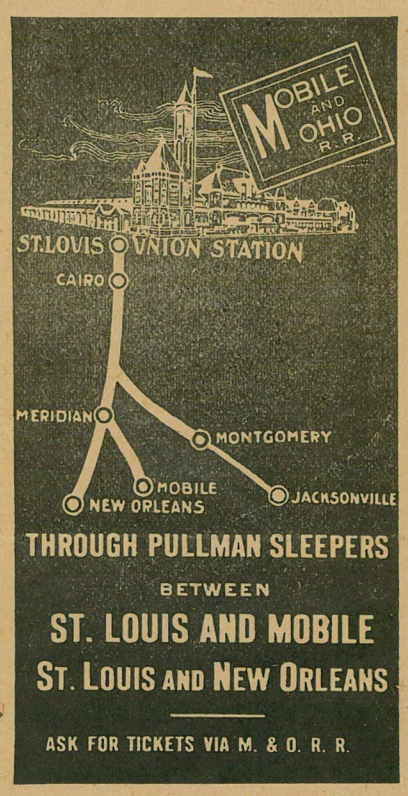
Continue to plant potatoes for an early winter crop. Use only small ones left over from a late spring crop, but do not cut them as they are apt to rot. Plow under the cow peas and prepare land to set out cabbage and cauliflower plants.

IN THE ORCHARD.

Continue to bud if the weather is not too dry and the stools remain in sap.

IN THE FLOWER GARDEN.

During the month flower seeds, such as pansy, daisy, sweet alyssum, candytuft, stocks, phlox, Chinese, Japan, marguerite and carnation pinks, asters, etc., can be sown. Plant hyacinth bulbs for early blooming at the end of the month. Sow on your lawn English rye grass for winter lawn.



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It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members uader the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues. Also a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection, and a public hall of large size, comfortably seated.

The Fairhope policy eliminates the land speculator entirely, and for those who WANT LAND FOR USE, whether for residence, business, manufacturing or farming, it can be readily demonstrated to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores, schools, blacksmith and butcher shops, doctors, churches, fine bathing and fishing, and exceptionally intelligent and sociable people.

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The Mocking Bird.

He didn't know much about music
When first he came along.
And all the birds went wonderin'
Why he didn't sing a song.

They primped their feathers in the sun
An' sang their sweetest notes;
An' music jes' come on the run
From all their trilling throats!

But still that bird was silent
In summer time an' fall:
He jes' set still and listened
An' he wouldn't sing at all.

But one night when them songsters
Was all tired out an' still.
An' the wind sighed down the valley
An' went creepin' up the hill;

When the stars was all a-tremble
In the dreamin' fields o' blue,
An' the daisy in the darkness.
Felt the fallin' o' the dew;

There came a sound o' melody
No mortal ever heard,
An' all the birds seemed singin'
From the throat o' one sweet bird!

Then the other birds went Mayin'
In a land too fur to call.
Fer there warn't no use in stayin'
When one bird could sing fer all.

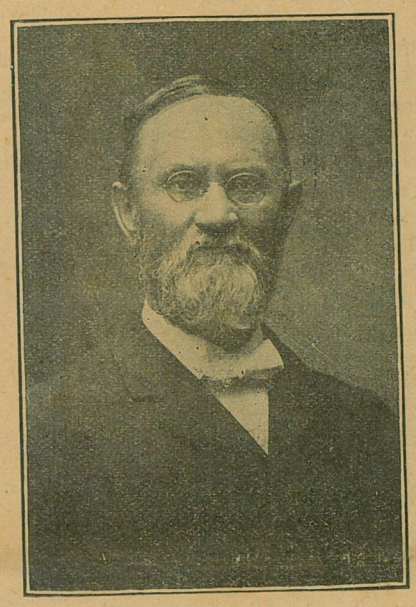
Atlanta Constitution.

Subsidized Newspapers.

Winston Churchill, who is making an independent campaign for governor of New Hampshire against the domination of the Boston and Maine railroad, finds that his candidacy is denied publicity by the newspapers of the state. He attributes this, rightly no doubt, to the fact that 70 out of 75 of the newspapers of New Hampshire are subsidized by the railroad combine. This combine really rules the state, and what it orders in politics goes, with newspapers as well as with politicians and its other employes. Here is the most important of all reasons for public ownership and operation of railroads. Good or bad service? cheap or dear service? These are secondary considerations. The primary and all-controlling consideration is the fact that public service corporations will not and cannot content themselves with rendering service. They are born of corrupt politics, they live in and by corrupt politics, and they must and they do control every agency of politics, from school trustee to governor, from beer saloon to newspaper. The spoils of mere public employment which is held up as a scare crow to prevent public ownership and operation of railroads, is as a gnat to a crocodile in comparison with the spoils of all kinds which railroad corporations utilize for their private ends.—*The Public.*

There were 644 fatal accidents in the anthracite coal fields last year and 479 in the bituminous coal field. Enlisting in the army is far less hazardous than enlisting for service in many ordinary occupations.

Single Tax Talk by J. Bellangee



Including Some Bits of Philosophy and Timely Suggestions

WITH MOST PEOPLE moral ideas are conventional rather than convictional. That is to say, they are imbibed rather than thought out.

The social instinct, rather than the conscience or the reasoning faculties, determines what they shall be.

What everybody seems to think they take as their own without thinking, and by thus giving assent to popular ideas they form habits of expression which they erroneously call their convictions.

No man is well grounded in any faith until he has subjected it to a rigid analysis. That analysis must not only start with the unquestioned axioms that are the foundation of all moral reasoning, but it must be conducted with the utmost fidelity to logical processes.

If one allows social, political or business interests or considerations to enter in, the whole course of his reasoning is vitiated.

It is easy to secure assent to the fundamental axioms of the single tax. God's love and men's equality at once commend themselves to the minds of all as indisputable.

But in our ignorance we have brought upon ourselves evils that we do not understand, and have blindly attributed them to an inscrutable providence that has allotted to some misfortunes and to others the good things of life; and we have relegated to the sweet bye and bye the readjustments that shall make good our faith in God's love.

Of course men have equal rights to God's bounty; but we have illogically made laws that grant to some monopoly of the land in which that bounty inheres, and cut off others from their rightful inheritance.

Here again we are looking to the sweet bye and bye with the mysterious compensations of a just but inscrutable providence, to bring to each his rightful inheritance.

The old hymn of Watts should be re-written, and instead we should sing:

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace:
'Tis human laws' impertinence
That hides His smiling face.

If God is good, He is good always, and His goodness is always available; and if any suffer injustice, it is the fault of man and not of God. It is because men's equality is denied to men, not by God, but by men themselves. It is because our moral formulas have not been the logical deductions of the axioms above given. We have introduced the artificial precepts that have grown up in the loose and illogical convention of human thought.

Fairhope was founded for the purpose of exemplifying God's goodness and men's equality. Its projectors devised a plan to hold the land that it embraces, in such a way as to give to all who dwell upon it an equal benefit from its occupancy—an equality of opportunity in [illegible]

This does not mean an equ[illegible] of the land, for the use must necessarily depend upon the user; but simply an equal opportunity to use it; and that equality is established by so adjusting the rents "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 lesses, all values attaching to such lands not due to the efforts or expenditures of the lessees." If that principle can be consistently and logically carried out, it will be entirely possible to establish the equality of opportunity desired.

Many who come among us readily assent to that proposition and agree to our claim, but their previous training has accustomed them to the method of taxation that fines thrift and industry for their diligence by taxing the accumulations of men in the way of personal property, and so we soon find them objecting to the use of land rentals to pay those taxes for the residents of Fairhope.

They fail to see that to permit the residents of Fairhope to pay taxes on their accumulations is to destroy to that extent the benefit of full use of the land on which they have paid their share for an equal right to use.

To require a man to give to the public a part of what he has earned and saved, simply because he has it, is robbery. It is exactly on a par with the ethics of the footpad who levies tribute on whoever he finds in possession of the wealth he desires. But to make every one pay to all the value of the privilege of exclusive occupancy not only establishes equality of opportunity to use, but it is eminently just

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Banner patterns at Call's.

Mrs. Borst is visiting the doctor at Silver Hill for a few days,

Mrs. Van Bendegom returned from her northern trip on Monday.

Watch our windows for fall hats and shoes —Mershon Merchandising Co.

Fresh lot of garden seeds just received. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. J. W. Braam got back on Monday evening after a brief visit to Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ettel arrived on Sunday, coming over on a launch from Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Trenholme and baby have moved into their own cottage on Magnolia Avenue.

Mrs. Ahrens and daughter, Miss Martha, returned on Sunday evening from a visit to their old home, Chicago.

Mrs, Shupe joined Rev. Shupe here week before last, and they are living at present in Rolland Curtis's cottage.

Mrs. Graham's daughter, Miss Lois, has returned to Toronto, Canada, after an extended visit with her here.

Miss Clements returned from her summer vacation on Sunday, and will take up her school work at the date set for its opening.

Our children's play suits are the thing. They are going. Don't put off buying till they are all gone. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. B. W. Padgett, assistant cashier of the People's Bank, Mobile, is spending a vacation of a week or two at Fairhope, a guest of Rest Cottage.

George F. Riel is making fine progress on his new home east of town. The building will be a fine two-story cement structure, and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Mr. Gaston went to Auburn on Monday, accompanying [illegible]n James and Master Harold Graha[illegible]ds are ontrose, who were entered th[illegible]re as[illegible] leases, s the splendid Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He returned on Wednesday evening.

The birth has just been reported to us by Dr. Sheldon, of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Standard, this morninig, at the home of Capt. Joseph Lawrence. Mrs. Standard, the mother, is the daughter of Captain and Mrs. Lawrence, who was Mrs. Rosa Keen before her marriage to Mr. Standard.

On account of not being able to secure a boat last Sunday evening, Kev C. E. Hill was unable to fill his appointment; but as long as he remains on this side of the bay, there will be preaching every Thursday night, and a most cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

A jolly little party, consisting of Messrs. A.H. and N. Mershon, Williams, Pilcher and Fred Sweet, Dr. and Mrs. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet, Miss Effie Mershon and Dr. and Mrs. Mershon picnicked on the beach on Monday evening and had a fish fry, after which they enjoyed a moonlight swim. A very enjoyable evening was had by all; and they "sure did eat fish", whlch was deliciously fried by Mrs. Sweet, who is an artist in that line.

Suits has been entered by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation against a number of delinquent tenants, including Messrs. H. L. Dunnell, P. K. Dealy, George Fredericks, whose cases are set for tomorrow, before Justice Du Mont, at Point Clear. On account of absence from the state service was not obtained upon Dr. and Mrs. Hail, who are on the list of delinquents, as are Mrs. C. S. Jacobs and J. W. Thompson, both of whom reside outside the state and will be proceeded against by attachment.

Remember the Thursday evening services at the Christian Church, conducted by Rev. Claude E. Hill.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

Ice at Wilson's market, 200 lb block, $1; 100 lb; 65c; 50lb; 40c. Leave orders before noon for daily delivery.

Sam C. Whittaker of Jackson, Tennessee and his friend, Francis Tyson, also of Jackson, are guests of the former's aunt, Mrs. Lining.

Mr. J. M. Williams is looking eagerly forward to being joined by his wife and children, who are expected to arrive Sunday or Monday.

We have neglected to note the moving of Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft out to their fine new suburban home. They have been out there about three weeks.

Mrs. Pilcher and daughter are with Mrs. Pilcher's sisters at Wayzata, Minn., on the north end of beautiful Lake Minnetonka, and are having a delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Hutchison arrived on last Friday evening from Chicago, intending to make their home with us. They will build on the north tract, near the bay.

Dan Shepherd, Jr., came over Sunday morning, as did Paris Fredericks The latter returned to Mobile Monday morning, but Mr. Shepherd spent labor day at home.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with the president, Mrs. Comings, on next Thursday, at 3 P. M., and will continue the discussion of education, with papers by Mrs. Dr. Mershon and Mrs. Sweet.

Dr. Borst accompanied Mrs. Borst home on Thursday, returning to to Silver Hill the same evening. He is in good health and spirits, and having quite a satisfactory practice at Silver Hill and Robertsdale and vicinity.

Two Fairhope families had a scare last evening, when a hard squall came up from the west just at dusk, with Masters Cornie Gaston and Alvin McMillan out somewhere on the bay in amall sailboat. They could not be seen anywhere when the storm broke, but fortunately they had judgment enough to run in about Tatumville, a mile below, and wade ashore, before the gale was upon them.

Notice to Teachers.

According to a law enacted by the last General Assembly of Alabama, entitled "An Act to create a Text-book Commission, and to procure for use in the public schools of this state a uniform sertes of text-books, &c.", any teacher who uses, or permits to be used, in his or her school on and after the first day of October, 1906, "any text-book upon the branches embraced in this act, where the commission has adopted a book upon that branch, other than the one so adopted, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars."

Teachers and patrons of the public schools of Baldwin County will please take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Arrangements have been made with dealers in all parts of the county to handle the state-adopted books for the accommodation of the schools.

For one year from October 1, 1906, an exchange price will be allowed on the county-adopted books now in use in the schools, if they are in good condition.

Respectfully,

J. S. Lambert,

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Joergen Jensen Burned in His House Near Montrose.

Joergen Jensen, age 52 years, was burned to a powder in his house at Montrose about 4 o'clock Tuesday morning. Jensen was a Scandinavian who had been in Baldwin county about five years. He kept a store in his residence and repaired watches and fire arms. There was so much mystery about the cause of the fire that an investigation was made Tuesday as soon as the fire died out sufficiently to permit an examination of the ruins. In raking over the ashes the posts of Jensen's iron bed were soon found and in the midst of the wreckage of the bed were found fragments of human bones. Coroner McKenzie empaneled a jury with J. A, Voutrot as foreman, Z. M. Bush, John Schweitzer, A. J. Young, Harry Marshall and Willie Starke. After further examining the ruins, the skull and fragments of the vertebrae, hip bones and shin bones of what had evidently once been a man, were found. The fragments were examined by a physician, who said that, though the destruction had been more complete than he had ever before heard of in so small a fire, he had no hesitation in saying the remains were those of a man.

The coroner's jury examined several witnesses and secured evidence which pointed strongly to a possible crime, but the verdict was that Joergen Jensen came to his death from unknown causes and that his house was burned in a manner unknown.

If there was any of the dead man's money in the fire it was paper money and therefore consumed. A most careful search of the ashes failed to show any considerable amount of melted gold or silver.

About three weeks ago Mrs. Jensen died under circumstances which made the neighbors suspect her husband of having been neglectful, at least.

Jensen was from Chicago, where he resided for ten years before coming to Baldwin county. He is known to have left a daughter, though her present address could not be ascertained.

Jensen's remains were collected, placed in a box and buried beside his wife near Montrose.

Council Proceedings.

On Wednesday evening the Council met with a full attendance.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's report for August presented as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Rents, 1906	$100 75
Rents, 1907 (in advance)	2 32
Rent penalty	69
Wharfage	46 57
Water Fund	107 75
Sundries	9 54
Total Receipts of August	267 62
Cash on hand August 1	106 30
Total Credits August 31	373 92

DISBURSEMENTS.

G. M. Bancroft	$11 25	
Highways	8 39	
Wharf	21 86	
Taxes	19 04	
Schools	27 50	
Salaries	33 82	
Water fund	50 10	
Telephone	8 24	
Postage and printing	7 86	
Well and windmill	75	
Sundries	1 60	190 41
Balance Aug. 31, 1906		$183 52

Wharfinger presented reports as follows:

Week ending Aug. 25—freight, $20.91; passenger, $5.55 (51 coupons); paid treasurer $15.88.

Week ending Sept. 1—freight, $23.80; passenger, $5.75 (61 coupons); paid treasurer $17.73.

The following bills were allowed:

Wm. Call, ½ day cleaning tank,	75	
Postage	25	
Receipt book	5	
Bill book	10	$1 10
J. A. Patterson, paid E. W. Jefferson, repairing wharf rail broken by "Quo Vadis"		50

Voted that the application of Silas Lawrence for east part of lots 1, 9 and 10, block 6, div. 4, be granted, provided that no other applicants appear by next Monday evening.

Same as to application of R. S. Hutchison for lots 6, 7 and 8, block 5, division 3.

Secretary reported receipt of authority from Mrs. Ellyson to bid up to a certain amount on lot 1, block 13F, div. 2, for which Mrs. Nichols had bid a premium of $1.00; notifying Mrs. Nichols of the same, and having received no response from her, he therefore offered in behalf of Mrs. Ellyson a bonus of $2 for the lot. It was moved and carried that the application of Mrs. Ellyson be granted.

Transfer from M. V. Mathews to Mrs. Ila Coutant of lots 1 and 2, block 9, div. 1, approved on payment of the rent due and application in due form.

Secretary reported placing ad. for bids for turpentining privilege in COURIER, Times and Standard, and receiving one reply requesting particulars, to which, after consultation with members of the Council, he had replied, stating that bids would be received either by the box or in a lump sum; that the right would be reserved to resume possession of any portion of the land at any time, on refunding any unearned portion of the sum paid for boxing privilege and proportionate amount of the cost of boxing; that the right to reject any and all bids was reserved, and that bids should be in by Sept. 15. It was moved and carried that those having signified a desire to bid upon the turpentining privilege should be notified that their bids should be in by Sept. 15, and also that Supt. of Lands and Highways should show prospective bidders over the land.

A vote of censure against the Vice President for unparliamentary language used at the meeting of Aug. 14, was passed.

A warrant was ordered drawn in favor of the Missouri Lamp and Manufacturing Co., for the amount due for fire extinguishers, $42.

Supt. of Public Services instructed to procure a point and sink a pipe with pitcher pump at point he deems most convenient for the public between wharf and magnolia platform.

Secretary reported receipt of a bid of $1.50 a cord (the only one he had received), for cutting into cord-wood trees felled by telephone company. Moved and carred that 4 cords be cut for water works.

Supt. of Lands and Highways directed to sell the remainder of trees cut by telephone company to best advantage.

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The *Piedmont Herald*, (W. Va.), reports an offer of $500,000 for a tract of 10,000 acres of coal land, and says: "This is the last of the big coal tracts for sale in West Virginia and the price is considered reasonable." Look out now for an advance in the price of coal and a cut in wages.

We welcome two new and bright exchanges upon our table this week, the first being the Meridian *Morning Dispatch*. * * * The other is THE FAIRHOPE COURIER, published in the live little Alabama city of Single Tax fame.—*Wayne Co. Record*, Buckatunna, Miss.

C. B. Fillebrown, W. L. Crosman and Walter Isidor, of Boston, appeared, on Aug. 22, before a special recess committee of the Massachusetts legislature for the revision of the taxation laws, and advocated the Single Tax. Mr. Fillebrown presented each member of the committee with a copy of Shearman's "Natural Taxation."

Fairhope's friend, Daniel Kiefer of Cincinnati, has been instrumental in securing the promise of William Jennings Bryan to visit Cincinnati about September 10. In a letter to Mr. Kiefer, Mr. Bryan said: "Do not talk about my candidacy: time will show whether that is desirable. Talk about the vindication of democratic principles."

The Central Labor Union, of Boston, protested vigorously against President Roosevelt's celebration of Labor Day with a great naval demonstration. It declared it to be in exceedingly bad taste "to select a day devoted to the celebration of the pursuits of peace for a display advertising the latest improved methods for killing our fellow human beings." Organized labor is the most potent peace agency in the world to-day.

There is talk of the railroads declining to make further contracts with newspapers for advertising payable in transportation, on the ground that it is in violation of the federal statute forbidding the issuance of passes. We are not familiar with the exact wording of the act, but we do not see why a bona fide contract for newspaper space for the ordinary business announcements of railroads, which are almost as necessary to them as the announcements of a dry goods store are to it, and payment therefor in transportation, is not a perfectly legitimate and proper one. If the railroads seek to stretch the law to make it cover this innocent exchange of services, there is likely to be a great increase in the number of newspapers advocating government ownership of railways which, while it might not lead to advertising contracts, would very certainly reduce passenger rates greatly.

The Russian popular conceptions of land tenure, though they may seem somewhat heterodox to a western lawyer or modern economist, are exactly the same as those which in past time prevailed among all European nations before they happened to fall victims to somebody's conquest. Russian peasants hold that land, being an article of universal need made by nobody, ought not to become property in the usual sense of the word. It naturally belongs to, or, more exactly, it should remain in the undisturbed possession of those by whom, for the time being, it is cultivated. If the husbandman discontinues the cultivation of his holding, he has no more right over it than the fisher over the sea where he has fished, or the shepherd over the meadow where he has once pastured his flock.—STEPNIAK in the *Russian Peasantry*.

Right now is the "psychological" moment to sell land afar off. It's the season of the year of unrest. The swallows are gathering for the southern flight. The young ducks are stretching their wings at the northern lakes. Just a whiff now and then of fall rushes a man's imagination off to winter, and he gets nervous. Visions of base burners and snowdrifts piling high at the door don't seem a little bit poetical. He thinks of the prosy coal bill and ice bill both at once. And wants to run off somewhere, he don't care much where. That's the time to land him with a piece of land on over the horizon. By September, after the first killing frost, he will settle down with the pumpkin vines and the corn, to stay awhile. He'll find he always did like a good stiff winter; snow; literaries; pop corn; and a trough full of ice. And he'll not budge again till spring.—*Blade*, Coleridge, Nebraska.

Democratic Radicalism in Ohio.

The work of the radicals is plainly seen in the platform adopted by the Ohio Democrats last month. The initiative and referendum were endorsed as follows:

We favor the initiative and referendum, and such legislation and constitutional amendments as will make it effective as to state and local affairs.

The platform on the subject of taxation, home rule and public services is as follows:

We demand that the laws shall be so amended that the revenue necessary for the expenses of the state shall be raised without calling upon the counties for a levy, and thereby secure for each county home rule in taxation, i. e., each county raise only what it needs for its own expenses and which its citizens authorize. We declare that the present laws for assessing the property of railroads and other public service corporations should be so changed as to compel the assessment of those properties at not less than their salable value as going concerns, and to prevent their evasion of just taxation. We demand that the legislature shall enact such laws as will enable a tax to be levied on all franchise privileges as on other property which now, although of great value, pay nothing toward the burdens of government. We believe in free and unqualified home rule, free from state interference. Each city, town and village should be allowed to decide for itself all matters of local policy, especially as between public or private ownership of all public utilities, including street railways, as well as water works and lighting systems, and that provision should be made for submitting such questions to the people, upon request from a reasonable number of voters, and at such elections the vote of a majority shall decide. Such public ownership should be safeguarded by the merit system of appointment and tenure of office, so as to prevent the building up of political machines and the perpetuation of a boss rule.

RIDER HAGGARD DREW FIRE FROM JOSEPH FELS

Speaking recently at a conference on the unemployed question in London, under the auspices of the Sociological Society, Mr. Rider Haggard said: "People from this country, if properly directed and instructed, could without doubt succeed in Canada; and they or their children might rise to be wealthy folk." He knew there was among the working classes a great prejudice against emigration, and he held it to be erroneous. He would like to see the problem of unemployment met with a joint system of land settlement in England and emigration to the colonies. But the land must be freed from its burdens. The owner must be placed in the same position as the owner of colonial land.

Mr. Joseph Fels replied to this quite effectively. It was the private ownership of the land, he declared, that was the cause of poverty—it mattered not whether there was protection or free trade. The reason why people in the country crowded to the towns, was because the conditions of life in the rural districts were so horrible. There were in England twenty million acres of unused land. He knew it, because he had been offered a great deal of it (Laughter.) There was enough land in Essex, if thoroughly well cultivated, to support half the population of London. To his mind, emigration was justly unpopular. (Hear, hear.) The conditions in some of the cities of Canada were little better than those in London. The Salvation Army had started three colonies in Canada at a cost of £80,000, and they were inhabited by only 500 people. With these figures before one, it was ridiculous to talk of emigration. Let us colonize our own country.

LAND VALUES (England).

Single Tax Talk by J. Bellangee.

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because it returns to the whole people that which they forego by assigning the privilege to one. And to pay out of the common fund the state and county charge upon personal property, which is unjust, not only relieves the individual of that injustice, but on the part of the whole it restores to the individual that equality of opportunity for which he has paid his rent.

Again, it is illogical to fail to take all of the unearned increment, whether it be a natural growth in value or a speculative one; for to do so would destroy equality of opportunity desired, since it would leave in the hands of some a part of the values attaching to such lands "not due to the efforts or expenditures of the lessees."

So with the uses to which the surplus of rent should be supplied. That there will be a surplus of rent after the state and county taxes are paid, is evident from the fact that in other communities the users of land pay not only these taxes, but local taxes as well, and give an immense bonus to the landlord as a holder where the land is rented, or to him as a land speculator where it is purchased.

Clearly, to preserve the equality of opportunity to the renters of Fairhope lands, the surplus arising should be spent in local services for their advantage, and should, if our reasoning be right, secure for them a much more extended service than other communities can enjoy, where this surplus goes to the land owner.

(to be continued.)

The Club Corner

Devoted to the Doings of the Women's Clubs of Fairhope

The Fifth Thursday Club

The Fifth Thursday Club held its regular quarterly meeting at the pavilion on the bay front on August 30th. Owing to the warm weather and threatening rain clouds, as well as the absence of many members from town, the attendance was small; but all present took part in the discussion and helped to make the meeting a success. Mrs. Dorchester reviewed the first chapters of Dr. Oppenheim's "Development of the Child"; and as Mrs. Yarnelle was out of town, the president took up the chapters she was to have reviewed.

It is a somewhat novel idea to those who have believed implicitly in our present school system, that it is injurious to children; that "present methods teach too much and allow too little opportunity for development." "As things are now, children spend an important part of their lives in cages, the regulations controlling them are those fit for captives, and the physical discipline of making them sit in stiff and studied attitudes on poorly shaped benches is an admirable one to develope a race of puppets. There is not enough freedom, not enough spontaneity: the common function of the elementary teacher is too much that of a keeper or an upper nurse maid, and too many believe that her charges are properly influenced only when they fear and dread her."

In his chapter on "Facts in Comparative Development" we find "a complete account of all the slow changes that make the child so widely different from the adult would include almost every item of physical and mental growth;" and it is on account of this "unripe" condition of the brain and the entire nervous system that he deprecates putting children at tasks that are entirely beyond their ability to understand. "The senses develop before the higher intellectual powers, and it naturally follows that the exercise of these senses goes before the more abstract lessons. Now the clear appreciation and use of mathematics—the relations of numbers—are unquestionably so abstract as plainly to be outside of the scope of the elementary-school child. . . . They receive no permanent value from studies in mathematics, simple though they be; and what is more, if these studies were not begun until greater maturity—say at least ten years of age, not only would a vast amount of wear and tear be saved, but also the children would learn as much in one year as they formerly, under the present adverse conditions and methods, learned in five. One must keep in mind that the faculty which governs mathematical computation is located among the higher centers of the cerebrum; that this part of the brain is among the latest to attain maturity; that therefore in childhood it is no condition to be put to a strain. Grammar, which is highly abstract, has no place in either elementary or the so-called grammar schools. It should be confined to high schools or the secondary schools, where the mental development approaches the adult form."

He pleads for better nutrition, including not only food but sleep, good air, play, freedom to grow, to become strong—everything that makes for a perfect physique, before strenuous mental work is begun.

In his chapter on "the Genius and the Defective" he clearly shows that the former is the result of over-development of some one faculty to the detriment of all others, while the latter is due to lack of development, and may be overcome by attention to proper nutrition. Also that the child criminal is largely the result of his environment rather than his heredity.

Of institutional life for children he says: "All thought of massing them in large institutions, whether conducted under private or public management, should be absolutely put aside. Children need something more than food and clothing. If they cannot be adopted into families, divide the children into groups of not more than ten and put them into cottages under the care of a competent 'mother', where all the conditions of a home can be preserved." We quote the closing words of the chapter: "Much of the so-called defective population can be turned into really valuable citizens who would not only render unnecessary the vast expense now necessary for charities and corrections, but would also be fertile producers, and upholders of what is conservative and fine in the community. The sooner we forget the idea that the dependent children of the state are a burden, and recognize that they are so much raw material waiting to be developed, the sooner we gain the reward of a wise self-interest, of common sense, of broad ideals."

He asks for mothers a greater knowledge of physiology, psychology, biology and hygiene, that they may understand the child's physical needs and know the laws governing the body; may know how the mind works and be able to guide the child as to what he should learn, hear and see—a knowledge that will tend to the betterment of the world, of the individual and of the race.

This book is written from the standpoint of the physician, and while much of it is rather technical, no one can read it without feeling the necessity for greater care of the physical, for better knowledge of the laws governing the mental development, that we may have normal men and women who can see and think clearly.

Village Improvement Club

Regular meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month, with Mrs. Powell.

At the meeting of August 23rd a number of reports from committees were given and the committees continued, as the work was still unfinished. The committee on work at the hall reported the ceiling finished and the fence in perfect repair, greatly needed improvements. The painting of the ceiling was deferred until later in the season. This committee—Dr. Clara Atkinson and Miss Gooding—was tendered a vote of thanks for its very efficient work.

It was decided to ask for the co-operation of the residents in cutting the dog-fennel which just now is blossoming in such profusion in our streets. At the present writing much of the work has been done and the appearance of the town is much improved.

For some time a Monthly Club Corner has been under consideration, and it was decided to begin it with the first issue in September.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union

Regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

The next meeting will be held at "The Gables" on the 13th at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Bertha Mershon will review the closing chapters of Dr. Oppenheim's "Development of the Child," and Mrs. Sweet the opening chapters of Dr. Henderson's "Education and the Larger Life." The meeting is open to all ladies, whether members or not.

As the receipts at the gold medal contest did not quite cover the expenses, a collection will be taken to make up the deficiency.

Henry George Club

Regular meeting on third Thursday of each month, with Mrs. Gaston.

After a vacation of two months the club will meet on the 20th of the month. The closing chapters of Dr. Henderson's book will make up the program, and this will complete the club study of education undertaken to supplement and strengthen the teaching of Mrs. Johnson during our summer normal last June.

Arts and Crafts

The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held at "The Gables" Wednesday, Oct. 10th, at 7:30 p. m.

It is hoped every member will be present, that the winter's work may be planned. It will be an open meeting, to which everybody is invited. Come and bring your friends.

Our Year Book, containing outline of winter's work, etc., for all the clubs, is now in preparation and will be ready for sale early in October.

Fairhope to have New Direct Steamer, If.

The announcement of special interest, which we hinted at in last issue, was that of the securing of another direct boat between Fairhope and Mobile, to take the place of the lamented *Fairhope*.

The COURIER this week is in the unpleasant predicament of being in danger of making a premature announcement, or being "scoop" which is always unpleasant to a newspaper. In fact the *Item* of yesterday announced that a boat had been purchased, the *William H. Welch*, formerly in the government quarantine service on the Mississippi coast, and would be put into service just as soon as desired alterations could be made.

A conditional bargain for the boat has been made, and, if everything goes as planned, she will be purchased and put into the Fairhope-Mobile service. The purchaser will be the Fairhope Improvement Company, which, under the energetic and capable management of Mr. R. F. Powell, has already contributed so much so the development of Fairhope.

We hope in next issue to be able to announce positively the purchase of the steamer, and will then give the particulars which all our friends will be eager to know.

The statement of the *Item* that the boat would be managed by Mr. Gaston is wholly wrong. Mr. Gaston's other interests and duties are occupying his time fully, and he will not be connected with the management of the boat.

Council Proceedings.

Council met in the hall Monday evening, President Brown in the chair. All present except Mr. Patterson. The minutes of the last meeting wert read and approved.

Lot 1, Block 14F, Division 2, was granted to Dr. M. Toulmin Gaines; and the part of Lot 1, Block 16, Division 4, held by Andrew Larson was transferred to Capt. Silas Lawrence.

The Council adjourned to Wednesday evening.

ALABAMA PROGRESSIVE IN INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

The Fine State Polytechnic Institute at Auburn.

Though Alabama is confessedly backward in her rural public school facilities, her citizens have just cause for pride in her advanced position along the line of industrial education. The Auburn school which we visited this week, is well equipped with buildings and machinery, which are constantly being added to (a new building being in process of erection at the time of our visit, and machinery being installed), and has a large corps of capable instructors. The enrollment last year was 579, and is expected to be considerably over 600 this year. At Montevallo, Ala., the state conducts an industrial school for girls, which has an attendance in the neighborhood of 600. There are also agricultural and industrial schools under semi-state auspices in some of the congressional districts, and plans made for such a school in every district.

While in Auburn, we had the pleasure of meeting the professors of the agricultural department, who are well remembered for their visits here and valued services at Farmers' Institutes: Professors Cary, Ross, Mackintosh, Hare and Bragg; also Professor Petrie, who, with his wife, spent some time here, making a study of the colony on its sociological side, and later wrote an excellent article upon it for the Booklover's Magazine. Professor Petrie has since been a regular reader of the Courier, and continues greatly interested in our work here. We also met President Thach, Professor Andersen, in charge of the department of soil analysis, Professor Duggar, director of the agricultural experiment station, and assistants and others.

Both those whose acquaintance we already enjoyed and others whom we met upon this occasion, impressed us as men intensely interested in their work, realizing their responsibilities for the hundreds of young men in their charge, appreciating the dignity of useful labor with the hands as well as with the brain, and genuinely democratic in instincts and sympathies.

Miss Uhlma Hail Wins the Gold Medal Contest.

Quite a party of Fairhopers drove to Silver Hill last Saturday evening, where an oratorical contest was held under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Little Miss Uhlma Hail won the prize, a fine gold medal. The Fairhope party was pleasantly entertained at supper at the beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs Slosson.

Labor Day Ball Game Won by Battles.

By the close score of 2 to 1 Battles defeated Fairhope at base ball on Labor Day. The game was an exciting one, enjoyed by the spectators.

Ladies, here is something that will interest you. We have just received a shipment of non-rust tin ware. These goods are the best that we have ever had. They are ahead of granite or enamel, for they will not crack if you drop them. They are not cheap in price, but their lasting qualities make them cheap. Come in and examine them and you will find that we are correct. Mershon Merchandising Co.

A letter was recently received by Mr. Pilcher from Mr. Ernest DeKalb, formerly engineer of the Fairhope, who has by no means lost his interest in Fairhope. Mr. De Kalb wrote from Sabine Pass, Texas. He is now chief engineer on the oil ship Roma, a ship of 3800 tons, carrying four engineers and plying between Marcus Hook and Sabine.

Mr. E. P. Kinne, of Magnolia Springs, was in Fairhope on Saturday last, attending Masonic lodge, and was accompanied by Mrs. C. S Whipple. Mrs. Whipple wanted to look at an advertised bargain of a Fairhope property, of which we had already made a sale. Mr. Kinne and the Whipples are subscribers to the Courier and follow with much interest our progress.

The steamer Manteo sailed on Wednesday night, on her initial trip in the coasting trade from Mobile, via Pensacola, Appalachicola, Carabelle and other Florida points to Tampa. Our Captain John Foster, of Fairhope, is in command of the Manteo, which is admirably adapted for this trade. She has excellent accommodations for 25 first-class passengers, and we believe the trip upon her will become a very popular one among the winter visitors to this section, as well as those having business taking them to points upon her route.

Mrs. Hail and children left on Monday for a visit in Mississippi.

FOR SALE—A fine large sow and nine pigs. Pigs separately if desired.
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WANTED—A good girl for general housework. Address Mrs. C. O. White, Fairhope.

ENEMY TO GRASS AND CORN.

The So-Called Grass Web Worm, and How It May Be Combated.

Grass web worms, it will be remembered, were somewhat destructive last year in portions of Rensselaer, Columbia and Albany counties, New York, says the Country Gentleman. The injuries were in most cases confined to grass lands, particularly the drier knolls, and the damage was emphasized by the prevailing dry weather. The large amount of rain the present season has prevented depredations of this character from being noticeable, though grass web worms appear to be abundant in some fields, since a report has just come to us of rather severe injury in Columbia county to corn planted on recently plowed sod land.

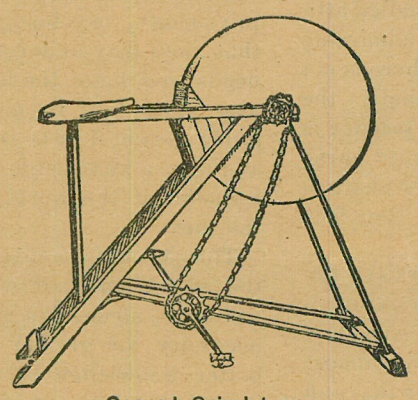
Grass web worms, sometimes known as corn web worms, come from minute white eggs deposited by the light-brown, white-marked moths so frequently observed flying in large numbers in late afternoon and early evening in grass fields and invariably alighting with the wings wrapped closely about the body, the latter parallel with the grass stem upon which the insect rests. The web worms themselves are dull-colored, sparsely-haired, brown-headed caterpillars about half an inch long. They live in web-lined retreats at or just beneath the surface of the soil, and a little investigation in infested grass lands or about hills of corn troubled by this insect should result in uncovering the depredators. They work on corn in various ways, sometimes tunneling the stalks, occasionally eating holes in the sides of the stems or feeding to some extent on the leaves.

There were some injuries of this kind last year, and as a rule trouble of this nature may be prevented by early fall plowing, since this deprives the web worms of their accustomed provender before they have an opportunity to go into hibernation, and we should expect a considerable number of them to perish before any green food such as young corn is available in the spring. Another preventive measure would be to delay planting as late as possible, in the hope that a considerable number of the web worms would succumb before the corn came up. Another precaution which might be taken in planting sod lands would be to put in about twice the usual amount of seed, in the hope that a fair stand would be secured, in spite of web-worm injuries. This would necessitate some thinning on areas where web worms were not abundant, but in any event this would be preferable to replanting. There is no practical method of checking outbreaks of this character in cultivated fields, owing to the expense involved. About the only thing that can be done following severe injury is to replant.

GRINDSTONE WITH PEDAL.

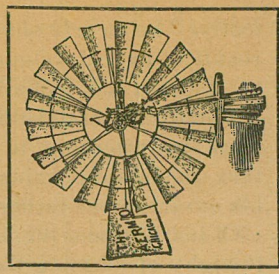
Bicycle Is Used to Transmit the Power from the Foot to the Stone.

A reader of one of our exchanges has devised a simple means of turning the grindstone by foot power. As shown in the illustration, the gearing



Geared Grindstone.

of a bicycle is used to transmit the power from the foot to the stone. This device, says Prairie Farmer, is said to work satisfactorily when properly adjusted. A more steady power is secured for the stone than when ordinarly one-way foot lever is used.



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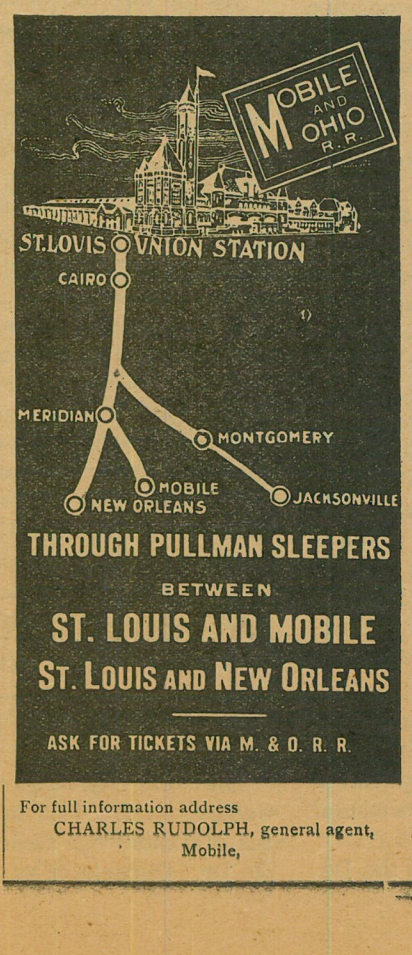
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HER INTELLECTUAL TREAT



MISS BONNETT, of Martin's cloak department was undoubtedly in great haste.

"Better not take the glad togs off the wax ladies before the bell rings," admonished her friend and consoler.

"Catch me being late this Saturday afternoon," she replied, airily. "I want all my time. There's something doing."

"Has Ned bought an automobile out of his salary?" asked her friend, sarcastically.

"When he does, I'll take you for a spin," answered Miss Bonnett, sweetly. "I will play the good fairy to the poor working girl. But to-day this queen of the cloakroom goes among the real 400," jerking another figure behind the rack, where the ever-watchful floor-walker could not see it.

"What's the disturbance all about?"

"My customer, Mrs. Delancey, has invited me to her house for lunch and for the afternoon."

"Sounds good. There's the bell."

At dusk Miss Bonnett, tired and cross, entered her room and found her roommate curled up on the sofa reading a novel.

"Goodness, Bonnie, what's the matter?" asked the roommate, composedly. "Don't your clothes fit or have you an exchange to make Monday?"

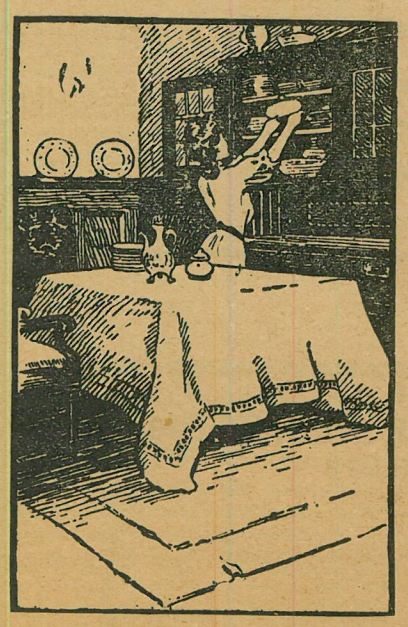
"Don't try to be funny," returned Bonnie, throwing her hat on the bed vehemently.

"Tell me your troubles, dear. They always cheer me up," said her chum.

"Huh! If a customer ever poses for you with a does-your-husband-drink-my-good-woman expression, ask 'papa' for a pass, borrow a nickel and make for the tall timber. Here I get home from my excursion into high society more tired than if I had been selling goods at a bargain sale."

"Didn't you enjoy your afternoon at Mrs. Delancey's?"

"I should say not! Mrs. Delancey had forgotten about my coming and



"Her Fine Glass and China."

the servants were out for the afternoon. She told me to come right out into the kitchen and she would pick up something. My heart sunk, for that's what we get every day. I was frightfully hungry, too. She put on a dainty apron and started to beat some eggs for an omelet. She didn't know how and things began to look awfully messy. Her suggestion that we just sit there in the kitchen for our lunch didn't meet with my approval.

"Just then the bell rang and it proved a friend to stay to lunch. Mrs. Delancey was panicky. What would she do? This caller, it seemed, had everything lovely.

"I felt so sorry for her—with so much in the house to do with and no executive ability to make even hash. So I told her not to worry and I would get the lunch. I hadn't done much in this line since I left the farm to enter the pugilistic field wrestling with bargain hunters—"

"Ned will be glad to have you get a little practice in that line."

"I rather enjoyed getting out all her fine glass and china and fixing flowers on the table. Then I made biscuits, salad, croquettes—"

"Makes our boarding house look small," sighed her friend.

"Well, it made Mrs. Delancey sit up and take nourishment. Then it was time for me to have my treat. I waited for the conversation to get to the point where I could enjoy it. But it never did."

"Why, I thought they always discussed music, art and books!"

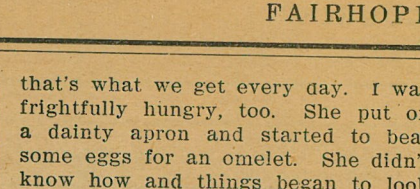
"That's in novels, my dear. They talked dress every minute. They asked me what was to be worn and all sorts of questions, endeavoring to get as much information out of me as possible.

"Goodness, Bonnie! Didn't you throw anything at them?"

"Then Mrs. Delancey brought out some of her old dresses and asked me to tell her how to make them over. That was the last straw. I got up and said I must be going.

"On my way home I telephoned Ned to meet me here to-night and take me out into our own set—where death is the penalty for merely mentioning the word 'dress' or 'shop.' No more high society for me."—Chicago Daily News.

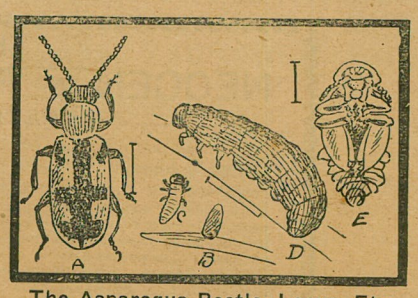
HORTICULTURE



SPOTTED ASPARAGUS BEETLE.

Insect Which Does Much Damage to the Plants—How to Fight It.

One of the pests that affect the asparagus plants in the middle west is the Twelve-spotted Asparagus beetle. The insect is red with 12 black spots. The eggs are laid on the asparagus early in the spring and after hatching do a great deal of damage to the young plants. In the accompanying cut after Chittenden, of the department of agriculture, some of the important stages



The Asparagus Beetle, Larva, Etc.

of growth are illustrated; a shows the beetle; b, the egg; c, newly hatched larva; d, full grown larva; and e, pupa. All are very much enlarged.

In treating to exterminate the pest, dust the young plants when wet with dew, with plaster of Paris mixed with some arsenical poison. During hot weather frequently all that is necessary is to simply brush the larvae from the plants. It is a good thing ordinarily to allow fowls to run in the asparagus beds. It is generally advised when cutting the asparagus to leave a few shoots, for beetles will deposit their eggs on these and they may then be cut down and destroyed.

WELL-FED TREES.

They Come Into Bearing Later, But Last Longer Than Those Underfed.

It is a matter of common observation that fruit trees on thin soils come into bearing early, exhibit a strong tendency toward fruitfulness, for a comparatively short time, and die, and that trees on good, strong land come into bearing as a rule somewhat later, grow to much greater size, and live for a very much greater number of years, says H. J. Waters, director of the Wisconsin experiment station. It is safe to say that well fed trees may have more than double the number of productive years than those which are underfed usually have.

The fact is strikingly shown by the results of an experiment conducted by the New Jersey experiment station with peaches, in which it was observed that on the unmanured land the crops secured at the end of eight years were so small as to very materially reduce the average for the whole productive period, while in the case of the manured land the average for the entire period was not only not reduced, but very materially increased. Thus, the crops secured from the manured trees, after those receiving no manure had practically ceased to bear, were greater proportionately than those secured previous to that time. That is to say, that the properly fed trees were at their very height of productiveness at the time when the unmanured trees had practically ceased to bear.

AGING TREES BEFORE PLANTING

In my orchard I started to test a plan that I am working out much more extensively on my own farm, that of growing the orchard before I plant it out, says A. Sulley, of Connecticut. This is, instead of planting three or four-year-old trees in the orchard, put them in a nursery row about two feet apart and trim about the same as if planted in the orchard. Grow them two years, pull up, trim again, and again plant them, giving them more space, and at the end of two more years take to the orchard. I have taken this experiment far enough to feel sure that I can grow 1,000 trees on a quarter of an acre at less expense than in the field and have the latter clear to improve or crop in full. Do not confound this work with the old idea of bearing age trees. They must be handled on or near the farm where they are to be used, as the bulk will prevent shipping them. It is exactly the same process as is used by many ornamental stock growers, and for the same purpose.

Blight on Strawberries.

Leaf blight, or rust, of the strawberry is familiar to everyone. The disease occurs throughout the entire country, making its appearance in early spring in the form of whitish or purplish spots on the leaves. Eventually the entire leaf dries up into a brown mass. It is controlled by the familiar mentioned formula. If attack has been pronounced the preceding year the spraying needs to be done early. After fruit is off clean up beds, burn leaves and cultivate.

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Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

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A LETTER FROM COL. EDW. DANIELS.

Pleasant Remembrance of Fairhope and Longing to Return.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I left Fairhope in early May, intending to send back to you something about it. Unforseen changes caused postponement. Time has not diminished the interest we feel in the work there. During our stay of five months we fairly tested the conditions of life on Mobile bay and in the Single Tax Colony. Looking back pleasant memories dominate. To be sure we had some unpleasant experiences. But these fade in the retrospect. We recall such visions of splendor as the sun sinking in the calm waters of the Gulf, or the moon tracing its path across the glistening waves, as we sat beneath the noble pines that fringe the shore and tower in such majesty all along the Bay: The gardens bright with flowers, even in winter, surrounding lovely homes. The schools with troops of happy children. The dainty little church nestling in the grove, a gem of architecture with its delightful singing and simple service, restful and inspiring to those whose strenuous life needs such ministration. The hall, where philosophy gathers its votaries for serious thought and discussion of the great issues of the times, or

"Youth and pleasure meet,
To chase the glowing hours with flying feet,"

or social Fairhope gathers to feast and rejoice in the good things its unrivalled cooks provide. The intense stir and life of the town—the noble men and good women intent upon making the world a better place. The people of note who come and go. Last and greatest of all—The Fairhope Courier, compact, aflame with earnestness and bright with the fire of truth, which so holds and fascinates us that we read every word of it at a sitting and are hungry for more. Such are the reminiscences that come as we think of the little city so full of life and promise. We want the months to haste that we may find excuse to seek a winter home there again, where the genial climate tends to lengthen life and the intellectual atsmophere is full of ozone to quicken thought and stimulate to generous effort for humanity.

Your sincere friend,
Edward Daniels.

Gunston, Va., Sept. 6.

The Republicans of Summit county, Ohio, at Akron, on the 8th, adopted resolutions in the face of the personal opposition of Senator Dick in favor of an amendment to the federal constitution permitting election of senators by direct vote of the people, and demanded in the meantime that the state executive committee make provision for the nomination of Republican candidates for the senate by the Oregon plan. The wave of radicalism is invading all parties.

The Fairhope Courier comes out enlarged, a change we are pleased to note. It is an improvement over the old form.—*Citronelle Call.*

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Vineland, N. J. Sept. 5.

Dear Carrie:—I find my precious old time friend, Augusta Cooper Bristol, much less feeble than I had dared hope. O, how gratifying was our meeting! We talked of Edward, the old Casa Tonti days, and the experiences of all the intervening years since we met. Yesterday we had a very long drive over Vineland with Bessie and her husband—Think of it *her husband!* The most vivid remembrance I have of her is of one evening in the days when Mr. Bristol was living, and in the old Vineland home amid great vineyards and gardens. We were sitting together in the early evening and this Bessie was in her mother's arms. I remember her bending over the little one and saying: "When I touch my baby I touch heaven." The "baby" is now a woman. From early years she has taught the piano and the violin and her fame and pupils have so increased that she is having a studio built with an auditorium for rehearsals and concerts.——We lived in Hammonton, 17 miles from here, twenty years and during that time occured the Vineland tragedy of the shooting of the Editor, Carruth, in his office, by Landis the founder of Vineland. Carruth, in his paper, had "poked fun" at Landis for a long time without greatly troubling him but when he made Landis' wife the target there came a crisis. She was a handsome, blonde lady, a daughter of Gen. Meade.

* * * Vineland, one may say without question is *the* park city of the country if not of the world. I wondered years ago why all the streets and residences were beautiful and I learned that Landis' idea was first of all, a beautiful, uncrowded, healthful city. Hence the conditions of building here were so stringent, that no mean home should be built. Every house had to be set a certain distance from the hedges, the fronts provided with lawns and gardens, trees planted beyond sidewalks etc.

Hundreds of people built beyond their means and lost their homes by mortgages. Industries built up slowly and do yet, but the city is an ideal of beauty and symmetry without sameness in buildings, parks and gardens, The symmetry is perfect where it should be: in the broad, straight streets and avenues all of which are lined with beautiful trees and stand in a ribbon of closely cropped lawn. Then comes the broad sidewalk, another strip of green in which the hedge is planted, or the iron fence set. All the homes are beautiful and many are superb. Larchmont, N. Y., which I latelydeseribed in these letters, is more the home of the very rich —of millionaires. Vineland is more a city of the people. The lots are 50 feet front by 100 back. I am assured that the great majority of those living in more or less costly houses and with beautifully improved lots, have made their fortunes by fruit-raising and manufacturing, and not in any kind of speculation. Mr. Landis originally owned all the land. Of course he died rich. The making of "unfermented wine" is a great industry here since the grape partly failed, also glass-making and shoe-manufacturing. But they had a railroad to New York and Philadelphia from the beginning. It was the "one man power," the "boss" that directed the laying out of beautiful Vineland. There was no faction governed by fear and distrust to carry measures of false economy and narrow policy. They built broadly and boldly and the result is the handsomest city of its size on the earth. Others have beautiful, broad boulevards, lined with grand trees and beautiful homes—possibly one or two like Landis avenue in extent and beauty, but here they are everywhere, and nowhere are there slums. As we drove over the city these graded, shady streets and handsome homes seemed interminable. Beyond the one mile square of the city limit we entered the Italian quarter. The houses there are quaint, scattered over a prosperous region of vineyards and farms. The universal testimony is that they grow rich where Americans would starve. The reason generally given is that they "live on nothing." I doubt it much when I see how rosy and robust their children are. Their passion is to buy land—no doubt to speculate in unearned increment.

The Soldiers' Home is here, also the State Asylum for the feeble minded. The Public Library, built by the $12,000 given by Mr. Carnegie on condition that the town would raise $1,200 a year to equip and support it, is an honor to Vineland. I think the $12,000 must have been most wisely used. The grounds are fine, the building solid, plain, beautiful, and its appointments up to date.

One thing I would criticise: The librarian needs more help. She was so driven with receiving and lending books of and to patrons that I could not presume to approach her, though I longed to do so, and tell her about our little public library of some 2,800 numbers in Fairhope. I wanted to tell her I sympathized with her struggle to do the work of two library servants at least. But you see $100 a month ($1,200 a year), can hardly cover the cost of keeping grounds and building and books in order, pay librarian and one assistant, and have anything left to keep up the stock of books and magazines. I must return here and have a talk with that librarian before going home.

In Brooklyn I visited, escorted by our esteemed Arts and Crafts friend, Miss Lyon, the magnificent Pratt Free Library. There I talked some time with one of the brightest and most intelligent librarians I have ever met, and she was as courtious and gracious as she was able. The season of vacation prevented my visiting the new Rockville Centre Library on Long Island. I want to carry back to our Fairhope Library committee the interior plan of that and of the Vineland library, for we could not fail to profit by adopting their plans —largely, at least. I really hope we shall get an "extension of time" and not decide hastily as to plan or location.

In the next I mean to give some Vineland statistics regarding their water and electric plants and their bonded debt.

THE NEW FAIRHOPE BOAT.

The deal for the new Fairhope steamer is all but closed, but the COURIER, with its usual conservatism, will reserve its hurrah over the same until the boat has actually been delivered to the purchasers, which will probably occur tomorrow, Saturday.

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Miss Manley has returned and she and Miss Clements are at present occupying a portion of Mrs. Mann's cottage, with Mrs. Captain Foster.

Mr. J. H. Williams was made happy by the arrival of his wife and daughter on last Sunday evening. They are now at home in Mrs. Otto's cottage.

The bathing is "simply elegant" now—hasn't been so good at any time during the season. If your vacation has been delayed, take it now and spend it at Fairhope.

The material is all on the ground and work progressing nicely on the building which is being put up for Mr. Hutchinson, our late arrival from Chicago. Capt. Jos. Lawrence has the contract.

Mrs. Turner has rented the house on Magnolia ave., recently vacated by Mr. Tiffany. She came here from the country for the school advantages offered by Fairhope, and will place her daughter in school.

The Point Clear hotel is practically closed for the season. The steamer Carney will discontinue her service on Monday and, beginning to-morrow, the 15th, the Pleasure Bay will leave Mobile at 3 p. m. instead of 3:30.

Mrs. John T. Land and boys left this morning for their Meridian home. The boys in particular were delighted with Fairhope, as boys from the interior could not help but be, and went away planning for next summer here.

Mr. and Mrs. Healy, of Citronelle, are back again for a short stay. Mrs. Healy's mother, Mrs. Wilson, accompanied them, but was called back to Citronelle this morning by the illness of her other daughter, Mrs. Yerion.

One great advantage of the lower shore towns is that they have clear salt water so much more of the time. The steamer ran into muddy water, between Montrose and Daphne, on Thursday, while from Sea Cliff down the water was clear and fine.

On Wednesday evening A. H. Mershon, Mr. Pilcher, Mr, and Mrs. E. L. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Sweet and Mr. and Mrs. Gaston surprised Mr. and Mrs. Williams and daughter with a serenade from under the scuppernong vine, and later went in and spent the evening with them.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Nichols and Miss Edna, Mrs. Bartlett and son Lloyd, and Geo. A. Maloney spent Sunday at Fairhope with the Maloney family, whom they found pleasantly located and enjoying themselves very much. Mr. Maloney will remain some time.—Citronelle Call.

Mr. and Mrs. Moon, who have been at Mrs. Geo A. R. Lawrence's for some weeks while Mr. Moon was working on the new Kiel house, left on Wednesday morning, Mrs. Moon going on to Citronelle, where they make their home, and Mr. Moon stopping in Mobile to look for employment.

See the new "Fairhope Souvenir Letters" just issued from the COURIER print shop. Five beautiful Fairhope views, on plate paper, with linen sheets for letter-writing between and all in an envelope. On sale at the COURIER office, Fairhope House, and Post Office News Stand at 5c each.

Mrs. Currie and family, who have been in Dr. Atkinson's cottage for a couple of months, left for their home in Meridian, Miss., on Thursday morning. Mrs. Currie is an exceedingly pleasant lady, with a wide circle of friends, and we are sure will have a good word for Fairhope in quarters where much good will result therefrom.

Charles Wilson, has sold out the store at Volanta and will, we are informed, go into business again at Fairhope. We understand that Mr. Creswell. Sr., expects to go north on an extended visit soon, and that on the return of Mrs. Wilson and daughter from their northern trip, the Wilsons will take the Creswell place and run a boarding house there.

Ladies, here is something that will interest you. We have just received a shipment of non-rust tin ware. These goods are the best that we have ever had. They are ahead of granite or enamel, for they will not crack if you drop them. They are not cheap in price, but their lasting qualities make them cheap. Come in and examine them and you will find that we are correct. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Miss Frances Gaston returned on Thursday evening from a delightful visit of several weeks among her relatives and friends at Des Moines and other points in Iowa. She reports Mother Mershon, who is pleasantly remembered by many friends here and who is now with her daughter, Mrs. Lockwood, at Bayard, Iowa, as looking exceedingly well. Dr. Atkinson, whom Miss Frances accompanied north, will remain a month or more longer.

Some one on Sunday evening, out of a spirit of mischief or mallciousness, climbed up underneath the water-works tank and shut the valve in the pipe connecting the mains with the tank. The result was that the supply to the town was shut off and when Mr. Bellangee, who was notified that the water was low and went at once and fired up, set his pump to going, it soon stopped. The results of such a trick might have been extremely serious.

Notice to Teachers.

According to a law enacted by the last General Assembly of Alabama, entitled "An Act to create a Text-book Commission, and to procure for use in the public schools of this state a uniform sertes of text-books, &c.", any teacher who uses, or permits to be used, in his or her school on and after the first day of October, 1906, "any text-book upon the branches embraced in this act, where the commission has adopted a book upon that branch, other than the one so adopted, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars."

Teachers and patrons of the public schools of Baldwin County will please take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Arrangements have been made with dealers in all parts of the county to handle the state-adopted books for the accommodation of the schools.

For one year from October 1, 1906, an exchange price will be allowed on the county-adopted books now in use in the schools, if they are in good condition.

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Single Tax Corporation Wins.

The cases of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation against some of its delinquent tenants, which were tried before Justice of the Peace du Mont, at Point Clear last Saturday, resulted in verdicts for the plaintiff in the sums asked for.

The Corporation was represented by its attorney, Mr. Jas. H. Webb. The defendants were not represented by counsel, but Mr. P. K. Dealy acted as their spokesman, and Mr. P. A. Parker of Volanta, ex-Fairhoper, occupied a seat beside him and advised with him during the course of the trial.

The Corporation's counsel, through Messrs. Gaston, Call and Bancroft, established the essential facts of the execution of leases by defendants, their entering into and remaining in posession of the land thereunder; that the rent had been fixed in the method provided in the leases and remained unpaid, which constituted the Corporation's case. It was also established by these witnesses that land in the vicinity of defendants had been taken by other parties since the rents sued for had been appraised, and that all land in the immediate vicinity of defendents Dealy ann Dunnel was now under lease, though much of it was unimproved.

Mr. Frederick being placed on the stand, admitted on cross-questioning that he was only using about 1½ acres of his four acres leased. He claimed that he had tried in vain to re-lease to other parties, but had never offered to the Corporation to relinquish any portion and be relieved of further rent upon it. In reply to a question he denied that he had bargained for five acres east of Volanta, at $60 an acre, but admitted that he had at $50 an acre.

Mr. Dunnell said that he had not objected to the rent as being too high, but claimed damage as the result of plaintiff's order for the opening of Fairhope avenue across the north end of his tract, in the destruction of his land-marks and hauling off of logs and post timber. Cross-questioned, he said that the land was not under fence, only half of the 20 acres held by him being under fence. and a small portion of that in actual use. He had not seen anyone doing the acts complained of, and did not know that they were by the orders or done by the agents of the plaintiff.

Mr. Dealy did not take the stand. He made a very poor examiner of witnesses, being all the time wanting to make his speech. His argument was that the "Henry George plan" was not pu sued by the plaintiff; that the land would have absolutely no value under the Henry George plan; that the money of the poor farmers was used to pay the taxes on the personal property and improvements of the more well-to-do people in the town; that the contract was a one-sided one, in which one party had everything to say and the other nothing.

Mr. Webb made a very short and business-like statement concluding, showing that this was purely a matter of contract, that these contracts had been voluntarily entered into, had been changed in no respect since they were made; that they provided a method for the rental of the land from year to year, that that method had been strictly pursued, and that the rents as so fixed were due and unpaid.

The Judge stated that the case was an important one, and that he would take due time for its consideration and render his decision in writing.

The decision has been rendered and is as follows.

State of Alabama }
Baldwin County }

Justice's Court of A. du Mont
Precinct No. 8

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, Plaintiff
vs.
George Fredericks, Paul K. Dealy, and Horace L. Dunnell, Defendants

Action for rents and penalties from:

George Fredericks	$40.00
Paul K. Dealy	25.00
Horace L. Dunnell	20.00

By amended complaints plaintiff claims of defendants for rents and penalties, as per leases executed by Fairhope Industrial Association and the defendants, the following sums:

George Fredericks	$33.30
Paul K. Dealy	49.74
Horace L. Dunnell	16.21

Plaintiff submitted in evidence the following:—Leases duly executed by Fairhope Industrial Association and defendants; transfer deed from Fairhope Industrial Association to Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation. Itemized statements of amounts due by each defendant, taken from the books of the plaintiff, and that the defendants had entered into and remained in possession of the lands leased.

Defenses of defendants were.

1. That annual appraisement of rentals was not based on theories of Henry George.
2. That such rentals were made and raised in an arbitrary and illegal manner.
3. That such rentals were inequitable and excessive.

The opinion of the Court is:

That the leases contain no reference or requirement that leases shall be based on theories of Henry George, and that defendants have not shown the rentals were made in an arbitrary and illegal manner. The case is therefore narrowed down to one single issue: Whether or not the rentals of the defendants were inequitable and excessive.

The decision of the Court, on the evidence before it, is in favor of the plaintiff. Further, by a preponderance of the evidence, plaintiff has shown that it has fully complied with the terms and conditions of the leases. that the rentals were made openly and publicly, that the Executive Council consulted the lessees, considered objections made, and only after revision, with approval of a majority of the lesssees, were the rentals finally promulgated and that the constitution and by-laws of plaintiff, relating to fixing of rentals, had not been changed since execution of the leases.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the plaintiff have and recover of the defendants as follows:

From George Fredericks, $33.30.
From Paul K. Dealy, $49 74.
From Horace L. Dunnell, $16.21.
Together with all costs of this suit.

A. DU MONT,
N. P. and ex-officio J. P.

Point Clear, Ala., Sept. 11, 1906.

Another case, that against Mrs. Luella (G. A.) Williams, was tried before Justice of the Peace F W. Hermann, at Mobile, on Thursday. Mr. Parker again appeared as adviser to the defendant, who presented a type written document, of which we have not a copy, but trust to secure one later, but which the Judge very promptly decided was not relevant to the case, and rendered judgment for the plaintiff in the amount prayed for.

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Advertising rates on application.

Citronelle is considering the matter of a public lighting system. The Council has had the matter under consideration and, according to the *Call*, it was its decision that "If such a system was put in it should be owned by the town." Acetylene gas seems to be the most favored method of lighting.

Our friends in the interior, who think it quite an event to go fishing in some little muddy creek or river, where fish are few and far between—and not worth much when caught, would go fairly wild around our bay these fall days, when one can stand on the wharf and see schools of mullet in all directions in the clear water, and every once in a while, when a big silver fish, cavalla, or alligator gar, makes a raid among them, leaping from the water by the scores, for all the world like grasshoppers in a weed lot. There with pole and line they wait patiently for a chance bite in the unseen depths. Here, in addition to line fishing, our fishers can stand on the wharf and throw their cast-nets into schools of mullet, often catching dozens at a throw; or spear sheephead as they feed about the barnacles on the wharf piling; or gig flounders in the shallow water near shore, with an occasional red fish, cavalla or sturgeon, weighing perhaps 25 to 150 pounds. To say nothing of seine fishing and catching them by the hundreds of pounds. This, Sunday morning, about the bay early, we noted several Fairhope fishers getting the material for good Sunday dinners.

Friction Develops Everywhere.

The last issue of the *Indiahoma Union Signal* a valued exchange, published at Shawnee, Okla., and devoted to the interests of the Farmers Union, is filled with matter regarding a controversy between the editor and others over the conduct of the paper and other business of the Union. The editor seems to have been very unfairly treated and has our sympathy, but it interests us chiefly as an illustration of how friction develops as a serious hindrance in the carrying out of all plans for human betterment. The press dispatches this week tell of the trial for "heresy" of a prominent minister by a tribunal of his church. Friction seems an inevitable accompament of any organized effort to do anything.

Two lessons we would like to see drawn from this. First, That a little friction at Fairhope is to be expected as in the natural order of things and no one should be unduly annoyed or alarmed thereat: second that the comparatively frictionless method of individual effort and initiative should be preserved, save where individual rights and interests demand organized effort

Editor Differs from Professor Bellangee.

It is seldom that the editor finds himself not in accord with Mr. Bellangee, with whom he has been so long and closely associated, but he finds himself unable to accept all the conclusions drawn by Mr. Bellangee in this issue, (the conclusion of an article begun last week.)

At the outset he makes the quite remarkable statement that "I see but little difference in the moral aspect of the desire that others should be induced to donate and the purpose that they should be forced to contribute or deceived into it." To see "little difference" between inviting one to contribute to a cause in which both the "asker" and "askee" are mutually interested, and especially where the interests of both are not selfish but altruistic, and *forcing* one to contribute to a cause for which he is not willing to contribute, or *tricking* him into doing so, seems to us to betray a lack of clearness of vision quite unexpected from such a source and which should warn his readers not to accept other conclusions of his without careful scrutiny.

To get at the heart of the argument foreshadowed in the statement referred to, and followed throughout the article, it is that Fairhope in accepting the tendered assistance of friends anxious to see her provided with the public services and conveniences which would help to make life agreeable to her citizens and be a most potent factor in attracting others; or planning means whereby her citizens, present and to come, may secure such advantages in advance of the time when they could be provided out of ground rent, would be denying the Single Tax, and be disloyalty to her ideals and her friends.

We cannot see it so. It is not "the fundamental principle of the Single Tax that with the growth of the need of public service there comes the corresponding growth of a public fund." The fundamental principle of the Single Tax is that land values belong to the public, because they are equally entitled to the use of the earth, and because it is only by taking land values for the public that the equal rights of all to land can be secured. The relation of this fund to the public need is only an incident. That it increases as population increases is only a "fortuitous circumstance" that has nothing to do with its abstract justice.

Nor do I understand Single Taxers to be bound in logic or morals to the belief that the Single Tax will provide an all sufficient fund for public needs. That it must be taken to maintain equality in the use of the earth we are agreed, but that we must forego every other means for securing public services or conveniences we want, or be guilty of disloyalty to the Single Tax, does not at all follow. The only rule which is binding upon us as believers in equal rights is that participation in the securing and use of such services must be upon a voluntary and equitable basis.

It is, therefore, perfectly just and entirely in harmony with the Single Tax, to secure a water works system for instance, if the people want it and the land value will not supply it, by voluntary payments, either for the privilege of connecting with the mains or the use of the water, or both. It is the plan being actively pushed by Single Taxers of the highest standing all over the country. It has been the immediate object of Tom Johnson in his inspiring fight in Ohio. It was the rallying cry of the supporters of Dunne in Chicago, and he has had no more active nor forceful lieutenant than Louis F. Post. And everywhere throughout the country Single Taxers, next to pushing for the Single Tax, are working for municipal public services, the capital for which is to be borrowed and repaid, together with the cost of operation, by the users.

To demand that Fairhope must forego this sane and just means for securing public services everywhere else being advocated by Single Taxers, is not to help make a "clean-cut demonstration" of the Single Tax, but to unnecessarily and unwisely obstruct and hinder her.

The demonstration will be clean-cut enough if the value which attaches to her land, because of the opportunity to enjoy public services free from graft and the greed of franchise grabbers, is taken for public use instead of being left to line the pockets of land speculators; and will be made the more conspicuous by a liberal and progressive policy with regard to the securing of public services.

There are many more practical considerations which we would like to submit, but space forbids at this time.

Proposed New Socialist Colony.

We note mention in the papers of a proposed colony to be organized by Upton Sinclair, author of "The Jungle," the famous book which stirred up the investigation of packing house conditions. It is stated that "up to the middle of August there were 161 inquiries received, although but 100 families will be included in the beginning. The colony is to be in no sense regarded as a 'socialist experiment.' It is to be a purely co-operative business venture and to deal with conditions as they exist. On paper at least it is demonstrated that the colonists will be able to enjoy all the modern conveniences by co-operating for a maxmum cost of $283 a year per adult resident. The proposed capital is $275,000, and the venture will be set in motion when $82,009 of that is raised for the purpose of erecting the main building and cottages." The colony is to be located near New York.

Single Tax Talk by J. Bellangee.

(Continued from last week.)

Moreover, to secure these public services by gift from people outside of Fairhope is to draw from another source than God's bounty, which we clearly are not entitled to do, and which we cannot do without destroying our proper status before the world and vitiating to that extent the value of the experiment and demonstration which we are making.

Here the influence of the common practice on our moral ideas is evident. So customary is it in the world at large to accumulate by either gift or graft what an honest use of opportunity does not afford, that there [illegible]timent even here in favor of such methods. More especially of course do I refer to the desire for gifts. As for me personally, I see but little difference in the moral aspect of the desire that others should be induced to donate and the purpose that they should be forced to contribute or deceived into it. To my mind, the only gifts that Fairhope can honorably receive are the gifts of land, which she accepts only in trust, to administer in the interest of those who wish to use it. Such an acceptance involves a responsibility and burden that take from the gifts any benefit of a pecuniary nature, and make them nothing more than the freeing of such lands from the curse of private ownership.

To provide public service by any device of granting franchises or borrowing money is clearly departing from our ideals, not only because it is a denial of the fundamental principle of the Single Tax that with the growth of the need of public service there comes the corresponding growth of a public fund, but is

also such a departure because it destroys that equality of opportunity which it is the aim of the Single Tax to give.

If the money is borrowed without interest the lender is to that extent defrauded. If interest is paid and charged to the user of the service then he pays more than his rent.

Obviously such public expenses as must be incurred should come out of the ground rent only, and only in that way can a clear-cut demonstration be made.

But the consideration is urged that the service must be furnished before the ground rent can be raised. To admit that is to give away the whole contention for the Single Tax.

Where other communities provide themselves with necessary public services and pay a vast tribute to the landlord, a Single Tax community can with no greater burden upon the individual and no greater tax upon labor provide such additional public services as can be installed and maintained by what would otherwise go to the landlord. To contend that that will not be sufficient is, as I said before, to give away the whole case.

To install public services in advance of sufficient demand to make them profitable is a waste under any system, and especially so in a Single Tax community, where a cheerful payment of the ground rents depend upon the public approval of their expenditure.

If the public once thoroughly understood that they could have no public services except they were paid for out of ground rents they would soon learn how to cheerfully provide for their necessities in that line. And if they were dealt with frankly as the parties most at interest, and given to understand that nothing would be forced upon them, they would quickly set themselves to thinking of the possibilities of our plan and realize how much better would be an extended and adequate public service. How many a wilful and lazy child who can scarcely be induced to get up in time for breakfast is cured of that pernicious habit by being obliged to miss a few meals. It is not the existence of burdensome public services that makes land values, but the existence of a community of people who desire and appreciate public conveniences, and are willing to pay for them. Not in advance, but with the public demand for such things, comes the land values. Premature installation of any service is a waste and a hindrance not only to the prosperity of the community and the growth of its land values, but to the development of that public spirit and pride which is the greatest factor in the problem.

I think we ought to realize that in Fairhope, at any rate, old time ideals and methods should be closely scrutinized, and to all our undertakings the highest moral standards should be applied.

Business methods, so called, are no longer regarded by the high-minded as above question. The method of paying for what you get and taking nothing but for what you are willing to pay, may be slow, but it is worthy of any honest man, or any community, trying to exemplify the Single Tax.

J. Bellangee.

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Dear Mr. Gaston:

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Mr. E. B. Gaston:

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Fred T. Burnham.

Newton Centre, Mass.

CHANGING CONSTITUTION AGAIN.

Total Abolishment of any Constitution Does Not Satisfy.

We have received the following, in a letter from the Secretary of the Colorado Co-operative Colony, which explains itself, and is very suggestive:

"I am exceedingly well pleased with your article in the late Courier on 'Changing the Constitution.' It fits the case here, as well as it can in Fairhope. About six years ago our colony, in response to some such demand, totally abolished the constitution, and made some other radical changes. Since then we have run our business on the by-laws, on which there has also been changes demanded, by the uneasy element, and now recently some of our wise ones have wished to change the whole system.

Now if they should succeed in abolishing both the constitution and changing the system they ought to be happy, but I fear they would not, and would soon find something else that would need changing. * * * If more of the time and brain power now expended in devising a different way of doing things were given to the main object of the colony, in the tried methods of doing, we should attain to a greater success. Signed F. B. Logan, Sec'y."

It has been the same story in all the colony efforts!

S. H. Comings.

Would Like to Enjoy Benefits of Single Tax if only in Restricted Form.

Editor Courier:

* * * I could stand the summers, and the moral atmosphere of Fairhope would be an inspiration. I would like to enjoy the benefits of the Singie Tax, if only in a restricted degree. I do not suppose we shall ever enjoy it in full force in our day, but my great love for humanity leads me to withdraw as far as possible from large commercial centers, for it is there we are compelled to witness in its most glaring degree unbounded wealth and extravagance side by side with the most piteous destitution. But I believe we are on the eve of an industrial revolution, co-operation is in the air, and I shall welcome it in any form that will benefit the masses of my fellow men and annihilate the political and industrial parasites that are sapping the life's blood of the people.

Fraternally yours,
E. A. Barnes.

An Appreciated Letter.

The editor acknowledges, with sincere thanks, receipt of the following very kind letter from Hon. Thos. M. Owen, Director of the Department of Archives and History of the state of Alabama:

State of Alabama,
Department of Archives and History,
Thomas M. Owen, Director.
Montgomery, Sept. 6, 1906.

My Dear Sir:—I write to extend congratulations to you and The Fairhope Courier on the completion of the twelfth year of the latter. I also wish to congratulate you on the enlarged scope and size of the paper. I wish for you the most abundant success in a personal and business way during the years which are to come. With thanks for your courtesy in sending this department your paper complimentary, I am, Very truly,

Thomas M. Owen.

Mr. E. B. Gaston, Fairhope, Ala.

England's great Single Tax paper, *Land Values*, quotes the following from the well known evangelist, Mr. R. A. Terrey, which was printed in the *Public*, of Chicago:

"I must say personally that I accept Henry George's thories regarding land and taxation. I think it is the Bible solution of present social difficulties. I think it follows the lines of Joseph in Egypt and Moses in the promised land."

Land Values then makes the following comment:

"So it does; but it is remarkable how successful the Rev. Mr. Torrey was in witholding any glimpse of this fact from his audience when lecturing in this country."

We wonder if there are any others who believe with Henry George on the land question, yet are doing nothing at it? If your heart is right on the question and you are looking for an opportunity to really *do* something toward securing free land for free labor, come to Fairhope.

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A Protest Against Ball Playing on the Avenue

EDITOR COURIER:

I wish to protest against the dangerous practice of playing base ball in front of the Post Office. I am sure our Fairhope boys do not realize how alarming it is to women and children, and how easily a serious injury might result from this habit, or they would be more considerate and play either north or south along Section street.

Relying on the courtesy of the boys to remedy this matter, I am yours truly,

ARTHUR TRENHOLME.

Mr. Trenholme's protest is timely. The writer batted a ball the other day which came very near hurting Mrs. C. K. Brown. Let us play around on Section street, north of Mershon's store. There is little travel there, and while the street is not so wide it will do very well for practicing batteries and knocking flies. EDITOR.

School Notice.

The Fairhope District Public School will begin Monday, Sept. 24, 1906. It is urged that all pupils who expect to attend be prepared to enter at the opening of the school. Only the state text books will be used in the school. Pupils are requested to bring all of their last year's books.

The new books will be on sale at the Post Office News Stand. The old books will be taken in part exchange for the new ones, if not too badly soiled.

A fee of 25 cents per month will be due from each pupil, to defray the incidental expense of the school: this fee is to be paid upon entering the school and the first of each month thereafter, can be paid to the teachers or myself. The Fairhope Corporation will pay the fee for all pupils living on their lands.

It is hoped that everyone will put forth every effort to make the school the best in its history. W. C. OSWALT, Trustee.

Library Association Meeting.

The Library Association met in the hall on last Friday evening and voted unanimously to ask the consent of the subscribers to the library fund to a proposition to the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to loan it $1000 for three years without interest, to be used in making an addition to the school-house, which would provide the school room immediately needed, and temporary accommodations for the library—the latter to be later used for a school room. It was understood that Mr. Fels, the principal subscriber to the library fund, was agreeable to such a plan, but the secretary was instructed to ask his consent to this arrangement, as well as that of the other subscribers.

The feeling of the members seemed to be that we were not in position to build such a library building as ought to be erected, and that the demand for school accommodations was much more pressing.

New Store in Fairhope.

M. V. Mathews has opened a neat store in the Brown block, and is now open for business. He has a nice line of groceries on the shelves, and will add dry goods later. He is running a delivery wagon, and promises to give Fairhopers good service. He has had considerable experience in the merchandising business in northern Alabama.

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WANTED—A good girl for general housework. Address Mrs. C. O. White, Fairhope.

Mr. "Tony" Marceline, the popular clerk of the Pleasure Bay, was the pleased and surprised recipient on Wednesday morning of last week, as the steamer was making her regular trip to the city, of a handsome solid gold seal signet ring with monogram engraved, accompanied by a letter acknowledging appreciation of his uniform courtesy, by about twenty of the passengers joining in the gift. Mr. Marceline, though obviously greatly surprised, was able to express his thanks appropriately.

Mr. W. P. Hoopes was a caller at the COURIER office on Monday evening, and left a request for the forwarding of some Fairhope literature to one of the professors of the Rhode Island agricultural experiment station at Kingston. Mr. Hoopes continues pleased with Baldwin county—Fairhope particularly. By arrangement with Professor Duggar, director of the Alabama experiment station, he has been conducting some corn breeding experiments, of the results of which he promises the COURIER a report. The write-up in the COURIER of Mr. Callahan's farm and orchard led him to pay Mr. Callahan a visit, and he felt well repaid for doing so.

Rev. C. E. Hill informs us that the state convention of the Christian Churches of Alabama will convene at Mobile on November 15 and that on the 17th, the delegates to the convention, reinforced by many of the members of his congregation, will come to Fairhope on the steamer Pleasure Bay, which has already been engaged for the occasion, and will spend the day at Fairhope, returning to Mobile in the evening after the steamer has made her regular trip. This meeting will not only be attended by representatives of the church throughout the state, but by some of the most prominent clergymen and editors of other states. It will be a splendid advertisement for Fairhope to have them here, and the people of Fairhope, regardless of their church affiliations or non-affiliations, should put themselves and their homes at the disposal of Rev. Hill for the day, to do anything possible to make the occasion one to be remembered by the visitors.

FOR SALE OR RENT: A store room 40x64 feet with movable partition, with fixtures. Living rooms upstairs. Good opening for a hustler. C. K. BROWN, Fairhope.

Strange.

A western man has been credited with saying that if he owned a newspaper he wouldn't know what to do with it. He's probably the only man who ever thought that way.

Cheap Traveling in India.

Native third-class passengers in India travel at the rate of five miles for two cents. The number traveled last year was 227,000,000, and the average fare paid was 16 cents.

Hard to Understand.

"Oh zees langvaich," wailed the count, "You say he ees what you call one square man, yet he ees all round like what you call heem ze pumpkin."

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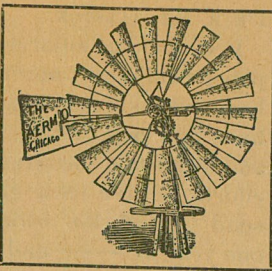
It is a wise forecaster of political weather who can tell where lightning will strike two years in advance.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Truth That Impresses.

There are truths which the heart admits only after long hesitations, but let light come once and the eyes remain open.—Countess D'Orsay.

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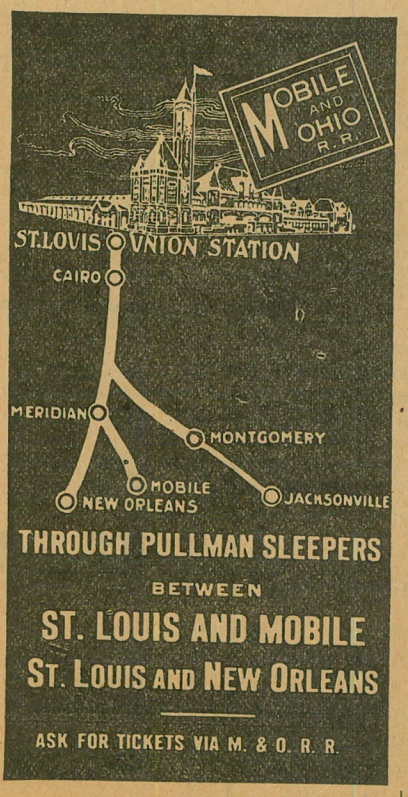
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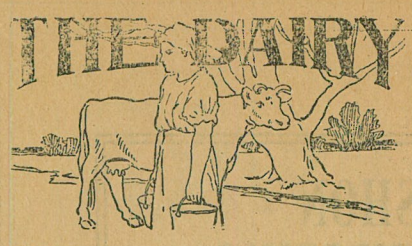
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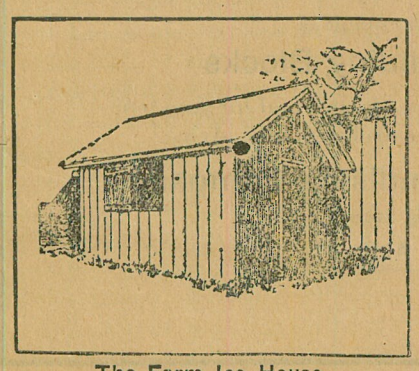


BUILDING AN ICE HOUSE.

Not So Expensive or Difficult That Every Farmer May Not Have One.

If a farmer live in a section where there is ice every winter, there should be no reason why he should not have an ice house, and have it filled each winter. Where ice has been used in summer the housewife soon regards it as a necessity.

The accompanying illustration was made from a photograph taken by a representative of the Prairie Farmer and shows an ice house that has been in use for some 20 years. It has been filled regularly every year, and the owner feels that it is as much a part of his farm work as planting corn in the spring. It furnishes a supply for the refrigerator in the kitchen and



The Farm Ice House.

insures comfort and economy of food during summer.

This house is 12 feet wide, 16 feet long and seven feet to the eaves. It is built of good lumber, and sided with only one thickness. The door in front is seldom used, since the ice is put in and removed from the door shown on the side.

Formerly the ice was packed in sawdust, but as the supply became scarce marsh hay has been substituted in part with success. Such a house is cheaply made and if painted is attractive. Put up with reasonable care it will last for a generation with very little repair. If such a luxury is to be enjoyed next summer, now is the time when plans should be made for building, so as to have everything ready when the ice harvest comes next winter.

MANAGEMENT OF MILK.

The Rules Which Should Govern In the Dairy to Insure a Pure Product.

Hoard's Dairyman says that the essential matters in the management of milk are comprehended in the two words—cleanliness and cooling.

Milk should be drawn from clean cows in a clean place, into clean pails and stored in clean cans.

Milk pails and cans should be cleaned every time they are used, and scalded at least once every day. To do this successfully, first rinse in cold or moderately warm water, then wash in hot water, using a brush and not a cloth, and then scald with boiling water and let them dry without wiping. Store these, when not in use, in a clean place away from dust, and preferably where air and sunlight can reach them.

Do not stir up manure or litter or hay just before milking.

Brush udder and flanks of cows before milking and if necessary slightly dampen these parts to prevent dirt and hairs falling into the pail.

Strain the milk into cans, and if cloth strainers ar used, have them washed first in warm water and then boiled again before used a second time.

Do not leave cans of milk in stable, but remove to a clean, cool place; leave cover partly off or cover with thin muslin so that heat may pass off. Set cans in cold water when possible, and stir two or three times so that cooling may be uniform.

Do not mix warm milk with the cooled milk.

It is also desirable, and in the long run economical, regard being had to the life and appearance of the cans, to cover them with a blanket or canvas while in transit from farm to factory.

BLIND FOR JUMPING CATTLE.

Piece of Heavy Leather Hung Before Eyes Will Prove Effectual.

A good preventive for the jumpers is a piece of heavy leather hung in front of the eyes by a string or wire around the horns. They can see to eat anything upon the ground, says Farm and Home, but cannot see high enough to jump a fence. It is also a good thing to put on animals that are cross and liable to attack anyone.



A Suggestion.

Some of the buttermakers who enjoy using the "big stick" wtih their patrons in attempting to get good milk and cream, could well profit by accepting the plan of the preacher, says the Northwestern Agriculturist, who said that he had made up his mind to "thunder less and lighten more in the pulpit." "Lightening" pays better than thundering any time.

MEDIUM HEADED TREES.

It Is the Best Form If the Orchard Is to Be Well-Cultivated.

Ten or 15 years ago we practiced heading our apple trees very low, or as low as we could keep them, but since that time we found it impossible to give our orchard clean cultivation, or rather intensive cultivation, with the trees that way, and we are gradually working them higher.

We would now call them medium height, are heading them as low as we can give them thorough cultivation and pass under them with teams, and this is becoming the practice in this vicinity at this time, writes a Cumberland County (Ill.) correspondent of the Farmers' Review. I think there is very little in high or low head as to borers. High heads are a little more apt to scald unless the trees be set leaned a little to the southwest. Probably the high-headed trees would lose more apples in a storm than low-headed ones, but the low-headed ones sometimes thresh the ground and knock some of the fruit off and the limbs touching the ground are apt to have poor and bad colored fruit.

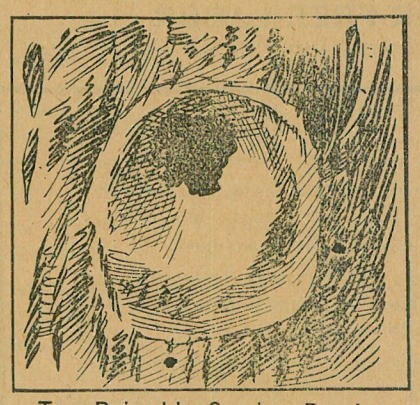
Would advise to keep the heads as low as you can to cultivate under, as you can do a better job of spraying on a low head than on a high headed tree, and do it more rapidly, also easier to keep caterpillars or other insects off low fruit trees and much easier to gather the fruit.

We aim to keep our tree heads as low as possible to have them so they do not interfere with cultivation, and we call our orchards as they are now medium-headed and have gotten them as near right as we can put them and cultivate.

PRUNING.

Use of Paint in Covering Wounds Prevent Decay and Killing of Tree.

Pruning a tree in a dormant state stimulates growth, while pruning in summer, that is, through the growing season, in June and July, checks the growth. If we understand this principle we are able to do some good pruning of our trees. But it is a fact that more trees have been ruined by overpruning than by not enough



Tree Ruined by Careless Pruning.

(The rotten hole goes into the heart of the tree. It would not have rotted if the wound had been painted. There is no way of saving the tree now.)

pruning. This, however, is no excuse for not pruning at all. Judicious pruning of fruit and ornamental trees is just as necessary in successful orcharding and the tree growing as any other work.

There is no excuse, however, for the wanton neglect that results in the damage illustrated above. A little paint smeared over the wound would have saved the tree.

WHAT TO PLANT.

Selection of Variety of Grape Vine Calls for Careful Consideration.

A vineyardist has this to say about planting grape vines: Had I planted fewer varieties and tested one, I might have been better situated. Out of 75 varieties of grapes that I am fruiting, I would not recommend more than six for commercial purposes. The others are only good for exhibition or for experiment stations. This will hold good in nearly all kinds of small fruits. Strawberries are about the same. Of the several varieties I have growing, five comprise the really good ones. Soil and conditions of culture must be taken into consideration, for everyone growing strawberries will find out that they are very greatly influenced by the locality in which they grow. The strawberry that does well on light soils may not thrive on the heavy soils. The grower must study his soil as well as his varieties. The best strawberry I ever grew would not sell on account of a white tip. I have now discarded it. People buy fruit by the eye and not by quality. As to gooseberries and currants, there is no use in planting the small kinds, as the public is demanding the larger varieties regardless of quality. Of grapes I would plant the following: Moore's Early, Worden, Concord, Niagara, Woodruff Red. Of strawberries I would recommend Warfield, Senator Dunlap and Aroma. Of gooseberries I would plant Downing. The best currants are Pomona and Cherry.

The old as well as the newly set raspberry plantation needs cultivation. For the reds which are given to sending out new canes, we like to plow them with that almost discarded bar plow, throwing the dirt from them and afterwards working down the middle with a cultivator.

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Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

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It is the COURIER's great pleasure to announce positively the purchase by the Fairhope Improvement Company of the steamer *William H. Welch*, which will be rechristened the *Fairhope* and placed in the direct service between Fairhope and Mobile, just as soon as desired alterations to her upper works can be made.

She is an iron-hulled steamer, built for the Marine Hospital Service of the U. S. government by Pusey & Jones, of Wilmington, Del., at a cost of $22,500; is 108 feet 3 inches long (24 feet longer than the late steamer *Fairhope*) by 17 feet 5 inches beam; has a Scotch marine boiler 9x14 feet, and two engines 15 inches diameter by 16 inches stroke. The hull was thoroughly inspected on last Friday by Colonel Perry, inspector for the Marine Underwriters' Association in this district, and by Captain Taylor, inspector for the government, and by both pronounced in A1 condition.

She has been housed up on the tug order, with simply accommodations for officers and crew, but will have entire new upper works built, to meet the demands of the new trade which she will enter. She will be housed up to the rail on the lower deck similar to the old *Fairhope*, and will have a second deck of the same size, upon which will be a small pilot house and comfortable ladies' cabin, and the remainder will be open space for passengers, which was so sadly lacking in the old boat. The life boats, two in number, will be carried on the hurricane deck or roof.

With her much greater length, increased beam, and correspondingly larger bearing surface, the new boat will be much steadier than the old Fairhope, though she will draw about a foot and a half less water, which will be greatly to her advantage in running in this shallow bay. Reports credit her with having been a "smart" boat, with the old boiler (which was replaced with the present boiler, of larger capacity and higher steam allowance), and it is expected that she will at least make the time between Fairhope and Mobile formerly made, and it is hoped she will cut several minutes off the time.

The new boat will be owned solely by the Fairhope Improvement Company, of which R. F. Powell is president, G. M. Bancroft secretary and J. M. Pilcher treasurer. She will not be burdened with a dollar of indebtedness and will be run on a strictly cash basis and at as low rates as the business will justify.

She was purchased on very favorable terms from Lee and Arthur Kimball of Mobile, who purchased her from the government a few months since, installed the new boiler and thoroughly overhauled her machinery.

The two handsome Improvement Co. cottages on Fels avenue and a block of Fairhope Improvement Co. stock passed to the Kimballs as a part of the purchase price; which is doubly important as showing the confidence of business men in Fairhope and as interesting new and influential people in our town.

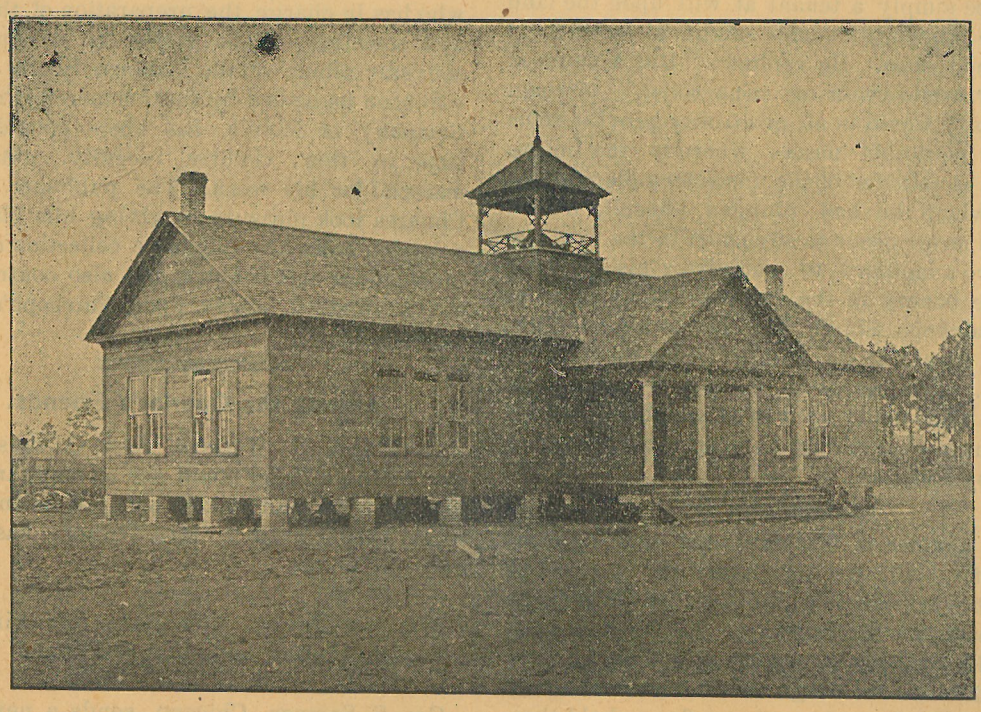
Captain Owen Roberts widely and favorably known in Mobile and Baldwin counties, will act as master of the new steamer; Ernest De Kalb, last engineer of the late *Fairhope*, will probably be engineer, and the genial and popular J. M. Pilcher, who was so deservedly popular with the traveling and shipping public as purser of the *Fairhope*, will occupy the same position on the new.

For the securing to Fairhope of this service, the importance of which we have more than ever realized since the loss of our former steamer, the community will be chiefly indebted to Messrs. Powell and Pilcher, who have the interest and development of Fairhope so much at heart, and who have been working together on the matter for some months.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Sept. 13—on the express train 11 a. m., speeding toward Old Point Comfort, Va.

DEAR J. B.—It was impossible to answer your much prized letter while at Vineland, as I intended. I was so much engaged in studying the questions of water and light plants, bonded debts, etc., and to do this I had to neglect much desired visiting. From all my interviews with those who manage or control, or are specially interested in such things, the last being Mr. Connell, Mayor of Vineland, the information is remarkably uniform: that a colony, without unusual resources, must do without such water and light plants, or borrow money by selling bonds running not over 30 years and at the lowest rate of interest possible to "float" them. Vineland used up all its borrowed money before completing its water and light plants. It then offered $25,000 in "Improvement Certificates," which were all speedily taken in New York, but were subsequently all bought back by the citizens of Vineland, some at a considerable premium. Those plants are now completed, and are, I understand, up-to-date and of vast



FAIRHOPE SCHOOL BUILDING, WHERE CHILDREN WILL GATHER NEXT MONDAY

benefit to all the citizens. The big stand-pipe, painted a dull red, loomed high on the horizon as I approached the charming home of my old friend, Mrs. Bristol. Her house is build of stone of different shapes and tints, the "pointing" resembling a rose purple of cement. It stands on a big corner lot, with lawns, beautiful trees, flowers, shrubs and climbing vines. Words cannot tell how glad I was to see this friend, nor how I was touched to the heart by her efforts in her frail condition to minister to my every want. We talked a great deal of you and of our hope that she might yet be able to spend a winter in Fairhope. We had one long drive, Mr. Mason, Bessie's husband, holding the rains. You will be glad to know that this is a "fortunate union" of two fine people worthy of each other. Mrs. B. and he are the firmest of friends.

I can understand going to the South for comfort, but not coming North for relief from broiling suns and wilting prespiration. Seriously, except for the breezes on the deck of the *Colorado*, and two hours on the Chesapeake coming here, I have had but little relief from our Alabama summer. All disclaim against the heat and the moisture, especially in Philadelphia, which lies between two big rivers.

But I must finish what I had to say about water plants, etc. All seemed to agree that all great public "works" as a rule had to be carried through by incurring a debt, and that the only danger in this is in the possibility of corruption, especially political corruption, in the management. Could there be this kind of danger in Fairhope, where monopolies are impossible? Of one thing I am wholly convinced, and that is that it is fair and wise for the present generation to let some of its burden be borne by the coming one, who are born into the enjoyment of public improvements without suffering the "heat and burden of the day." How this can be safely accomplished should be decided by the most loyal and wise leaders.

Leases Favor the Tenants.

A Fairhope lessee, who was one day—as often—criticising the Corporation, asserted that a lawyer had told him that he "would break the lease contract in the courts for $50." A member of the Corporation standing by promptly offered to put up the $50 if the lessee wished to test the matter, and asked him if he had stopped to think what would be his situation if the lease was declared void. He would then be simply a tenant at will upon the land of the Corporation and might be notified to vacate at once. He replied: "But a court of equity would grant me some relief." A court of equity would in all probablity provide some fairly equitable means whereby the lessee might be relieved of the uncomfortable position into which he had plunged himself, but it would never occur to any court in the world to require a landlord to administer his property for the benefit of the lessees, which is what the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation voluntarily agrees to do, and so binds itself in its leases. The lessees are the last persons in the world who should want to attack the leases, for they have everything to lose and nothing to gain by doing so.

The number of transfers and new applications for land, coming before the Council at almost every meeting, are excellent evidences of prosperity at Fairhope. Please note also that Mr. Mathews (a non-member too), who has sold all of his holdings here for cash and was entirely foot-loose, has taken a firmer hold than ever. Mr. Wilson, also, who sold out fully about a year ago and later went to Volanta, (and who was, by the way a very severe critic of the Colony and its "management," is back again; while people from the surrounding country are moving into Fairhope to enjoy our advantages, and others are planning to do so. These are conclusive proofs of our claim that conditions here are more favorable under our policy than elsewhere. Ardent Single Taxers might come to Fairhope ready to sacrifice, if need be, to help demonstrate her policies, but others do so only because they find it to their interest to do so.

Mobile Councilman Sees a Light.

At last Monday evening's meeting of the Mobile City Council, Councilman H. T. Inge offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the mayor and general council of the city of Mobile that as an inducement for the establishment of manufacturing establishments in the city of Mobile, that, beginning on the first day of January, 1906, the city will release from city taxation all manufacturing establishments within the city limits for the term of five years from its establishment.

Under the rules the resolution will lie over thirty days.

With an amendment to make the time 500 years, one to make it apply to existing factories as well as those to be established, and another to limit the exemption to the building and machinery, not exempting the land values, the Courier could heartily support the resolution. It is good as far as it goes.

We shall try and follow up the resolution and record its final fate.

We understand the Fairhope tenants, against whom judgment was secured for unpaid rents in Justice du Mont's court last week, have taken an appeal to the Circuit Court, where the cases should, we presume, be heard at the October term. While the Corporation regrets the necessity of spending in litigation any of its funds, which are so much needed locally, it will welcome the opportunity for advertisement of its principles and policies which such a suit will give. It will thus secure an audience which it could not get otherwise, and has the supremest confidence that the verdict in a higher court will be as promptly in its favor as in the lower court.

Mr. David Holt, a Mobile newspaper man, who has in charge the preparation of the text and selection of the views for a handsome souvenir album of the Eastern Shore, which will soon be issued by the Commercial Printing Company, of Mobile, has spent considerable time in this vicinity recently, gathering material for his work. The publisher of the Courier took pleasure in giving him choice of selection from his extensive collection of cuts of Fairhope and vicinity, and also contributed a few hundred words upon Fairhope's "peculiar policy."

Among the Courier's Friends.

Says Jno. S. Watters, New Orleans: "If every Single Taxer could see as much in Fairhope as I do, and talked about it as much, it would help it grow." Mr. Watters has been here and knows.

Wm. Le Fevre, Milwaukee, renewing his own subscription, adds that of a friend.

Geo. S. Sawyer, Chicago, sends a new subscription with his renewal and says: "I shall want the Courier as long as I live. May we succeed."

Mrs. E. M. Scofield, Wayne, Pa., sends two new names with renewal of her own subscription.

James H. Dix, secretary of the Economic Reform Bureau, and acting superintendent of the Vacant Lots Cultivation Association, both of Philadelphia, sends a new subscription frequently, and sent a check for 25 copies of the booklet.

A. Feldblum, Esq., renewing his subscription, adds a dollar and says: "Put it where it will do the most good in your judgment." We thought that would be in sending the paper to a prominent citizen of Baldwin county.

W. K. Smith, Chicago, adds another subscription with his renewal and says: "Kindest regards and best wishes." He has been here and has personal knowledge of Fairhope.

Renewing his subscription to the Courier, Prof. C. P. Bowman, of Citronelle, adds: "You have made a great improvement in the Courier. I am glad to see such signs of prosperity."

Mrs. Howland has had Fairhope interests next her heart on her trip, as evidenced by her letter in this issue, which is very interesting and very opportune at this juncture, when the best methods of securing public services are under consideration.

Council Proceedings.

Council met in regular session on Monday evening, with all members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Wharfinger presented reports of business as follows:

Week ending Sept. 8: Freight $17.36, pass. $5.75, (81 coupons), total $23.11, paid treasurer $13.87.

Week ending Sept. 15: Freight $27.87, pass. $4.65, (68 coupons), total $32.52, paid treasurer $19.36.

Sept. 3: Colored excursion $10.

Following bills allowed:

E. B. Gaston, postage in Aug.....	$ 84	
bills and adv. lots for lease in White tract.....	1 50	
valve bought for water works ..	65	$2 99
Remier Poorstra, 2 cords of wood for water works		5 80
J. A. Patterson, paid Mr. Steigert for cleaning bath-houses 5 times		75
Mershon Merch. Co., screen wire, hinges, pulley, etc., for water works		75
The *Standard*, adv. for bids for turpentine lease		80
G. M. Bancroft, for cash paid for cutting 4¼ cords of wood for water works ...		5 31
Alabama Iron Works, repairs to pump rod for up-town well		90

Secretary reported no other applicants for lots, applications for which were made last week, and leases therefore made as follows:

Silas Lawrence, for lots 1, 9 and 10, block 26, div. 4.

R. S. Hutchison, for lots 6, 7 and 8, block 5, div. 3.

Secretary also reported the hearing of suits against P. K. Dealy, H. L. Dunnell and Geo. Frederick, for delinquent rents, before Justice of the Peace du Mont, at Point Clear, on the 8th inst., and verdicts for the Corporation in the amounts asked for; also a like suit with like result before Justice Hermann, at Mobile, on the 13th.

Superintendent of Lands and Highways reported being in doubt as to the advisability of cutting large oak trees out of streets in White tract, and was directed by motion to cut none save where necessary to open streets.

Mr. R. F. Powell reported that the Fairhope Improvement Co., in making its transfer of the Improvement Co's cottages on Fels ave., in the deal for the new steamer purchased by it, had been required to furnish an abstract showing the Corporation's title to the land upon which the cottages were located, and that the abstract showed certain defects in the title, to-wit: that the deed from Mrs. Tatum to Mrs. C. P. Sykes, from Mrs. Sykes to Mr. Jos. Fels, and from Mr. Fels to the Corporation, did not appear upon the record, and further, that the records showed a title of Mr. George Hoyle to land in section 18, in conflict with that of the Corporation, which, while the Corporation's possession and that of its predecessor would doubtless make its title good, constituted a cloud upon the title which it was very desirable to have removed, and that by virtue of an agreement with Mr. Hoyle at the time of the transfer of his title to the Mann-Hoyle land, he had secured from him a quit-claim deed to said land. He thought it would be no more than fair for the Corporation to pay for the abstract and the cost of deed from Mr. Hoyle, amounting to $16.75. The bill was laid over until next meeting.

It was moved and carried that the secretary see that unrecorded deeds are placed on record and any other necessary corrections in records be made.*

Bids for lease of turpentine privilege were opened, there being two bidders: Troup & Taylor, of Battles Wharf. and Stapleton Bros., of Fairhope. The former made two bids, one of a lump sum, payable in cash when the lease was signed, the other by the box. Stapleton Brothers bid by the box only. A motion to accept the lump bid of Troup & Taylor, $2,005, was lost. A motion to reject all bids was carried, by three to two.

Mr. Henry Creswell brought up the matter of the bill he had presented several months previous, for cash paid out for team work in grading Section street from Fairhope avenue to county road, amounting to $22.50, which he desired to have credited upon his rent. After some discussion it was moved and carried to allow the same.

Mr. C. K. Brown complained of a nuisance in front of his store property by the water tank overflowing, and made a proposition to pay half rent on two lots on Fairhope avenue, unimproved save for clearing and fencing, which he said he had been trying without success to dispose of. It was moved and carried to purchase a pressure guage for the pump station, to show the pumper exact stage of water in the tank, as a remedy for the nuisance. No action taken on his proposition regarding rents.

Mr. Bellangee rose to a "question of privilege" and precipitated a lengthy discussion on the turpentine matter, water works, etc., which, however, led to no action and the Council resumed the regular order of business.

Following transfers of land approved:

Fairhope Improvment Company to Arthur Kimball, lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, block 6, division 2; A. K. Trenholme to Mrs. Laura Curtis, a half and joint interest in lot 2, block 5, div. 1; Mary B. Ellyson to Mrs. E. J. McCall, lot 1, block 13F, div. 2; Wm. Brown to K. Koopman to "Evergreen Farm," R. F. Powell," mgr., the n. w. ¼ of the s. w. ¼ of sec. 15.

Application of Reimer Poorstra for s. ½ of s. e. ¼ of n. w. ¼ of sec. 22 was granted.

Application of Fairhope Improvement Company for a lot beginning 10 ft. s. and 10 ft. e. of s. e. corner of cafe porch, on the beach, thence n. parallel to e. wall of cafe 200 ft., thence w. at right angles 100 ft., thence s. at right angles 200 ft., thence east 100 ft. to point of beginning (covering cafe and pavilion sites and a little more), referred to a committee composed of Rose and Patterson.

A letter was read by the secretary from Mr. W. H. Bryant, of the Home Telephone Co., making a proposition on behalf of his company for connecting the Corporation telephone users with the new switchboard it will put in at Fairhope, and doing the switching service. The same was referred to a committee comprising Braam, Powell and Stimpson, to report at a special meeting next Monday evening, to which all interested are invited by the Council.

Mr. Rose, secretary of the Library Association, reported the action taken by that body, looking to making a temporary loan to the Corporation for an addition to the school-house (previously reported in these columns).

*Upon examination the secretary found that the deed from Mrs. Tatum to Mrs. Sykes had not been placed upon record by her at the time Mr. Fels took it off of her hands, and that a new deed had been received from Mrs. Tatum direct to Mr. Fels, and the other destroyed. This deed was recorded and the abstractor was in error in not showing it. The deed from Mr. Fels to the Corporation had not been recorded.

Mr. Trenholme Further Discusses Democracy Matter.

EDITOR COURIER:

Pursuing further the matters taken up in my letter published in the COURIER for August 3, there are certain things which necessarily I left untouched, and I would be glad of an opportunity to enlarge upon the same.

In regard to the desirability of admitting non-Corporation members to as full a participation as possible in the administration of affairs, I have never heard it questioned.

You yourself have endorsed this in your issue of August 17 in no uncertain tone, and have suggested a plan whereby you consider this might be done. This plan being, one might say, a voluntary pledge taken by Corporation members to regard the votes of lessees as effective in all Colony matters, save where the Constitution might be infringed.

I have waited some time to observe how this plan would be received and I have come to the conclusion that it is not what is needed, and that the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation will have to realize sooner or later that there are certain moral obligations, not specified in the leases, between it and the lessees, and that although "Democracy was not the first purpose of the founders of Fairhope," that no mere reformation in the method of taxation can ever accomplish anything nnless it be fouuded on the rock of "Democracy."

Single Taxers know well that Henry George did not regard the Single Tax, the mere imposition of one tax and one only on land values, as the end. To him it was but the Remedy, the means to the end, and that end was the glorious democracy he pictures in the closing chapters of "Progress and Poverty."

If all that Fairhope has to offer to the world to cheer on those who are struggling to better conditions, is an evidence that land values can be taxed and the revenues derived therefrom can be expended in public improvements, then I say that to the people crying for bread we are offering a stone.

"Fairhope was founded for the purpose of exemplifying God's goodness and men's equality," writes J. Bellangee, and I will call all you members of the Corporation to witness whether we tenants, paying approximately four-fifths of the revenue derived from rentals, are demonstrating God's goodness or men's equality when we are denied the right of saying how the money should be expended for our benefit.

Though we are not Corporation members, we are Fairhope Colonists with the deepest interest in Fairhope's success, yet we are denied any voice in its management.

We have here the anomaly I wrote of in my last letter, a reform colony which is not even self-governing, but is administered by a corporation; a presumably "model community" where about one-fifth of the members say how affairs shall be run, and the remaining four-fifths have no "rights" in the colony, of which they are members and where they have built their homes, save as specified in their leases, namely to pay their rents as per contract.

I ask you, members of the Corporation, whether we tenants have no further "rights;" whether it does not behoove you to grant every colonist a voice in Colony affairs, fully and freely, not as a privilege, but as a right?

Mind you, I said Colony affairs, which we must sharply differentiate from Corporation affairs. Let the Corporation manage its own affairs and put its first purpose to proof, namely, "to demonstrate the wisdom of the policy of taking land values for common use," and let the Fairhope colonists manage the affairs of the Fairhope Colony.

Let the Corporation assess the land values and collect the same, pay the state and county taxes, and refund the unjustly collected personal property tax; and then, in the name of Henry George, the apostle of liberty, make a trial of Democracy, and allow the people to manage the affairs of the people.

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LANDLORDS SUPREME IN SAN FRANCISCO.

(Extract from speech of Judge James G. Maguire)

The landlords own the City and County of San Francisco; nobody disputes that. Whoever else may live here must do so upon such terms and conditions as the landlords see fit to exact; nobody disputes that. All who live or do business here must pay to the landlords such portions of their wages and profits as the landlords may demand. None but the landlords have any legal or independent right to live here, or to do business here, nor to live anywhere else in the country except upon the terms and conditions fixed by the landlords. In fixing these conditions the landlords are governed and limited solely by the consideration of their own financial interests. They are more powerful and scarcely less exacting than the landlords of Ireland. Our laws favor them above all other classes in the municipality, in the state and in the nation. Their power of taxation is unlimited and the taxes which they levy upon the so-called homes and upon the industries of our people may be increased to any amount which their avarice may suggest, upon fifteen days' notice, as nearly all of our householders and business men know from recent experience.

I speak of their exactions as a tax, and so it is, in so far as it is a ground rent. The rent of a building, as distinguished from the rent of the ground upon which it stands, is not a tax. but ground rent is always a tax. It is not paid for anything given by the landlord, but merely for the privilege of using the natural, God-given earth, the common heritage of all mankind from the immediate gift of the Creator, the rental value of which is produced and maintained by the whole people of each community.

I have said that ground rent, as distinguished from the rent of improvements, is not paid, here or anywhere else, for anything given by the landlord, but is a mere tax upon the occupants of land. What does a landlord in the burned district give for the ground rent which he exacts? You say "he gives the right to use the land." Yes, but God gave that right with the land before there were any landlords; and, if there were no landlords today, merchants, manufacturers and other wealth producers would promptly and gladly build up the entire district, substantially, and would gladly pay into the public treasury the economic rental value, which the present industry, enterprise and virtues of our population give to the land, being thereby relieved of all burdens of taxation now imposed upon their industry, enterprises, businesses, improvements and other wealth capital.

If there were no landlords, we certainly would not cry out for them, nor wait for their appearance, before proceeding to rebuild our city. They are not an essential factor in the building of a city nor in anything that pertains to its wealth production, nor to its wealth distribution, nor to the general comfort or happiness of its people. Landlordism is a mere parasite fastened upon industry and commerce, absorbing the wages of labor and the profits of business without giving anything in return for the immense share of the product of labor and capital which it exacts. In all the history of landlordism it has never produced a dollar's worth of wealth, nor added a dollar's worth to the world's stock of wealth.

It is simply the natural, lineal descendant and successor of the older and coarser system of appropriating the fruits of the labor of others, called "slavery" and "serfdom," and it appropriates the fruits of the labor of others just as effectually.

Indeed, the learned defenders of the institution of slavery, in the ante-bellum days, declared that "the traffic in human souls" so fiercely denounced by abolitionists, was "merely the transfer of a right to labor."

It is the system, be it remembered, and not the present landlords, that I condemn. I believe that the present landlords are as good and as honorable as any equal number of average people in any other walk of life. They are as good and as honorable as any other similar number of people who might succeed them in their powers and privileges.

The power of taxation for the personal enrichment of the possessor is too great a temptation to tyranny and oppression to be resisted by any human being, and it cannot coexist with the equal personal freedom or the individual independence, or with the essential principle of equality before the law which are the soul and life and anchor of true democratic government. Corruption grows apace under all systems of special privilege, under which any class or classes of men have a legal right, without giving service, to appropriate the wealth produced by others. Landlordism is the greatest of all the special privileges maintained by government; indeed, it is far greater than all of the others combined, as every San Franciscan must have learned from present and recent experience. It must go to join its kindred institutions—slavery and serfdom—in the dark empire of the eternal past, from which man, as we know him, has slowly risen, through long ages of sacrifice and martyrdom, to his present status.

Give to the people of San Francisco their natural, God-given right to the use of the earth of this peninsula, free from all taxes and exactions except the return to the public, for public uses, of the value given to the use of the land by the presence, industry and enterprise of her people, and she will instantly rise from her ashes in a glory and splendor never before exhibited by any city on earth.—San Francisco *Star*.

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A Good Atmosphere for a Clear Perspective.

We are often inquired of as to the attractions for life in Fairhope from the standpoint of a desire for usefulness, and to aid in carrying out the essential ideals on which the town was founded, and which differentiates Fairhope from all other towns. For it is certain that towns, as well as people, have distinctive characteristics, and widely separate motives in being. A town, as a person, can be pitiable and contemptible for lack of a worthy character, or exalted and noble in aim as well.

We lately had a letter from an observing person, who had for a time been in a community where most of the people seemed to belong to the army of "The Soldiers of the Common Good," as demonstrated in Russell's thoughtful articles, and then had gone to live in a community wholly given to commercialism and land speculation, and the difference was described as like going from an atmosphere of christian (Christ-like) civilization to the feeling of being in a paganish barbarism. A town may have either of these "atmospheres."

To many it has seemed as if we have retired from the crush of the busy world into a cloister-like life, separate and alone, but that idea soon vanishes when it is seen how we are in touch with the business strife of the competitive, monopolistic system, and we need to study ourselves but slightly to see that the old accursed motto, "each for self," is still dominant in our very natures, from the long years of habit of thought. We are still in and of the world.

But Fairhope is dominated by an exalting idea, and few come and go without touching it, and carrying it away with them to an extent, most saying they are lonely when out of its permeating force.

Space forbids touching but one strong and good reason for dwelling in Fairhope, by one who would get right, and stay right on fundamental ideals, and that is, it is a good place for getting a correct perspective of some of the partially obscured moral problems, so one can see things as others of the world's thinkers have seen them from a vantage ground.

No better place can be found to see clearly that in the distribution of the world's opportunities, if I have secured more than my rightful share of them, then for sure someone else has been deprived of his or her rightful share, and its corrollary, that if from having more than my share of the world's product of good things I am doing less than my full share of the world's creative work, then without doubt someone else is suffering from having to do more than his or her share of the toil, and suffering the injustice of lacking his or her rightful share of the world's reward. I am doing a double wrong to some one, I know not who, but someone who has done me no wrong.

In this clear perspective this iniquity that we are all participants in stands out so sharply defined, so startlingly actual, that one can but wince at the personal equation, if one would try to feel justified before his conscience. Am I a robber of the innocent? Is my strictly legal income, for which I do so little, an actual curtailment of someone's just reward for doing so much harder a task for the world than I am contributing? From no point of view we know of do these startling truths come home as here, where the standing interrogation point is after the word "JUSTICE?"

We meet a friend, an eminently conscientious man. He is happy. He says his income last year was $25,000, yet into his mind comes not the slightest suspicion of the equity of the query, "*Did you contribute a like service to the world?*" That is a query that in the rush of to-day's polite robberies does not so much as suggest itself. Yet a thoughtful man in a responsible place as a teacher of men says, "The man who accepts a large amount of the world's product, without an earnest desire to return an equal service, has the essential spirit and guilt of a robber and thief," a charge that in the light of every day life, in the busy marts, seems as unwarranted as impossible to imagine. In the clearer light of the economic atmosphere of Fairhope, from our perspective, it is so startlingly apparent it needs no argument.

In this perspective we can fully understand how the "Carpenter of Galilee" (if he was no more than that) saw from his perspective, the arrogant leaders of thought of His day, like the over-laden camel coming to the low gate called the "Needle's Eye," and having not only to be unloaded, but to sink to its knees to creep in under the low apperture, so these men who he said had "added house to house, and field to field, till there was no room for the poor" on the earth God had given them, coming to the narrow defile of justice's gate, and could in no case enter in.

In the short span of one's life it is well to get to a place for a clear perspective.

In a recent conversation with a fine, strong man who had attained to the general management of a great corporation and was evidently rather proud of the position, with its power, abundant salary and perquisites, he remarked that the strain was so severe it kept him awake o' nights, and was prematurely bringing grey hairs in his head, and prevented him from giving the care and attention he would like to the education of his own children, much more from helping to correct the abuses he knew were in the public system. He could not spare any time or thought upon it, important as he felt it was.

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business that strained him so severely, or was it the struggle to beat the other smart man who was trying to beat him? "Oh, that's the hard part," he said, "to get my share of the traffic and see that the other man does not get ahead of me: that's the strain of my work. I could administer the natural workings of the system in four to six hours per day, and then have time to do the duties of a citizen; if that was all."

We could but smile as we looked into his honest face; but not the first concept had entered his mind, of his pitifully wasted life and his rare talents frittered away, in a strife with other equally gifted men, in constant strain, to thwart and get ahead of each other, not at all to serve the world better, but in the mad struggle that Carlisle so correctly termed "the hellish scramble" he was over-working himself in a strife so much better if it had not been. And he, bright and capable as he was, had no glimmer of the folly and wrong of it all. His perspective was so wrong he could not see the bearings of his picture of life at all correctly.

Fairhope, beginning with an ideal only, has attained to a material success that, if in the hands of a real-estate syndicate, would be considered worth as much as ten times the investment put into it; but all the unearned increment is the property of us the people, not of land speculators. Now, if only half the people who claim to be praying for our progress and prosperity would come and help us, in the next five to ten years we can attain to such material and financial power as to be a noticeable figure in the national outlook, and a moral power not negligible in estimates of national progress. We would be in a position to clarify the perspective of correct social growth and correct ways of living, a sample of which is one of the needs of our time. S. H. C.

Personal and Local

Banner patterns at Call's.

Abe Strauss is in Mobile now, in charge of the Schlitz Brewing Co.'s selling agency.

Mr. Posey was here over Sunday remaining with his family until Tuesday morning.

A. J. Wolf is building galleries on the north and east of the cottage which he occupies.

The finest home made bread, cakes and pies at Mrs. Toft's, next door to the Courier office.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews have moved into the rooms in the C. K. Brown building above the store.

Stuart Yarnelle has an offer from one firm in Mobile of 40c a dozen for all the eggs he can furnish.

Mr. P. Y. Albright spent a couple of days in Mobile in the interest of the Courier, and secured a number of new advertising contracts.

The V. I. C. will meet with Mrs. Powell next Thursday, at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Hail and children returned last evening, after an absence of some weeks.

Mr. Ned Turner is over from Mobile for a week's vacation, which he is enjoying to the utmost. He is stopping at the Curtis restaurant.

Just received a nice line of cook stoves. Call and see us and get prices Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mrs. Coutant's brother, Mr. H. R. Woodward, left for the north last week, going to Detroit, Mich. He will probably return.

Mr. T. P. Lyon returned on Saturday evening from his extended visit in the east. He is occupying Miss Herring's cottage.

Master Crail Dougherty celebrated his third birthday on Wednesday of this week, a number of his little friends enjoying the occasion with him.

Mr. Lefevre, the recent purchaser of the Moorman cottage on Fels avenue, is having the same painted within and without and otherwise improved.

Mr. Pilcher is having a crop of Irish potatoes put in on the former Willoughby lots on Fairhope Avenue, after having a crop of cowpeas ploughed under.

Mrs. E. W. Yarnelle rather surprised her friends by returning last Friday evening from her northern trip—earlier than expected. She expressed herself as "glad to get back."

Among the summer visitors at Fairhope who left for home last week were Mr. Wm. Baumhauer and family, Mr. T. D. Nettles and family, and Mr. Erdmann and family, all going to Mobile.

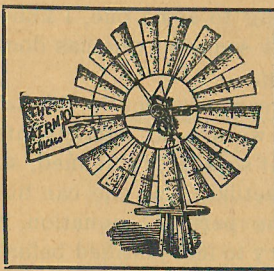
Misses Ivy and Ola Powell and Miss Frances Gaston left on Tuesday morning for Columbus, Miss., to enter the splendid Mississippi Girls' Industrial School there. Mr. Powell accompanied them.

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Rev. Mr. Battersby, physical director of the Mobile Y. M. C. A., was in Fairhope, with his wife, over Sunday, and occupied the pulpit at the Christian church on Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. Ard of Silver Hill, passing through to take the steamer to Mobile on Tuesday morning, left an order for job-work at the Courier office, which we delivered to him on his return in the evening.

Mrs. Jeannette Dennis was a guest of Miss Effie Mershon from Friday evening of last week to Monday morning. She brought with her little Effie Genevieve Davis, for a visit with her papa, Will Davis.



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Captain Foster had a litttle bad luck on his first trip with the new steamer *Manteo*, running aground going into Carabelle, Florida, and being detained several days thereby. The steamer got back to Mobile on Tuesday.

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The Misses Lizzie, Bell and Willie Knott, who have been summering in one of the Nichols cottages, left Monday for their home in Mocile. They conduct a girl's high school and are now engoged in preparing their work for the coming season.

A fine fat possum was captured in a trap in Mr. Comings' chicken house one day this week. Mr. and Mrs. Comings have not acquired a taste for possum yet, and it was turned over to a colored neighbor who doubtless made good use of it.

Conrad Steigert will move his barber shop from the foot of wharf hill to the Improvement Company's house, corner of Fairhope avenue and Section street. Mr. Steigert has ordered a new barber chair and will make the change as soon as it arrives.

Editors and reporters have a faculty of forgetting things, more annoying to them than any one else. Thus the editor omitted from his list of those joining in the little surprise on Mr. Joe Williams and family last week, nearly half the number- Mr. and Mrs. Dr. C. L. Mershon, Miss Effie Mershon and Mr. Fred Sweet.

Kent, the 17 months old son of Stuart Yarnelle, found the chicken yard open the other day and ventured in. The black Minorca rooster which Mr. Yarnelle prizes highly, flew at the child and spurred his head and face until it was covered with blood; but fortunately the baby escaped without serious injury.

Mrs. Ila W. Coutant has received "a ship" whose arrival has been expected for some time. She has purchased of Mr. M. V. Mathews his two cottages on Church street, and is adding a couple of rooms and porches to the corner cottage and putting it in good shape for winter renting. She expects her husband soon.

Forbes Bebolt, mate of the Pleasure Bay, was kicked by a vicious horse while helping to get it aboard the steamer at Daphne, last Saturday. He had to be carried aboard the steamer and on arrival at Mobile was sent to the hospital in an ambulance. With his rugged constitution he was out in two or three days however, and will soon be all right again.

W. H. Dorchester has accepted a position as bookkeeper in Birmingham and will leave for that city with his wife and mother next Wednesday. Mr. Dorchester likes Fairhope very well and may return here if the climate there does not agree with him. Both he and his wife have been teaching in the country schools, but found it inconvenient to live away from home, which is the reason for their leaving Fairhope.

A party of the neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Bancroft surprised them on last Friday evening at their pleasant suburban home, the occasion being the seventh anniversary of their wedding. Those present were the F. L. Browns, Braams, and Yarnelles. Some of their special town friends got word too late and had a previous engagement at a fish-fry on the beach which prevented their attendance, much to their regret.

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"Fish fries" have been a popular form of amusement lately. One which had an unusually jolly time—and plenty of fish (which is not always the case)—was participated in by the following: The Sweets, Williamses, Dr. Mershons, Gastons, N. Mershon and daughter Effie, A. H. Mershon, J. M. Pilcher, Mrs. Jeannette Dennis, John A. Patterson, Mrs. Littlefield and Miss Bessie, Mr. and Mrs. Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. Page.

Mr. Otis Goddard, who recent y took a three-year lease on the Brown property adjoining Mr. Oswalt's, will fit the place up for a poultry farm. Mr. Goddard has two large incubators and expects another soon, each of which has a capacity of 250. The first hatch came out on Wednesday and resulted in about 80 per cent, which is good and encouraging. He has received 100 Rhode Island Red eggs from Carr City, Kentucky, which cost him six cents apiece. Imported eggs come high.

George Knowles of Fairhope, Ala., is visiting in the family of E. C. Wolcott.—Warren, O., *Tribune*. Father Knowles also visited our winter residents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sumner, at Geneva, Ohio. He is having a delightful time, his friends and relatives leaving nothing undone to make his visit pleasant—as well they may, for he is of the very salt of the earth—and in the nature of things cannot be expected to make them many more visits.

The beach was alive with flounders, crabs, shrimp, etc., on Monday morning, and a plentiful harvest was reaped by fishermen—and women. Mr. W. F. Smith, who was down over Sunday with his family, from Meridian, Miss., caught about 25 pounds of flounders. Peter Williams, who was down without a gig, sharpened a stick and threw out 43 flounders with it, and little Arthur Gaston got a nice mess which he simply scooped out with his hands.

Mrs. J. M. Pilcher and daughters Hazel and Margery arrived home Wednesday from a six weeks' trip in the north, stopping at Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Lake Minnetonka, Minn. The greater portion of their time was spent at Lake Minnetonka, where they visited Mrs. Pilcher's sisters, Dr. Fosnos and Miss Gould. They report a most delightful trip. Miss Gould, who is well known in Fairhope, hopes to spend the winter here. In Chicago they were entertained by Mrs. Embree, a former resident of Fairhope. Miss Hazel Pilcher will probably attend school in Mobile this winter.

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Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

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THE FAIRHOPE II.

Brought to Fairhope on Monday, and Rebuilding of Upper Works Being Pushed Rapidly Here.

The *Fairhope II*, the new steamer purchased by the Fairhope Improvement Company for the Fairhope-Mobile service, was formally turned over to the company on Monday. The bill of sale was filed in the custom house, a permit secured to bring the boat over to Fairhope under her own steam to make the alterations to upper works which are planned, and the boat was brought over the same day. Messrs. Powell, Pilcher, Brown (F. L.) and Gaston went over on the *Pleasure Bay* in the morning and came back on the new steamer.

The performance of the steamer was very satisfactory and assured those who made the trip on her that she is going to meet the speed requirements without a bit of trouble. She will be faster than the *Fairhope*. She now lies at Fairhope pier, where a force of mechanics is pushing the rebuilding of her upper works, the material being gotten out at the Brown saw mill and Carlson planing mill. This work will take from four to six weeks.

THE STUMBLING BLOCK

In the Path of Progress is the Man with the Vacant Lot.

From Baldwin Times of Sept. 20.

It has been long known in this city that there are people here who fight improvements when it involves a question of increased taxes, and this has been long realized as a barrier to contemplated improvements. The man who holds his property at a figure that it is impossible to reach is also not unknown in this city, and both types of individuals are described very minutely by a Texas paper. This fits so well that it is reproduced. It is as follows:

One of the stumbling blocks in the path of progress is the man with the vacant lot—the man who for revenue or from laziness keeps his lot vacant, unemployed, unkept, waiting for the hard lift of the adjoining property holders to pull up the value of his possessions. The extreme specimen of this sort is the man who refuses either to clean up or sell out; who at the solicitation of his more public spirited neighbor will neither come in nor get out; who fights public improvements that involve taxes, and takes the lift of adjoining improvements as something rightfully his. This man will sell out only when he has the last cent of profit to be had from his holdings. He is to the thrifty community what the caterpillar is to the currant bush. He can be profitably spared from any community. But there is no known legal way of ridding the land of such a pest. The lazy vacant lotter is bad enough. The persistent professional is a pestilence.—Exchange.

Hurrah for the *Times!* We congratulate it on showing up the vacant lot hog in his true light. Why, that's first-class Single Tax talk, and such good discrimination was shown in saying there was no known *legal* way of ridding the land of such pest. The Single Tax way should be made *legal*—simply tax the vacant lotter as much as you do the one who improves his lot. That will encourage the improver and discourage the one who makes a nuisance of himself by getting in the way of those who would do something. There is no use, however, to abuse the "lazy vacant lotter" or the "persistent professional" as long as you make it more profitable to them to hold their lots unimproved than to improve them.

Fairhope has found a way, within the present law, to get rid of the vacant lotters, but it can only be applied by first securing the land.

Land Reform in Germany.

EDITOR FAIRHOPE COURIER:

If you or your readers are in a mood of sympathizing with people in hard luck, and have enough of it, send some across the Atlantic, where the landlords held in the town of Einenach their 28th annual conference, at which there were about 400 of them present; and the taxation of ground value was condemned, as it causes an over-production of houses. One delegate complains bitterly that they are not treated right, and wants to remember it at the next town council election. Another complains that the Bodenreformers (Single Taxers) are too much favored by the national government. A third one complains and says: "We are only treated as citizens of the second class: we are overtaxed." But a fourth one is somewhat reconciled, and quotes two men of high standing who had said that the tax on land value is not just, and ought to be abolished.

Remember, in Germany they have had local option in taxation all the time. Each community makes its own tax laws. They generally go at it this way. To illustrate: five, ten, fifteen or twenty years ago you bought this land for, say $1000; but now it is worth $5000: therefore on the $4000 increase you are taxed five per cent. The original $1000 is taxed conformably with the rest of taxable property. There are now 240 towns that tax that way. Only four cities of 100,000 have not yet adopted Single Tax. The national government favors it, as it takes the wind out of the Socialists' sails. The last town, Zehlendorf (3783 inabitants), went with no vote against Single Tax.

Cleveland, Ohio. F. BURGDORFF.

ALABAMA CONGRESSMEN

Put Themselves on Record as Favoring the Initiative and Referendum.

Washington, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Alabama leads in the first returns to questions to congressional candidates for a direct vote system for national issues. The National Federation for People's Rule, a non-partizan organization representing farmers, business men, wage-earners and professional people, is questioning all the candidates for congress throughout the country, asking them:

"If the electors will select you to represent them, will you faithfully work and vote for the immediate enactment of a statute to establish a system of direct voting on public questions through—

"1. The advisory initiative, to apply to questions of inter-state commerce, civil service, immigration, trial by jury or any modification of the law of injunction, eight-hour day in government contract work, and the submission of constitutional amendments for the initiative and referendum, election of United States senators by the people, and election of fourth-class postmasters by the patrons of each office, and

"2. The advisory referendum, to apply to laws of congress and measures passed by either house?

"Will you obey instructions from your constituents when given by referendum vote?"

Among the first replies from congressional candidates received at national headquarters in this city are affirmative replies from Hon. George W. Taylor, Demopolis, first district; Hon. A. A. Wiley, Montgomery, second district; Hon. R. P. Hobson, Greensboro, sixth district.—Press Dispatch.

We congratulate all the gentlemen named upon their public commitment to so just and progressive a policy, and the National Federation for People's Rule on its excellent practical work.

The advantage of a good local market (which we have in our numerous summer and winter visitors) was apparent in the experience of one of our townsmen one day last week. Being in one of the interior towns he found he could buy a case of eggs for 20 cents a dozen, and bringing them over to Fairhope he sold them promptly for 30 cents a dozen, netting $3 on the transaction.

How much more conducive to good feeling it would be if in our discussions we would consider questions at issue solely on their merits, without impugning the motives of our fellow members, or ridiculing their weaknesses or idiosyncrasies.

Mrs. Howland writes the editor that she expects to start for home, via Mallory steamship line, on the 28th. She will be accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Bemis.

Probate Judge J. H. H. Smith writes: "I enjoy very much the coming of the COURIER, because it treats nothing in a superficial manner."

Single Tax Principles

Editor Courier Replies to Prof. Bellangee

Brother Bellangee continues in this issue the discussion of the Single Tax—particularly with regard to the securing of public utilities. (See page 4.)

We regret his seeming annoyance over our taking two issues of the Courier to publish his former article, but the limits of the paper do not permit even the editor to pursue any discussion *ad libitum* in a single issue.

While we would hardly like to have the expressing of the differing views of Mr. Bellangee and ourself characterized as a "controversy," he must have credited us with a very different disposition than his own to imagine that the expression in our columns of opinions known to be so different from our own would not call forth some statement from us.

As for the point raised by us in our former article, of the Professor's classification as alike of acts totally unlike, both as to the intentions of one party and the effect upon another, (we refer to the acceptance of freely tendered gifts for a commonly cherished purpose and the securing of the same by compulsion or deceit,) we do not see that though he may possibly have made his meaning clearer, he has in any sense justified his reasoning.

Passing to his further argument for his definition of the "fundamental principle of the Single Tax"—which, it will be remembered, he stated in his former letter to be "that with the growth of the need of public service there comes the corresponding growth of a public fund;" whereas we asserted it to be, "that land values belong to the public because they are equally entitled to the use of the earth and because it is only by taking land values for the public that this equal right of all to land can be secured," he quotes from Henry George's reply to the Pope. (See his letter.)

It is noticeable that Mr. Bellangee does not quote from "Progress and Poverty," where Mr. George so carefully lays down the logical foundation for his philosophy, but takes a paragraph from an argument intended primarily for one with whom the religious sentiment was presumably ascendant, and with whom an argument for abstract justice would not be nearly so potent as one designed to make it appear that a policy was intended by divine providence. This introduces a theological issue, we may say, which would be rejected by many Single Taxers, while all would agree upon a basis founded in man's preceptions of justice, regardless of views upon the origin or ruling of the universe.

That Mr. George believed that "the value of the land taken as a whole, is sufficient for the expenses of government" is, no doubt, true, but it could have been nothing more than a matter of belief, to be confirmed or disproved by practical experience, while the fundamental principle, as we stated it, exists entirely independent of the result of such experience.

Further, we find nothing in Mr. George's writings to identify the term "expense of government" with anything more than what was considered to be, until quite recently, the only proper function of government—to preserve the peace of persons and the security of their property, maintain the national existence, care for the highways, etc. Though he does intimate that land values would probably in "well settled communities" provide a surplus above such cost of government which "might be applied to the common benefit," and mentions as among the purposes for which it "might" be used, "public baths, museums, libraries, gardens, lecture rooms, music and dancing halls, theaters, universities, technical schools, shooting galleries, play grounds, gymnasiums, etc.," and after all of these adds: "Heat, light and motive power, as well as water, might be conducted through our streets at public expense.—Progress and Poverty, page 454.

But even if it be admitted that the "value of the land taken as a whole is sufficien to bear the entire expenses of government" and include the supplying of those things which Henry George mentioned as among those which "might" be provided (along with others which very few Single Taxers would to-day approve) it does not at all necessarily follow that they must be paid for in advance. A public service which, like a water system, must necessarily be built to provide for future needs, might, it would seem, be much more justly built in part with borrowed capital, the same to be repaid out of land values created by the future users, than taken wholly from present land values.

And we would call attention to the fact that Fairhope does not by any means get the "whole land value." Not only does it not share at all in the enormous land values congested in the cities, in the other enormous values of mineral deposits, where there is frequently little need for local expenditure, and in which, under the general application of the Single Tax all would share, but it does not even get the whole of the land values of Fairhope. Such share of the value of the corporation's own land as it has been able to collect, has been against strenuous opposition, as is well known; while no part of the value of the several tracts lying within and immediately adjacent to the Corporation and sharing in large degree the advantages due to the Corporation's efforts, has it been allowed to touch. Mr. Bellangee seems to lose sight in this argument of the limitations under which Fairhope must be administered, though he appreciates them fully and states them clearly when some of our critics insist that "loyalty to the law of equal freedom (of which the Single Tax deals with but one phase) requires us to turn all Colony affairs over to the people, regardless of their attitude toward or contribution to the purposes we have in view.

The common sense which he applies toward one phase of the Colony's problems should be applied to another.

Were the Single Tax universally applied there would be no necessity of a "Single Tax Colony;" no banding together of Single Taxers to secure land as yet lightly valued by land speculators, and thereon establish a "model community." Under normal general Single Tax conditions, those who value such public services as water, gas, electric light, etc., would have settled in cities, where such services were already obtainable.

Passing to Mr. Bellangee's charge that "there has been forced upon us a system which the people did not want," the charge is not borne out by the facts, as we are prepared to prove from the records.

Such "ferment" as exists is chiefly of Mr. Bellangee's making.

What was told him "by an advocate of the plan" is not competent testimony against the plan—especially when the parties are not placed upon the stand for cross-examination. In a sense the plan might be called a "hold-up game," and be defended as such. It was a plan to "hold-up" the man who wanted the benefits of the system, to pay his share of its cost. If any one argued that those who "did not put in water connections" "could not rent their cottager," he simply showed his appreciation of the importance of the water works. It was not coupled, of course, with any idea of "forcing" anyone to do anything he did not consider it profitable for him to do.

In the same sense, if I have houses to rent and offer them on better terms than my neighbor, I practically "force" him to my terms, or cause his houses to go unrented.

To Mr. Bellangee's appeal to the "moral forces" we say amen. An appeal to "moral forces" is never wasted, and Mr. Bellangee is always strong at making it, but the issue here is not so much one of moral principle, as of common sense and good business policy.

There in Fact, if Not in Name.

Says the Fairhope correspondent of the *Item:*

"The test case on rentals of colony lands has been appealed to the higher court, where the controversy will come up for settlement. The expense will be heavy. The trial brought out the fact that the Henry George plan is not in it, and it is simply landlord and tenant. This has been the claim of the so-called kickers all along."

The trial brought out the fact that the framers of Fairhope's Constitution and lease contracts were wise enough not to base the rights of the parties thereto on varying interpretations of any one's philosophy, but to set the exact conditions forth in plain and explicit English. The legal foundation of Fairhope is that of a landlord—the law would recognize no other at present, but it applies the essential principle of the "Henry George plan", taking land values for public use, without mentioning him in its documents.

Among the new ads appearing in the Courier is that of C. J. Gayfer & Company of Mobile, whose big store on the corner opposite Bienville square is the Mecca for many Eastern Shore ladies visiting the city, and will be more so, we are sure, from their advertisement in the Courier. It is a claim of this house that it "has and gives what it advertises." It has been represented in the Courier before and we have never heard of a failure to give perfect satisfaction to its customers. It is a house of the highest standing and reliability.

The Courier Job Office will have in a few days some beautiful new faces of job type, suited for fine stationery, cards, wedding invitations etc.; and also some larger display type, to enable us to set good-sized display posters etc. Come in and let us show you what we can do for you.

Daphne has a new paper, the *Whistle*, the first number of which appeared last week. Mr. Vautrot, who has recently established a job office at Daphne, is editor and publisher, and prints the paper on his own premises.

Herbert S. Bigelow has tendered his resignation to his congregation of the Vine Street Congregational Church, in order to devote his time to reform work on the political stage.

Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is planning a fine water works system to be owned and operated by the city.

FAIRHOPE IS SWEPT BY STORM

Our Smiling Village Laid Waste Thursday Morning--Pier Swept Away--New Steamer Saved--Homes Blown Down

TOWN HALL IS TOTAL WRECK

Mershon Merchandising Company's Store Heavily Damaged by Wind and Water---Wharf Wrecked and Outer Warehouse Swept Away---School House off Its Foundation---Hotel, Call's Store, Cafe, and Houses Suffer

Noon, Sept. 27. Fairhope has been for two days in the grasp of a tropical hurricane.

The wind blew hard from the east all day yesterday, increasing in velocity during the night and reaching its utmost velocity probably between 5 and 6 this morning.

The losses in Fairhope by wind and water, reach into the many thousands of dollars already and the end is not yet.

The critical condition is now on the bay front, where the unprecedented high tide, lashed by the wind, which has shifted to the south, is beating under the big ware-house at the shore end of the wharf, under the pavilion and cafe, threatening their destruction.

Most fortunately, no lives were lost and no one was injured so far as we have heard.

The following is only a partial list of the more serious damages to property.

Hall entirely wrecked.

School house blown off its foundations.

Two-thirds or more of the wharf gone: ware-house at pier-head wrecked: men's bath-house entirely swept away.

Captain Nichol's, Rest Cottage and Walker bath-houses gone.

Mershon Merchandising Company's big store partially unroofed and stock heavily damaged by water.

The following residents had houses blown from their foundations: F. W. Rose, Ary Van Bendegom, Capt. G. A. R. Lawrence, Mrs. Coutant two cottages on Church street, Harrison Gilmore, Wm. Gray, W. S. Baldwin, Mrs. Otto (small house), Mrs. Patterson's, Herman Stemerdink's, Strattan's, Ames', kitchen of Mr. Creswell, Sr's house, and shop opposite hall.

Capt. George Lawrence's house was thrown from its foundations and the front part torn from the rear. The inmates made a perilous trip through the storm to the Dougherty cabin, which was uninjured.

Mr. Dunnell's little house was blown to pieces.

Barns belonging to Frank Brown, W. Stimpson, Miss Rathburn, Dr. Hail, Berglin, Littlefield, Stersic, and others, were blown down.

C. K. Brown's barn partially wrecked.

Mr. Powell's two barns much damaged.

Steenstra's tailor shop blown from fouudation.

Much of the plastering of Mrs. Coulter's house was knocked off and the east porch blown away.

Mr. Stimpson's house just missed going off its foundation and is badly racked.

The church is somewhat racked and the east window blown in.

The gallery on the east of the Coutant cottage, occupied by Will Davis and family, was blown clear over the house and 300 feet away into the woods.

The Dr. Mershon drug store was wrenched out of perpendicular and windows blown in.

The Comings' tent-house roof was swept away.

The Rathje photographic tent was blown to pieces.

Two trees were blown over on the Miss Haworth cottage, but it seems undamaged save for the loss of the chimney.

We do not know of an umbrella or China tree left standing, and oaks and pines are down in all directions. Where recent turpentining has been done is a devastation to make one's heart sick.

Chimneys blown down at hotel, Gables, Dr. Mershon's, Creswell's and numerous other places and many windows blown in.

The steamer Fairhope is safe Laurence Tilson, Roy Wilson, and Arthur Massey stayed aboard her last night and left her at the pier-head at 5:30 this morning, just in time to get in on the wharf, over which they fairly had to crawl on their hands and knees.

President Powell, of the Improvement Co., did not deem the steamer safe tied to the pier, which seemed in danger of going to pieces and very pluckily, with the assistane of Mr. P. A. Olsen, who luckily had a skiff fit for service, and young George Lawrence, went out through the heavy sea, boarded the steamer, drifted her a safe distance away frow the wharf and let go her anchor.

FIVE P. M. THURSDAY.

The wind has apparently done its worst. The tide is receding. We believe the shore warehouse, pavilion and cafe safe.

We have none of us lost our nerve, and will meet our disaster as we have met other misfortunes and difficulties in the past.

We are cut off from communication with other points and know not the extent of the damage elsewhere. The whole coast must have suffered heavily.

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Professor Bellangee Continues Discussion of Single Tax Principles Applied in Fairhope.

Editor Courier:

When, in your absence, I responded to a request for "copy" I had no thought of writing a serial article, much less of starting a controversy, but since you have so kindly called attention to some of my lapses I feel inclined to ask for another chance in the hope that I may be able, with deliberation, to make my statements a little more explicit, if my thinking may not be improved in clearness.

It is true that it is seldom that we have not "been in accord," but I have accounted for that with the thought that you were a level-headed fellow, and now that we differ I may still compliment you with the reflection that you are a man who thinks for himself.

At the outset let me thank you for advising your readers not to accept my conclusions without careful scrutiny. It is my aim, always, to write with such candor and seriousness that what I have to offer will be well worth the most careful attention. Either I must have lacked clearness in statement or you did not give my statement "careful scrutiny," since you felt justified in applying it to a case where "interests of both asker and askee are not selfish but altruistic." I will try again and hope my statement will be clear if my thought prove clouded. How will this do?

As for me personally, I see but little difference in the moral aspect of the disposition to receive gifts without returning an equivalent and the purpose to obtain a profit by graft. In the language of the noted John A. Kasson, to do the latter is to "be guilty of appropriating undue compensation," while the former is a lazy method of attaining the same end. Both arise from a desire to obtain from others something that belongs to them without rendering to them an equivalent. And it is because of that common origin that their moral aspects seem to me so similar.

Gifts of land for Fairhope are not for our benefit, but for the cause of the Single Tax, and therefore altruistic and proper. I was careful in my first statement to qualify it by claiming it for myself only, well knowing that many would regard the moral aspect of the case in a more conventional and liberal way.

As to the fundamental law of the Single Tax, let me quote from a high authority. Henry George, in his admirable letter to the Pope, says: "That God has intended the state to obtain the revenues it needs by the taxation of land values is shown by the same order and degree of evidence that shows that God has intended the milk of the mother for the nourishment of the babe."

"See how close is the analogy. In that primitive condition, ere the need for the state arises, there are no land values. The products of labor have value, but in the sparsity of population no value attaches to the land itself. But as increasing density of population and increasing elaboration of industry necessitate the organization of the state, with its need for revenue, value begins to attach to land," and on the next page, "Can it mean anything else than that He, who ordained the state with its needs, has, in the values which attach to land, provided the means to meet those needs?" See "Condition of Labor," pages 16 and 17.

That Mr. George would not "bring up on a bottle" even an infant Single Tax community is evident in "Progress and Poverty" page 365, where he says: "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 all of his works the same idea prevails and similar quotations could be easily multiplied.

You seem to think that we cannot wait for sufficient accumulations of land values to provide the services we want. Herbert Spencer tells us, I believe, that one of the prominent and distinguishing characteristics that mark the difference between the savage and the civilized man is that the former plans his present action with a view to immediate results, while the latter to more complex ends that require a future for their wider and larger benefits. I think that we who are striving to illustrate the ideal, the highest civilization, can well afford the patience that may be required in following this natural law of using only land values for public purposes.

It seems to me that your references to the methods of Tom Johnson and Louis F. Post have no pertinence to the discussion, since in the cities where they live land values go to landlords. Were the millions thus absorbed by individuals turned into the public coffers the methods that they now use would be quickly discarded. I will not say that your thinking here lacks clearness, but will venture to characterize it as a bad case of mental strabismus.

It seems to me that we owe it to the age and to those friends who have put lands in our hands for this demonstration that we should show exactly what can be done by appropriating land values to public uses, and not complicate nor mar the demonstration by other devices and expedients for such purposes. Even if such a course requires that supplying some wants which seem to be immediately pressing should be deferred for a while, we can well afford the sacrifice entailed in view of the "wider and larger" benefits that will flow to the world by such a clear-cut demonstration.

No criticism on Fairhope is more frequently or more justly made than that we have not adhered strictly to this rule, and we will be obliged in the near future to face the issue squarely or give up all claim to representing more than the Single Tax limited.

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But if we hew exactly to the line we may not have as much to boast of for the present, but immeasurably more to be proud of in the future.

I will admit that there seem to be exceptions to all rules, and cases may arise perhaps where these exceptions may be admitted, but your reference to installing a water system is especially unfortunate since Fairhope to-day is in a ferment of discontent because there has been forced upon us a system which the "people" did not want and which has not been installed by "voluntary payments" but by contracting a burdensome debt which the people do not want and which the water trustees solemnly pledged should not be done.

Moreover, I myself, when remonstrating against the injustice of the plan proposed, was told by an advocate of the plan that I and others would be compelled to put in water connections and "contribute" $50 toward building the system or we could not rent our houses, that it was designed to be "a sort of a hold-up game," and it has proven true to its design. Not only has it held up some of us financially, but it has most effectually held up enthusiasm for further use of that policy.

In the past there has been too much haste to immediately realize the benefits that the Single Tax policy will surely bring and too little heed to the actual wants and desires of the people of Fairhope, and with a system of gift taking in vogue that tendency will increase rather than diminish, for we will consult the possibilities of what can be obtained rather than the burdens that a self-reliant and manly people are willing to assume.

The material elements of a community are always most in evidence, but it is upon the moral force and intelligence of the people that its true character rests, and unless we successfully appeal to these higher forces and lead them in the right direction all the wealth of a Rockefeller bestowed upon us could not assist us in making of this an example of the Single Tax.

J. BELLANGEE.

DAPHNE CITIZENS AROUSED.

Active Steps Being Taken Toward Having Old Court House Utilized for State Normal School.

EDITOR COURIER:

The second meeting of the citizens of Daphne interested in utilizing the court house building for school purposes, was held Friday night at the court house. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Norton, who briefly outlined the object of the meeting.

Upon motion, Judge J. H. H. Smith, of Bay Minette, was elected temporary chairman, and B. F. Bates temporary secretary. Upon taking the chair, Judge Smith made a stirring appeal for prompt action in the matter, strongly recommending that an effort be made to secure a State Normal School, and that action be taken along lines suggested by Dr. Greeno, of Fairhope, in a letter to Mr. McKenzie, proposing that the court house and grounds be scheduled at a reasonable figure, and a supplementary fund in cash be raised by such subscriptions; this to be donated to the state for school purposes, upon condition that the state in acceptance of same found a normal school at Daphne, and appropriate therefor a suitable maintenance fund.

This suggestion was warmly seconded by Dr. Mason, who alluded to the fact that the Southwestern District of Alabama needed a normal school; that the five state normal schools are all located in the central and northern parts of the state, and that Baldwin, Mobile, Escambia, Washington and Clark counties are entitled to a normal school; that Daphne has the inducements, is the most available place to be reached in the district, and in heathfulness of location and purity of water is unsurpassed, and with the advantages of proximity to Mobile Bay, the total absence of saloons, blind tigers, and a consequent degraded and lawless element, makes Daphne on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay an ideal location for a normal school.

Dr. Mason was followed by Hon. J. H. Webb, of Mobile and Daphne, who joined with the preceding speakers in approval of the plan, and heartily bespoke the active support of Mobile people.

A letter from Dr. J. A. B. Lovett, of Blountsville, Ala., also commending the plan for arranging a State Normal School, was received.

The following committees were elected:

Central committee: Dr. Mason, chairman. (See latter portion of this letter.)

Press committee: W. C. Dinwiddle, editor of Baldwin Times; E. Q. Norton, editor of Baldwin Standard; E. B. Gaston, editor of Fairhope COURIER; J. A. Vautrout, editor of Daphne Whistle.

Mr. Norton was elected as chairman of the Entertainment committee, looking to the arrangement for a series of entertainments.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Judge Smith, Dr. Greeno, Mr. Webb and Dr. Lovett.

The central committee, on call of chairman, are to complete the list of members and further outline the plan of procedure.

Partial list of central committee as follows: Dr. J. W. Mason, B. F. Bates, E. L. Wilson, D. C. Stapleton, S. S. White, N. G. McKenzie, A. E. Strong, C. E. Wilkins, W. D. Randall, Wm. Dryer, J. J. Middleton, W. W. Stuart, C. Allegri, John Lee, P. McAdams, Robinson, E. Q. Norton, Jas. Brown, Capt. Jas. O'Neal, Hammitt, Z. M. Bush, T. F. Blackman, Young Bros., W. L. Thompson, Harry Holland, R. L. Yuille, Jr., Burkey, Grimes, L. C. Pomeroy, Mixon, Prof. Leighton, G. W. Kessler, Carlman, B. L. Randall, Wm. Scheifflin, J. A. Vautrout, Mrs. B. F. Bates, Miss M. Mason.

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News Notes from Battles Wharf.

Mr. aud Mrs. Peace of Hattiesburg, Miss., are visitors at Battles.

Guests are still coming to the Beach Hotel: thirty-five persons were served dinner on Sunday.

Mr. George Haas and Capt. Allen and family moved back to town Sunday, after a stay of several months at Battles.

Mrs. Kirchler of Aldrich, Ala., who has been visiting Professor P. C. Boudousquie's family, returned home delighted with Battles and the eastern shore.

Oysters are beginning to come in. Frank Troup expects to supply oysters all along the eastern shore this season, having made arrangements for a schooner to make regular trips to the oyster beds, and keep oysters always on hand. This will indeed be a boon! Anything Frank takes hold of is a success anyway.

I understand that a petition is being circulated to have a mail clerk on the mail boat, so that letters mailed in the morning and *vice versa*, instead of being carried on to the destination of the boat, will be sorted and delivered to each landing as the boat goes up or down the shore. This is another step toward the upbuilding of our eastern shore.

The eastern shore is destined to become one of the few resorts in the south: without any doubt it is fast becoming known in Mississippi and other states where visitors have usually gone to the Gulf coast. They have this year come here, and have returned full of praise, and will be a live advertisement of the eastern shore where they reside. I think the new book and your Souvenir Letter etc. will help the shore more than is expected.

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Personal and Local

Banner patterns at Call's.

Rev. C. E. Hill and family moved back to Mobile on last Friday morning.

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Mr. E. D. Brann is working with the Mobile Construction Co. in Mobile now. He was over Sunday.

Just received a nice line of cook stoves. Call and see us and get prices Mershon Merchandising Company.

The Kennedy family returned to Mobile on Monday morning, as did that of Mr. Clarke, which had been in the west Comings cottage.

E. G. Rickarby, Esq., of Mobile, drove down on Sunday evening from Montrose, where he is summering with his family, to call upon Dr. and Mr. Greeno.

Mr. and Mrs. De Coudres returned from their northern trip on Thursday evening, and are at home again in the Mrs. Mann cottage at the turn of the avenue.

It was a quarter to eight before the *Pleasure Bay* left Fairhpe wharf on Monday morning, and people moving back detained them all along the line.

In a letter from Dr. Campbell to Captain G. A. R. Lawrence, he says: "Your 'souvenir letter' to hand: a neat get-up and good 'ad' for the 'only' Fairhope."

Outings.—Now that you have had your outing, come and let us show you the kind of Outing we can give you. We have a nice new line and prices reasonable. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mrs. Dr. Greeno returned on Sunday morning from Chicago, where she was called by the desperate injury sustained by her daughter, Mrs. Slaughter, in an automobile accident. Mrs. Greeno's own health is far from good and the Chicago climate did not agree with her at all well.

Dr. R. A. Hail is in Chicago, at the post-graduate medical school, taking several special courses; and he expects to locate in the Indian Territory, in city practice, as soon as he can dispose of his Fairhope improvements. Twenty-five families could secure homes at once, if they would apply.—Fairhope cor. *Item.*

Mrs. R. A. Hail and children, Kenneth and Uhlma, came home Thursday night from a three weeks' visit with relatives at Meridian, Miss. Mrs. Hail spoke several times in the interest of the W. C. T. U. and organized committees to carry on contest work. They stopped at Fruitdale, and were guests of Mrs. Cordie B. Read.

—Fairhope cor. *Item.*

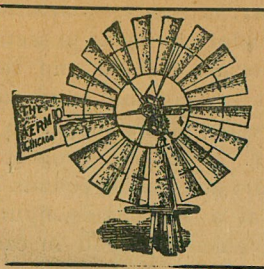
Mr. C. L. Coleman has begun shipping persimmons, having already shipped five barrels: two to New York, two to Chicago, and one to Meridian. They are all the Tane Nashi variety, and a good many from new trees, those which bore a heavy crop last year not bearing heavily this year. Those he shipped last year netted him twenty five cents a dozen for large ones and fifteen cents a dozen for small ones. An advantage of water transportation is shown by the fact that a rate of 60c. per hundred pounds can be secured to New York via Mallory line, or $1.20 a barrel, about half the freight rate to Chicago by rail, and averaging a half less time in transit. The express rate to Chicago is $8 a barrel, or a little more than the gross value of the fruit.

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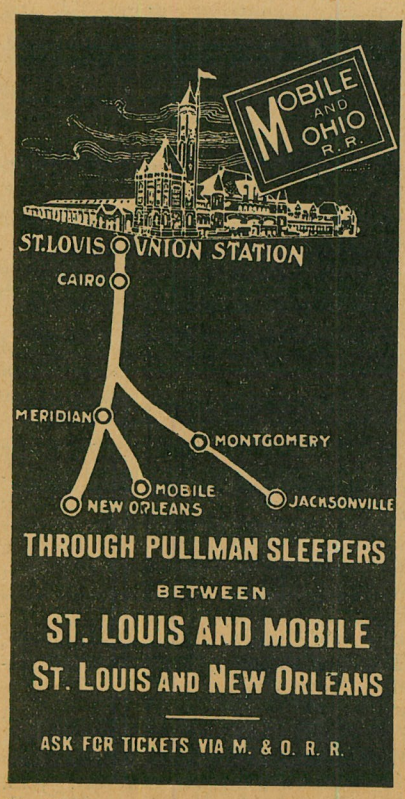
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NOTICE

Ballots on the turpentine referendum will be received Monday from 4 to 7 p. m. at the COURIER office.

The Single Tax "Limited" and "Unlimited" as Related to Fairhope.

EDITOR COURIER:

The essential principle of the Single Tax is the raising of public revenues by a tax on land values alone, all products of industry being exempt. This does not necessarily involve the taking of the whole value in taxation. So long as no other taxes are imposed, and all public expenses paid out of land values, the system may be properly designated the single tax.

But the advocates of the single tax base their arguments on the common and equal right of all to the use of the earth, involving an equal right to the rent thereof. The carrying out of this principle to its logical conclusion therefore requires the collection of the whole rent for public uses. This has been called the single tax "unlimited" as distinguished from the single tax "limited", where only sufficient is collected to meet previously estimated expenditure. In the one case, the expenditure of the community is made to conform to its income from ground rent; in the other, the rent collected by the community is limited to the amount needed to meet necessary expenditure.

Those critics who have been recently discussing the Fairhope policy seem to have had the single tax limited in mind, but they have been somewhat confused in their idea of its application to Fairhope conditions. Outside of Fairhope, the adoption of the single tax in its limited form would mean the taking of part of the land value for public uses, the balance not needed for that purpose going to the landlord. In Fairhope, the Single Tax Corporation being the landlord, if the amount of rent collected for public uses is to be limited to the needs of the community and these are found to be less than the full land value, the balance should, of course, go to the Corporation. But this is not the intention of the critics. The Corporation having waived its right to the rent as landlord, in favor of the community, they want the colonists to have a voice in fixing the amount to be collected, in order that the balance may be left to the tenant, not with the landlord. And more than this, they would relieve the rent fund from the payment of couuty and state taxes, permitting these to become a burden on industry, in order that a greater proportion of he rent may remain in the hands of the tenants.

Such a policy would entirely frustrate the original purpose of the colony, and it is evident that control of these matters must remain with the Corporation. But Mr. Trenholme, in the COURIER of Aug. 3, has given a new phase to the controversy by pointing out clearly the separate functions of the Corporation and of the community. "Let us keep separate the functions which never should have been joined."

There is a wide difference between expending the rent for the benefit of the community and handing it over to the community to spend as they think fit. This is where it seems to me a mistake has been made. The single-tax principle is not fully applied when the rent is expended by the landlord in ways which in his view are for the benefit of the tenants. Some of the wealthy landlords do this to a large extent at the present time, but we do not think of it as an application of single-tax doctrine.

In order to make Fairhope as perfect an illustration as possible of the application of single-tax doctrine, the rent should be handed over to the colonists, the Corporation reserving to itself no right of control of the expenditure whatever.

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ADDITIONAL STORM NEWS

The Bruno Van Bavel—former Parker house was wrecked and the family driven to Sweet's for shelter.

Koopman's house was blown to pieces and his family driven to Van der Wall's for shelter.

Percy Stoke's barn was blown down, one heifer killed and a cow imprisoned under the wreckage for a day.

The Massey and Patterson barns on their farms were wrecked by the wind and Mr. Massey's barn at the beach badly damaged by the waves.

Wm. Stimpson's mare was caught under his barn and is probably so much injured as to be worthless.

Battles and Point Clear wharves are stripped but Volanta wharf stands and so, we understand, with Seacliff. Their extra height above the water saved them.

The Zurhorst house was unroofed and furniture fairly ruined by water.

The house which the Littlefield Concrete Co., was building for Mr. Riel, was unroofed and otherwise damaged.

The little shed barn on the Dr. Atkinson place blew down on Mr. Gaston's horse and two cows, but they got out of the wreckage without injury.

Mr. Lucier came in from the Euclid district this morning and reports eighteen or twenty houses and barns down. He came out pretty well himself, losing only his fences.

George Cain got out in the storm and saved his home with wires. His wife was believed to be dying and could not be moved. She is some better today.

THE KIND THAT STICK TO IT

Friday morning: — Mr. Staples, an elderly gentleman from West Branch, Iowa, and a real Single Taxer, blew in just in time to catch the storm.

This morning he came in and applied for two lots on Fels avenue.

"Aren't you scared out?" we asked.

"NO!" came the reply. "I came to Fairhope because she demonstrates Single Tax principles. I am going to build a house. If this kind of weather continues I'll build an ark!"

That is the spirit that wins.

That is the kind of friends Fairhope needs here and wherever the Single Tax is cherished!—and, thank God, she has lots of them.

FATHER LAWRENCE SEVERELY HURT

We have just heard the first report of personal injury. The little home just built for the aged Rev. Silas Lawrence was blown over the fence and demolished. Mr. Lawrence was nearly killed by the shock, but no bones were broken.

He crawled through the storm to his son Joseph's home.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Mass Meeting at 4 O'clock Today at Windmill.

The bulletin board bears a notice of a mass meeting to be held at the foot of the tank, this (Friday) afternoon, to organize for the repair of damage to the extent at least, of making wrecked dwellings habitable and enablng business to be done over the wharf at the earliest possible moment. Every body turn out ready not only to give the benefit of his wisdom as to what ought to be done and how but to tender his resources of time and money.

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Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

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A marked copy of the Knoxville, Iowa, *Express* directs our attention to the radical resolutions presented to the Democratic convention of Marion county, Iowa, by L. R. Clements, first president of the Fairhope Industrial Association. The essential provisions of the resolutions are as follows:

We, the democracy of Marion county, in convention assembled, believe that uncontrolled representative government being often debauched and corrupted by those who buy privilege, we favor the adoption of the referendum, whereby the people may veto legislation which their servants attempt to thrust upon them.

We recognize that the basis of all monopoly and consequent robbery of the people is by means of the monopoly of natural opportunities and resources, which are intended for all the people, for use and not for speculation, which monopoly is resulting in the wealth of the country being rapidly concentrated in the hands of the few, and we declare a large area of valuable lands are being held out of use for speculative purposes by non-users, and any system which results in future generations finding themselves barred from the use of lands which lie idle, awaiting a speculative profit from the community which gave the profit, must be worthy of examination, and we call the attention of the Democratic party and the whole people to some system of taxation that the evils of land monopoly may be eradicated.

We recognize the broad and fundamental distinction that that which serves the public should belong to the public, and that which the individual creates belongs to the individual. Therefore public utilities, such as our postal system, schools, railroads, telegraphs and all other public utilities should be controlled or owned by the people, for whose use they are intended and should serve.

The resolutions also denounced the tariff as robbery.

These resolutions were proposed as "supplemental" to those presented by the committee on resolutions, and were adopted by a vote of 116 to 34, a signal victory for Mr. Clements.

He is one of the best of men, who retains a deep interest in Fairhope, though he has never been here.

Standing storms together makes us closer friends than ever.

REPAIRING DAMAGES.

Community Pulling Together to Repair Ravages of the Great Hurricane.

BIG VOLUNTEER CREWS

Hard at Work Raising Fallen Houses--The Repair of the Wharf Is Being Planned For.---Notes of the Storm.

The community pulled itself together on Thursday afternoon before the storm was over, and took immediate steps to repair the most serious damage.

A notice on the bulletin board brought a good crowd together on the gallery of Dr. Mershon's drug store to consider the situation.

Mr. Gaston called the meeting to order and stated the object to be, as he understood, to organize for the work, first of putting houses damaged by the storm in habitable condition, and later taking up such other repair work as might be agreed upon.

Mr. Gaston said that whatever might be thought of the merits of the individualistic and collective methods of work in general, the present situation imperatively called for joint effort. Twenty men working together could put up twenty fallen houses one after another in a comparatively short time, while working separately they could never get up one. He asked for the selection of a chairman of the meeting. Dr. H. S. Greeno was unanimously chosen chairman and Mr. Gaston secretary.

Volunteers were called for to join repair crews, and, if unable to do so, to assist otherwise, and a prompt and general response was received.

A general committee was chosen, consisting of Captain Jos. Lawrence, H. C. Oswalt and J. M. Pilcher, with power to appoint sub-committees and foremen, and generally direct the work. The meeting then adjourned to meet at the same place at 7 a. m. the next day, to begin work.

The committee immediately met and appointed Capt. Jos. Lawrence superintendent of reconstruction and foreman of one house-raising crew; W. S. Baldwin foreman of another house-raising crew, and Wm. Call foreman of a crew to set up out-houses and repair minor damages.

The volunteers reported in the morning and were assigned to the various crews. Before noon of Friday Mrs. Patterson's house and Mr. Andrew Larsen's were up and on their blocks, and by night Mr. W. S. Baldwin's was up.

The work has since been followed up vigorously, a full force keeping at it all day Sunday, which was very well, for a heavy rain Sunday night, continuing until afternoon Monday, prevented anything being accomplished on Monday.

An Appeal for Aid

IN THE ABSENCE of any public action in that direction, the COURIER, upon its own responsibility, calls upon the friends of Fairhope who have not suffered by the great storm through which we have passed, to come to the assistance of those of our people who have lost heavily, as many of them have, in property, crops, and time.

As is generally known, Fairhope is a "poor man's town" in the sense that its population is made up chiefly of men poor in worldly possessions, who have come where the blight of private landlordism was removed, to make a new effort for homes and independence. That they have been making a brave fight and have been succeeding, has been chronicled in these columns, and where they have suffered, as so many of them have, without fault or weakness of their own, we know it will be a pleasure to many of the COURIER readers to extend a helping hand.

The COURIER will acknowledge all contributions and will turn them over to such relief committee as may be later selected.

Don't let your lack of ability to give much prevent you from having a part in this effort. Small contributions from those of small ability will show their sympathy as much as larger ones from those better able.

Capt. Jos. Lawrence and Mr. W. S. Baldwin have amply demonstrated the wisdom of choosing them as foremen of the house raising work, as has Mr. Call in his minor but necessary department.

One seeing the condition in which houses were left—thrown from their foundations and all askew, would think it well nigh impossible to get them back in shape, but with block and tackle, jack screws, and many strong arms, they have one by one been put back in position and straightened up, until in a little while, one would not know that they had ever suffered wreck in the storm.

Bad as it was at Fairhope it was so much worse elsewhere along the coast, where added to the fury of the wind was the rush of waters, driven by the w nd to a height six or eight feet beyond what was ever known before; not only sweeping houses from their foundations but carrying them away bodily, leaving in many cases not even the brick or stone piers to show where they had been, and dashing the inmates to death, that we consider ourselves fortunate by comparison.

One of our great advantages is that, except for our wharf, warehouses and cafe on the beach, we are far above the reach of any possible flood.

Another is that all of the great gulf storms are from the east and southeast, which are "offshore" winds for us, iving us comparatively

smooth water and saving us from the drift and wreckage which added to the destructive force of the waves on the lee shore opposite, and remains piled high upon the beaches.

We have nothing but sorrow for the charming resorts along the low shore of the bay south and west, and on the sound shore further to the westward, which have been practically swept away, but, as a result of the storm, there is sure to come new appreciation of the great advantage of our bold eastern shore, safe from the waves if not from the wind.

STORM NOTES.

Mr. Stimpson's mare was so injured that he shot her.

The Rathburn barn fell down on Mr. Tiffany's pony, but it escaped injury.

Dr. Mershon's barn was partly blown from its foundation and badly racked.

The Curtis Restaurant weathered the storm well, though it shows a slight "list" to leeward.

A part of Mr. Bellangee's shop and storage shed was wrecken and his large front window blown out.

Mrs. Bell lost about half of her large flock of chickens by the chicken houses being wrecked upon them.

The Dr. Scott drug stock and the Bell Telephone exchange suffered considerably from flooding, following a tear in the roofing.

Dr. Greeno's barn on his farm was blown to pieces and twenty tons of cow-pea hay stored in it ruined. His windmill at the home place was dismantled and many of his valued trees blown over. He estimates his loss at $800.

One of the worst scenes of wreckage is in Nathaniel Mershon's back yard. where about fifteen pine trees and several China and umbrella trees were blown down within a space about 25x75ft., wrecking the chicken houses and other outbuildings.

Mr. Beckner's nice new home looks all serene from the outside, but was heavily damaged on the inside by rain beating in around the chimneys and elsewhere and loosening the plastering. Mr. Beckner thinks his damage will be between $200 and $300.

The *Pleasure Bay* weathered the worst of the storm at the north wharf, Point Clear, and went to Mobile about 11 o'clock. She returned to Point Clear during the night Thursday and went over to Mobile again during the day, resuming her regular service on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Koopman, on top of the disaster of having their home blown down fairly over their heads, had the misfortune to each step on nails, both being rendered practically helpless thereby. Mr. Koopman was threatened with blood poisoning. but Dr. Mershon succeeded in preventing it.

About thirty of Mrs. Howland's beloved pines were broken off or torn up by the roots, including the one which the great kudzu vine entwined, and another right by her front porch. None touched her house in falling, and though one fell across the chicken house it did not wreck it.

Dr. Borst came in from Silver Hill on Friday to see how his family and Fairhope friends were getting along. He came on horseback and says it will be weeks before a team and buggy can go through, because of trees felled across the road by the wind. Silver Hill, he reported, did not appear to fare so badly as Fairhope, but Robertsdale was badly wrecked.

Business with the outside world has been conducted with great difficulty since the storm. The wharf was badly torn up to a point beyond the bath-houses about a hundred feet and the rest of the way out to the pier-head the upper stringers and planking are entirely gone and carried away no one knows where, probably to the western shore. The piling and cross stringers were left intact. The pier-head was a scene of chaos. The planking was nearly all torn loose, but not carried away as on the wharf. Instead it was piled together in almost inextricable confusion.

The original ware houses—one lately used for bath-houses and the other a storage room for odds and ends—stood the storm, but the outer ware-house seemed to have had the planking washed out from under it and then fell down through between the stringers until the roof rested on them.

The larger part of the stanchions, deck and ceiling beams for the rebuilding of the steamer had just been taken out and stored in the warehouse. Many of them were washed away, but the larger part were left on the pier when the tide went down.

A big pine fell across Mr. Robac's store and tore a hole in the roofing, but he sallied out and made a temporary repair, sustaining very little damage to his stock.

The only death by the storm coming close home to Fairhope people was that of Hurley Littlegreen, the stalwart son of Mr. C. E. Littlegreen, lately wedded to Miss Millie Gladfeldt, of the North River Park neighborhood, east of Fairhope. He was off oyster fishing at the time of the storm, and while at this writing, Friday, the actual finding of his body has not been reported, there seems no doubt of his death.

Otto Manteuffel suffered severely at his dairy farm, near Colony land. The house and barn were both blown down, and the family is living with his brother Will for the present.

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Courier's Enterprise Appreciated.

The Courier is receiving commendations for the manner in which its force rose to the occasion and got the paper, with quite a full report of the local situation, out even before the usual time. We shared in the demoralization of Thursday forenoon, but after dinner a report was hastily written up, and the editor seized a stick, along with Messrs. Dougherty and Rose, and hurried it into type. The form was gotten on the press by a little after five o'clock, and an attempt made to get the edition off and get it into Friday morning's mail—should there be one. The conditions, however, did not favor getting off but a small part of the run, and on Friday morning the form was taken from the press, a column and a half of late storm notes set up, the form put back on the press and the Fairhope papers were in the office and distributed before noon. The outside papers were all sent out in the Saturday morning mail.

We knew our friends throughout the world would be exceedingly anxious about us, as the press dispatches would give Pensacola and Mobile, on either side of us, as in the center of the storm's fury, and determined that they should know the facts at the earliest possible moment.

At this writing, Thursday, none of the other county papers has been received at this office. We presume both the *Standard* and the *Times* are held up on account of the L. and N. line being out of use between Bay Minette and Mobile.

One good feature of our referendums is that they stimulate people to come in and pay up their rents, in order to qualify for voting.

Storm and rehabilitation notes have the right of way in the Courier this week. We do not enjoy publishing details of storm and wreck, but our friends we know want the news.

The Courier has three subscribers at Palmetto Beach, Baldwin county, near Navy Cove, which was practically washed away in the late storm and fears that they have suffered severely.

Never was better time to give the Courier a lift than now nor any way so good as by renewing your own subscription promptly and adding another whenever opportunity offers. The paper can only do good for the cause when read.

The Courier will not attempt to report the effect of the storm in Mobile, Pensacola and other points, which has been fully covered by the press dispatches, which our friends all over the country have no doubt read.

The first friend at a distance from whom an inquiry was received as to the effect of the storm upon Fairhope, was C. F. Nesbit, of Washington, D. C., who wrote under date of the 28th: "I am very anxious as our report to-night is that the storm was worst at Mobile. I trust Fairhope has escaped in her persons and property any considerable damage."

We have a well written article by Mrs. A. B. Call, upon the general subject under discussion in these columns for several issues by Mr. Bellangee and the editor, for which we will find space in an early issue. Just now the reporting of the storm news, and ways and means of repairing our public and private damage, seem of first importance.

We are unable to find any provision in Single Tax literature for meeting such disasters from natural forces beyond man's control as we have just sustained. It seems to us a case for "blessed charity" to relieve the suffering of our more unfortunate fellows, and means other than the collection of land values as they arise, to repair the public property. The theorist simply, might be helpless under such circumstances, but the practical man will seize the means at hand, keeping as close to his wonted plans as the circumstances will permit, but not allowing them to bind him in helplessness.

People sometimes decry our transportation facilities and think we are greatly handicapped by not being on a railroad, but we notice that while our water communication with Mobile was resumed as usual the day after the storm, it was days before the railroad towns in the north end of the county had communication and nearly a week before railroad communication was open between Mobile and New Orleans. Railroad service is a fine thing—and we expect to have it some day, if we have to build a railroad ourselves to get it—but if we had to choose between the bay and a railroad, we would choose the bay every time.

Ex-Probate Judge Charles Hall and G. W. Burns, of Bay Minette, were in Fairhope over Wednesday night and were intersted auditors at the meeting regarding the wharf.

THE REBUILDING OF THE WHARF.

Having proposed the resolutions embodying a plan for securing the prompt rebuilding of the wharf in even better shape than ever, which were adopted by the meeting Wednesday evening, the editor need hardly express his hearty approval of the same.

The plan seems to us to be the only one which will meet the exigencies of the occasion. We believe that under it the funds can be secured at a moderate interest, and that the earnings of the wharf will pay the whole cost inside of four years—we believe considerably less.

We regret that a few of the Corporation's most active and interested members did not approve, but it is too much to hope that people of the strong and independent character of those who compose the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation shall absolutely agree upon any proposition.

The choice of trustees suits the Courier admirably—save that the editor would have been glad to be relieved of any active duty in the matter. The names of the gentlemen chosen are themselves notice to the public that the people of Fairhope, whatever their other differences may be, are united in meeting their disasters. We believe that the community can rely implicity upen their faithfulness to the trust imposed upon them and safely entrust the details of the work to their judgment.

Very fortunately we have on our own land the timber from which the lumber can be cut, and our worthy president will give wharf orders the right of way at his mill. It will require a few days to mature plans and get to work, but we anticipate no serious delay.

The trustees will have a proposition to make to our friends, doubtless, in the next issue of the Courier, and we are sure their response will be prompt and liberal.

Miss Herring Expresses Sympathy.

Miss Alice Herring writes from Philadelphia:

Dear Friend:

All hearts turn to Fairhope in her new disaster—mine, of course, because it is my home; but so do others who have no special interest there. Everyone is asking me for news, and expressing sympathy and deep concern for the Fairhope that seems to stand, in even the stranger's mind for something fine and great and to-be-hoped-for. Fairhope is certainly being tried as only the truly great can stand and live. I am reminded of Whitman's splendid words, which seem apropos now:

"What do you think is the grandeur of storms and dismemberments, and the deadliest battles and wrecks, and the wildest fury of the elements, and the power of the sea, and the motion of Nature, and the throes of human desires, and dignity and hate and love? It is that something in the soul which says: 'Rage on, whirl on, I tread master here and everywhere—master of the spasms of the sky and of the shatter of the sea, master of Nature and passion and death, and of all terror and all pain.' "

With best wishes to yourself and all,

Yours,

Alice G. Herring.

One party who made a bargain offer on a Fairhope improvement, was taken up promptly by two parties, one of whom made a small cash payment to bind the bargain. But the party making the offer came back in a day or two, threw down the cash and called the deal off. Moral: Don't offer Fairhope improvements for sale at a bargain unless you mean business.

MEMBERS AND LESSEES CONFER

Agree upon Plan for Securing the Rebuilding of the Wharf by Trustee Plan.

FIVE TRUSTEES CHOSEN

Members Elect Messrs. Powell, Nathaniel Mershon and Gaston, and Lessees Elect Dr. Greeno and Capt. Joseph Lawrence as Wharf Trustees.

Members and lessees were called to meet at the church, on Monday evening, to consider ways and means for repairing the storm damage, particularly to the public property.

A good audience gathered, but the meeting was hardly under way before an adjournment was proposed on account of another threatened storm, of which warning had been given by the weather bureau at Mobile, and which was apparently at hand. A motion to adjourn to Wednesday evening prevailed.

Before the adjournment the following plan for securing the rebuilding of the wharf was read by Mr. Gaston, and he stated that he would put it in type and furnish each member and lessee with a copy before Wednesday evening:

Whereas, the rebuilding of Fairhope wharf in substantial manner, at the earliest possible moment, is vitally necessary to this community and every individual member thereof and

Whereas, to rebuild the same is entirely beyond the present ability of the Corporation, with its other heavy burdens of rebuilding its hall, repairing its school-house and other storm damage on top of maintaining its school, paying its state and county taxes and its ordinary unavoidable expenses and

Whereas, the wharf is itself ample security for such sum as may be needed and will repay the same, with interest, within a few years; but the Corporation is prevented by its constitution from incurring any interest bearing indebtedness, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation turn the wharf over to a board of not less than three nor more than five Wharf Trustees, for the purpose of securing its rebuilding upon such plans as may be approved by the Executive Council, authorizing them to incur such indebtedness as may be necessary therefor and to administer the wharf until such indebtedness is paid, applying thereto all the net earnings of the wharf. The authority thus conferred upon such trustees to be in no event construed as a franchise nor to confer any power upon them or any other person or persons through them, save as specifically stated herein. The wharf to be turned back to the Corporation, when the obligations assumed on account thereof, are fully satisfied. And be it further

Resolved, that the said trustees shall include in the rebuilding of the wharf the laying of steel rails the length thereof and putting the wharf hill to easy grade and making permanent provision for taking care of the water thereon.

On Wednesday evening the members and lessees again gathered in goodly number at the church and, the heavens being serene, were permitted to discuss the matter in hand without alarm.

On motion, the plan as read on Monday evening, and of which a printed copy had been mailed each member and lessee, was again read. When read Mr. Powell moved its adoption, which was seconded. A long discussion followed, which the Courier will not attempt to report.

A motion to lay the motion upon the table carried, with a view to offering opportunity for the presentation of other plans, which it was rumored were to be submitted.

No other definite plan being forthcoming the motion to adopt was taken from the table and carried by a vote of twenty-five to seven.

A motion to make the number of trustees five and to invite the non-member lessees to name from their number two of the five prevailed.

The lessees retired to the rear room to make their selections, while the members proceeded with their's in the auditorium. Messrs. Powell, Gaston and N. Mershon were selected by the members, and the lessees reported as their choice Dr. H. S. Greeno and Capt. Joseph W. Lawrence. The meeting then adjourned.

A meeting of the members will be called shortly to formally ratify the action of this meeting.

The matter of the participation by lessees in Colony affairs was touched upon by several speakers in the general debate, Messrs. Rose and Powell referring to a proposed amendment to the Constitution (see same on page 4) and suggesting as probably a more satisfactory solution to limit the functions of the Single Tax Corporation to the appraising and collection of rents and payment of state and county taxes, and turning the disbursement of net funds and administering other local affairs over to another organization in which lessees—regardless of membership—should alike participate both in voting and office-holding, in line with the suggestion of Mr. Trenholme in a recent Courier.

The lessees, while together making their nominations for wharf trustees, also gave this subject consideration, and voted, with one dissenting voice, in favor of the policy proposed by Mr. Trenholme.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

The following letter has been sent to the members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation:

Dear Sir:—You are hereby notified that in obedience to a petition signed by the requisite number of members and filed with the Secretary, the following proposed additional section to Article VI. of the Constitution of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation will be submitted to vote of the members of the Corporation on Thursday, Nov. 1st, 1906:

Sec. 4.—Upon petition of ten per cent. of the resident leaseholders, in good standing, any act of the Executive Council relating to the disbursement of funds realized from the rentals in excess of the amount necessary for the payment of taxes under the provisions of Article XIV shall be submitted, after at least twenty-four hours' notice, to a meeting of lease holders, called for the purpose, at which meeting all lease holders not in arrears shall have equal voice and vote, regardless of membership in the Corporation, and the decision of a majority at such meeting shall be final and binding upon the Corporation.

Full instructions regarding sending in your ballots will be mailed you in due time.

A copy of the Constitution is enclosed herewith.

Very Sincerely Yours,

E. B. Gaston, Secretary.

A REFERENDUM

On Question of Allowing a Turpentine Lease on Corporation Land, Results in an Emphatic Vote Against It.

In response to a petition filed by the requisite number of members, a referendum election was held in the hall on last Wednesday evening to vote upon the following propositions:

(1) Shall the land on which bids were asked for turpentining privileges be leased for the same?

(2) Shall the bid of Messrs. Troup & Taylor, of $2005 for said turpentine privileges, the cash to be paid on date of signing the lease, be accepted?

(3) Shall the bid of Messrs. Troup & Taylor, of 5c. per box, one half to be paid on the date of signing the lease, on a basis of 40,000 boxes, be accepted?

The hurricane which did us such damage was then on, though it had not yet become alarming, but most of the members were out.

A motion to adjourn was amended to provide that when we adjourn it be to meet tomorrow (Thursday) at 4 o'clock, polls to be held open until 7.

A motion to proceed with the balloting then prevailed, but was reconsidered and voted down in order to allow the presentation and discussion of the following proposition:

Fairhope, Ala., Sept. 26, 1906.
To the Members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation:

The undersigned, in order to relieve the Corporation of its present pressing indebtedness on account of the water works, and to prevent what would, in our opinion, be a wilful and woful waste of the resources placed in the Corporation's hands by its most generous friend, and against his business judgment and wishes,—in the turpentining of the timber upon the land recently given by Mr. Fels, on any proposition now before the Corporation, make the following proposition:

That, if the Corporation will assume the expense of operating the water works, making the use of water free to those who will pay the charge for connection with the mains now provided, applying the sums thus received upon the water-works indebtedness, and will, in addition, apply the receipts from stumpage of timber now suitable for lumber or wood upon such indebtedness, (the latter to be considered as a loan from the land fund to the water works fund, to be repaid when practicable), "and will further offer for sale with a reasonable "bonus" water works certificates, the same to be redeemable in water rights or cash (at the option of the Corporation) after a time proportioned to the amount of the bonus given, and apply the proceeds thereof to the said indebtedness:

We will jointly and personally assume the indebtedness for which the Corporation note was given to the American Supply Company and any other indebtedness now due and

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Respectfully and Fraternally Yours,

E. B. Gaston,	F. W. Rose,
R. F. Powell,	S. H. Comings,
F. L. Brown,	J. A. Patterson,
	J. M. Pilcher.

The proposition was discussed at some length, and a new motion to adjourn for a week in order to give time for further consideration of the proposition was lost, those opposed to the turpentining propositions arguing that they had been sufficiently discussed to enable the members to make up their minds upon them. A proposition had been presented which would obviate the seeming necessity in the minds of some for the turpentining. Those who presented it were very willing to discuss it further and agree to any reasonable amendments proposed by the other side, but they thought the vote should be taken upon the referendum proposition in in obedience to the call for the meeting.

A motion to receive the ballots of those present then prevailed, and Mr. F. W. Rose was appointed by the meeting to assist Trustees Mrs. Graham and Mr. Bellangee, in the absence of Mrs. Howland.

After the receipt of ballots tendered, the meeting adjourned.

On the following evening, when the election should have been concluded, it was storming so fiercely that the trustees very properly adjourned over until Monday evening.

On Monday evening the ballots of the remaining members were received, the ballots counted and the result reported by the trustees as follows:

	Yes	No
On first proposition	17	27
On second proposition	18	27
On third proposition	2	27

STORM NOTES.

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The Mrs. Stromberg barn was blown down.

Both the chimneys on the Powell house were blown off.

Wm. Weaver's family took shelter in their barn, but the house stood all right.

The Carlson plaining mill escaped with the loss of a very little of the rubberoid roofing.

We are back to primitive methods of getting freight and passengers to and from the boat.

Some of our colored neighbors are preparing a petition for assistance, to be sent to the governor.

Mrs. Otto's splended scuppernong arbor was badly wrecked, but the vines are probably not seriously injured.

John I. Gables' barn, corn-crib and oat-shed were blown down, eight fine pecon trees blown over and fences leveled.

Reimer Poorstra's house stood, but so many trees fell about his place that he was two days cutting a way out for his horse and wagon.

Jack Lowell, northeast of town, had his kitchen blown off its foundation, barn torn to pieces, house considerably racked and fences practically all blown down.

Dr. C. L. Mershon ran a nail into his foot while out at Mr. Koopman's, in attendance upon him and his wife for a similar injury, and is having quite a painful time from it.

Great credit is due the volunteers who are giving days of their time without pay to help their neighbors get their homes habitable again, when there is so great a demand for labor.

The telephone service is totally demoralized and the demand for service elsewhere so much greater that we do not know when our county systems will again be in operation.

Captain and Mrs. Nichols fared exceedingly well, considering the number of their cottages. The loss of several chimneys and the porches to their cottages under the bluff was the extent of their damage.

Mr. McFarland, on the old Capt. Atwood place, suffered the loss of his barn and his fine mare, which met death under it. His carriage was somewhat damaged. The house stood, but several windows blew in and it was pretty thoroughly flooded.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, our local butcher, fared badly in the blowing down of his barn, damaging several meat wagons and fatally injuring his large gray horse. Mrs. L. M. Stapleton, near by, had her barns and sheds torn down and sustained considerable miner damage.

The Colony wind-mill was badly wrecked, but both the towers and the tank stood intact, though the wrenching of the wind-mill tower, which was bolted through the bottom of the tank, caused leaks about the bolts which will require the removal of the tower to stop. This has given Mr. Bellangee extra work at the pump to keep a supply of water on hand.

The turpentine men throughout the country are among the heaviest losers financially. Our nearest turpentine men, the Stapleton Brothers, with still at Volanta, are practically out of business, there losses amounting to in the neighborhood of $15,000. Hardly a boxed tree is left standing. They intend to begin logging at once, so as to get all possible out of the down timber.

Council Proceedings.

The Council met on Monday evening of last week to consider the proposition of the Home Telephone Co. for rendering switchboard service, including the use of its county lines; but the committee to which the proposition had been referred was not ready to report, and the matter went over until the next Monday evening. The storm has prevented action.

Cheer up and get busy—it might have been worse!

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Mr. Paton and his mother moved into a portion of the Bellangee cottage on Wednesday.

Mr. A. C. Staples is already at work building on lots west of Mr. Gilmore's, on Fels avenue.

Mr. Frank Brown's barn is a total wreek. He got his stock out of it just before it went down.

The log house built by Mr. Batcheler northeast of Fairhope, but never occupied, blew down during the storm.

Percy Stokes had a cow quite badly injured in the wreck of his barn, but it is hoped that she will recover.

Genuine white pearl and yellow Danver onion sets at Dr. Scott's drug store. Now is the time to plant them.

Mrs. George Cain, who was very ill when the hurricane came so near to blowing their cottage away, is improving.

S. S. Mann arrived on last evening from his extended stay north, where his extensive interests call him quite often.

Mr. George Dixon and family have moved into the lower floor of the Mogg house, just vacated by the Walkers.

School reopened on Tuesday in the school-house, which is still off its foundation, but not seriously damaged otherwise.

The Courier erred in reporting the Walker bath house as carried away. It stood all right, but the Ettel bath house went.

A subscriber asks the fare by steamer from New York to Mobile, and suggests that we give it in the Courier for the benefit of others who may like to know. The rate is $30 one way, or $55 for the round trip.

Mr. George Borst, of Chicago, after visiting Dr. H. C. Borst, at Silver Hill, came over and made a very short visit to Mrs. Borst and the children. He brought with him to Silver Hill his mother, who will remain during the winter.

On account of our rush to get the paper out with the storm news last week, we neglected to note the birth of a son, the first, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. Albright, which occurred on the Sunday, the 23d. The youngster has a good start in life by this time and the mother is doing extremely well.

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Olive combs at Call's.

Mr. and Mrs. Florence, who have been in one of Capt. Nichols' cottages, went back to Mobile on Wednesday, but they promised to come again next year.

The ladies of the V. I. C. held a short session on Monday afternoon and decided to give a dinner on Thanksgiving day at 1 o'clock, for the benefit of the school.

The Montrose wharf is practically a total wreck, not even enough of the pier-head being left for the boat to land at, the passengers having to take the steamer from a skiff rowed alongside.

The hall belonging to the Home Circle (colored) near Mike Houston's, was blown to pieces. Six houses around Houston's were thrown off their foundations and two blown all to pieces.

The new Bancroft house suffered the loss of a part of the roofing, and one of the concrete pillars under the front porch was torn out. Their big barn had one side blown out and thrown off the foundation.

The Progressive League will resume its meetings in the school-house Sunday afternoon, Oct. 7, when Prof. J. Bellangee will speak on "The Law of Personal Responsibility, with Fairhope Application."

The smoke stack of the Brown saw-mill was blown off and left in several pieces and badly battered, but Mr. Brown will have it up again in a very short time. The mill proper had a close call, but was not much damaged.

Mrs. Webster and daughter, Mrs. Johnson, arrived Thursday evening from Chicago, and will spend several weeks with Mrs. Tiffany. Mrs. Webster was formerly a Fairhope resident and will be remembered by many Fairhopers.

The Home Telephone Company has rented the Jones place between the drug stores for one year, with the privilege of three, for its Fairhope "central." Mr. C. F. Perry and family have moved into the building and will take charge of the switch-board when installed, which is now being done.

The editor tardily acknowledges receipt of the announcement of the marriage of Miss Calla Hall and Mr. J. F. Ingram, which occurred at Sacramento, California, on August 15. They were at home at Kennet, California, September 1. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Hall, former residents of Fairhope, and is well remembered by older residents. Her husband is assistant superintendent of a large mine at Kennet.

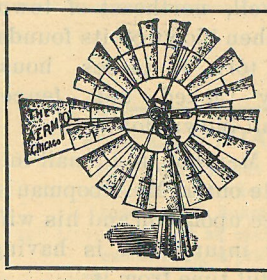
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House Raisers Appreciated.

Editor Courier:

I desire in this manner to express my appreciation of the work done for me and others by the house-raising gangs of men, who have done such noble service for those damaged by the storm. It does one good to know that he lives in a community where the people are always ready to help each other.

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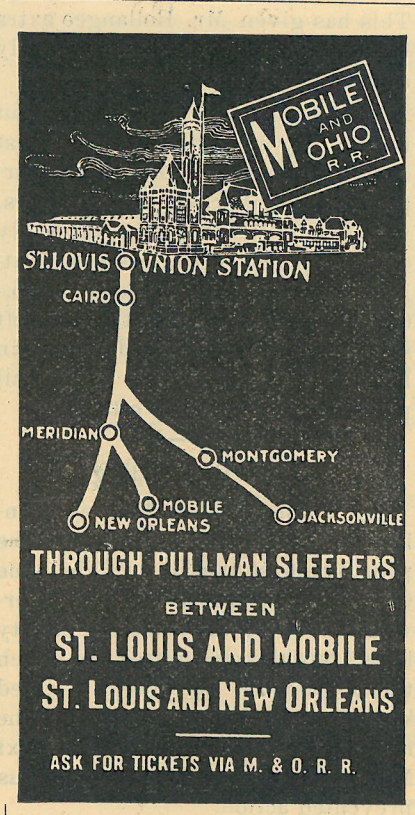


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THE VOLUNTEER WRECKING GANGS.

"In union there is strength" was this week vividly exemplified in Fairhope.

Beginning Saturday morning last under the direction of the committee Messrs. Oswalt, Pilcher and Capt. Joseph Lawrence the volunteers were divided into two wrecking gangs of twelve to fifteen men each, Capt. Jos. Lawrence leading one gang and W. S. Baldwin the other In six days time these volunteer gangs, not stopping for Sunday and working like heroes, have put back on their foundations twenty-five houses, four barns and sixteen smaller buildings. They will combine forces and put the school-house back on its foundation. This will complete the emergency work, and the community feels a great work has been accomplished toward reconstruction. These houses are not yet completed, two or three days work remains to be done by the owners, but one or two carpenters with a jack-screw and level can now complete the leveling and bracing.

The work of the volunteer gangs was simply to do the hardest part, that of putting the houses back on their foundations and making them habitable, which has been done.

The committee has about $50 left from subscriptions and will continue a paid wrecking gang as long as the money lasts. Several barns still remain to be put back on foundations. A splendid work has been done.

JULIE'S YOUNG MAN

"It beats me about girls," said the elderly man. "I used to think that my daughter had a good deal of sense. You know her pretty well. What would be your opinion of her, now?"

"I should say she was exceptionally bright—mighty pretty girl, too," replied his friend.

"Up to date—no foolishness about her, eh?"

"I shouldn't imagine so."

"Neither should I. Although I'm her father, I thought she had cut her eye teeth. Seemed to me she could size up anybody about as well as I would myself and—oh, pshaw! Why, sir, that girl ought to be well informed. She's read enough. I forget what her average was in English literature when she was at high school, but it was high. She knew all about the poets, from Chaucer to the living warblers, and she'd read the 'Dolly Dialogues' and Bernard Shaw. She'd go to a matinee and come home and imitate the hero in the love scene till I'd laugh myself sick. Wrote a josh novel herself once and I swear I'd have it published if I hadn't thought she'd get to writing for a profession and of course I didn't want that. She seemed to be next to things—that's the point."

"I understand."

"I've had men come to the house who thought they were pretty smart and they'd begin to talk to the young woman in kindergarten style and it wouldn't be but a little while before she'd have them steaming themselves to keep up their end. She read Ibsen. Yes, sir."

"Well, you may, but I'm not so sure that I do. I'm all mixed up. About three months ago Tom brought a young chap named Steever to the house. Well, I didn't take any particular notice of him. He seemed about the average sort of a young chump. Wore his hair parted in the middle and slicked down over his temples something like the girls used to in '61 or thereabouts. I don't know that I'd have noticed that particularly if Julie hadn't slicked down her hair the same way after he left and given us an imitation of him. She guyed him to the queen's taste, too."

"Well?"

"He called two or three times, but there were half a dozen others calling—always have been since Julie's dresses were let down and her hair put up. She went to her aunt's at Bibberly Heights soon after that to stay until after Easter and only got back last week. Young Steever called the same night she got in. He didn't stay long, though. Julie seemed to convey to his presumed intelligence the fact that he was slightly superfluous and he departed. I thought she had jolted him a little too hard and I told her so. 'Well, I know,' she says, 'but then he is too stupid for anything.'

"I didn't see anything more of the fellow until the other night, though I understood that he had called. I was going into the library to look for some papers I'd left on the table when I heard the young man's voice, and I stopped short at the door. I didn't mean to listen, exactly, only there was a tone in his voice that made me curious to know what he was saying. Know what it was? He was telling some girl that her teeth were just like pearls when she laughed. Pearls! Pearly teeth, eh? And then he got on to the subject of her hair. That was like spun silk with sunbeams caught in its meshes. What? By George, I stood there until I had a crick in my knees and if he didn't ring in about all the old chestnuts you ever heard of—lilies and roses and rubies and diamonds—the whole blamed vegetable and mineral kingdom as applied to feminine charms. And all I could hear Julie say was, 'Now, you know you don't mean that!' and 'Don't be so foolish.'

"I tiptoed away to my own particular cubby hole, trying to keep from chuckling out loud. Thinks I to myself, 'Julie's tolling him along beautifully. Ain't she stringing him though!' I had intended to go to bed about that time, but I couldn't help waiting for Julie to come and tell me all about it. If there's anything I like it's a good laugh and Julie's impersonations always amuse me.

"In a little less than an hour I heard the street door close and then there came a rap at my door and Julie stuck her head in.

"'All right,' I said, 'bring your Slyphlike form in and tell me all about it. He's an eloquent boy, isn't he?'

"'We!'

"'Jimmy and I,' she says.

"'Who in the nation is Jimmy?' I asked her.

"'Jimmy—Mr. Steever,' she says. 'Dad, he's coming to see you to-morrow. He wants to ask you for something. He—'

"Then she sat down on my knee and told me about it. No, sir, there isn't any girl that has any sense. I don't care who she is."—Chicago Daily News.

Peculiarities of Great Lakes.

The deepest places in the great lakes are less than twice as far below their surface as the highest hills of northern Ohio, such as Little mountain, for instance, are above the lake level. The average depth of all the five lakes, taken together, is about equal to the average altitude of Ohio above the surface of Lake Erie.

Soda Fountains in Demand.

The United States consul at Santos, the great coffee shipping city of Brazil, asserts that there is not a soda fountain in that vast tropical country. Yet the people like soft drinks, and there are 18,000,000 or 20,000,000 Brazilians.

His Easy Task.

Johnson was compiling his definitions. "A small undertaking," he remarked; "suppose I had to collect all the things people said they didn't mean." With a happy smile he returned to his dictionary.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters

NEW YORK, Sunday, Sept. 23.

MY DEAR GASTON:

Long ago I intended to write of the kind Single Tax reception given me at the fine home of Dr. and Mrs. Burleigh. Several whom I hoped to meet there could not come, notably the fine speaker, Frank Stephens, but I had pleasant letters from them afterwards. Mr. Stephens, you know, has a tiny *Fairhope* called "Arden" down in Delaware. Here is what he writes:

DEAR MRS. HOWLAND:

I appreciate highly your kindly letter and sorry I could not be at your reunion at the Burleighs' and that you have not been able to come to Arden. I am always there Saturdays and Sundays, and most evenings, but I am, as you say, a busy man—that is to say a slave to business—and cannot control my own coming and going. To-morrow night I speak in New York, Tuesday I go to Newark, Wednesday night I go as delegate to a political convention. That I should find opportunity to call Wednesday now seems impossible.

My good wishes to you in all your travels. There is no literature of Arden—it is simply a small imitation Fairhope.

Sincerely yours,
FRANK STEPHENS.

To this reunion, "small but select," there came Mr. and Mrs. Scofield, from Wayne, Pa., and Mr. Ross, the brother of our late host of the Fairhope Hotel. When presented to me I was so dazed that I must have seemed stupid. I knew him, but could not "locate" him in my muddled hall of memory. Later, when some of the friends had left, we talked of Fairhope and he recalled walks in the Pines garden, and then it all came back to me. What a "nice" Single Taxer he is. That sometime he may settle in our Colony is a pleasant thought. The Scofields' impressed me most favorably. I very much wished to visit them at Wayne, also to call on *our* Mrs. Ross and Katharine *Fairhope* Ross, born at Fairhope, but I could not manage it. I much enjoyed a "simple life" tea with the Burleighs, and a brief description of the family portraits on the walls. It was Dr. Burleigh who introduced me to the demonstrator of the Telegraphone, a most wonderful invention. I enclose the official account of it and feel certain that we can use some of it for "copy" with good results to our progressive readers. Miss Sarah Byrnes (our "Daisy" in family circles) accompanied me, and we had machine and demonstrator, polite Mr. Usdick, all to ourselves for a full hour, I "guess." One of the most startling things to us was the fact, clearly and practically demonstrated, that no one does nor can recognize his own voice when he comes to hear it, as in this instrument, which receives and keeps forever ready for reproduction, at will, every sound, even to the lightest whisper. I thought my voice a tolerably clear and good one, but not in the least like what I supposed my voice to be.

I have very many times since this my "play spell" in the North, had the opportunity of answering "showers" of questions—notably at the Presseys in Virginia—on the principles of Henry George, and on the working plan of our Colony. Last evening at the dinner table of Mr. and Mrs. De Cernea (she, you know, is the daughter of our lamented Mrs. Stokes) Mr. D. asked many questions, and showed a lively interest in our efforts to secure public improvements.

FRIENDS ANTICIPATE

The Courier's Appeal for Aid to Storm Sufferers.

Our appeal for aid for storm sufferers in last issue was anticipated by two friends who forwarded contributions before the paper reached them.

Dr. Clara E. Atkinson wrote from Des Moines: "I send $10 to be used for the benefit of my poor neighbors and friends. You will know who needs it the most."

Mr. Arthur B. Gaston (we regret that the relationship between him and the editor is so distant we cannot define it) writes the following kind letter:

COCHRANTON, PA., Oct. 4, 1906.

MY DEAR GASTON:

I have watched with keen expectancy for news of Fairhope in the late storm disaster. The first I could learn was from the little COURIER—(the dear little COURIER)—which just this moment reached me.

I am in deep sympathy and enclose a P. O. order for $10 for you to use where most needed. Words are futile, only my heart is with you and your struggling Colony, and has been every moment from the first.

Fraternally,
ARTHUR B. GASTON.

F. R. Reller sends two new six months subscriptions with his own renewal.

N. W. Morehouse, Brooklyn, encloses a new subscription with his renewal.

An Appeal to Ministers of Religion

FROM "THE STANDARD"
SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES
AUGUST 15, 1906

Sunday, September 2, marks the anniversary of the birth of Henry George, and supplies an occcasion for the review of the principles and objects to the advocacy of which his life was given. With those principles, and the proposed method of their application in social economics, every well-informed man will be familiar; and of those who may be expected to approach the consideration of them free from the warping power of prejudice or self-interest, we naturally think first of the Christian teacher. Henry George's teaching is too often dismissed as relating to topics and interests, the discussion of which lies outside the sphere of the Christian pulpit. But one out-standing feature of all his writings is his unvarying insistence that unless the conclusions to which he conducts his readers will bear the test of being translated from terms of political economy into terms of ethics, they must stand disproved as false; that conditions that are shown to be social evils are founded in moral wrong, and that moral considerations—those drawn from a true perception of the purpose and kingdom of God on earth—must determine the nature and method of the remedy to be employed. Such a claim must challenge the attention of the moral teacher, who is specially charged with the duty of interpreting and enforcing the principles of righteousness, truth, brotherhood, whether as affecting individuals or communities.

Henry George's writings have been before the world for more than twenty-five years, have been translated into many tongues, have attained a circulation to be counted by millions—gaining a publicity surpassing that of any other writings on the same subject—and are read and cordially believed by increasing numbers of Christian men and women; whilst he himself is recognised by many of the best, most thoughtful and earnest of the community as a prophet whose inspired insight of the laws of nature, life and conduct, and of the principles of the kingdom of Christ, in their bearing upon social organisation, entitles him to high rank among the prophets of righteousness. Is such a view of the moral character of the man and his teaching correct? Or was he a charlatan or a fanatic; a deceiver—who for some ends of self, employed a charming literary style and made pretence of high moral and religious considerations, to mislead by specious sophistries multitudes of his fellowmen; or deceived—himself a victim of an attractive delusion, and whose theories are dreams that dissolve and vanish in the cold light of wise,

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The Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

The editor's opinion of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, which is to be voted upon on November first, has been requested by a number of friends.

We regret that the circumstances have been such for the few weeks past that neither we nor the local membership have been able to give the matter the thought its importance deserves. The petition for the referendum was filed on the evening of the day after the great storm, when our minds were full of our losses and plans for repairing the same. No meeting of the local membership was called for the consideration of the proposition before the filing of the petition.

It seems to us unwise, if not impertinent, to ask for a vote upon an amendment to the Constitution without first bringing the same before the local membership for consideration; for there can be no hope of securing the requisite three-fourths of the total membership without substantial unanimity of opinion among the local members.

Personally we favor the utmost extension of the privilege of participation in the affairs of the Colony to lessees, regardless of membership, that can be made without endangering its fundamental principles, but we frankly confess that we have not yet satisfied ourself fully as to where that limit should be set.

We incline to the view that if the lessees should be empowered to dictate the method of expending the net revenue, they should also share the responsibility of doing the work, as proposed by Messrs. Powell and Trenholme, and endorsed by the Progressive League on last Sunday.

The matter is being actively discussed now in the community, and out of the discussion should be evolved the best plan for meeting the needs of the situation. In the meantime our personal opinion is that the pending amendment should, for reasons before stated, be defeated.

Timber and Lumber Situation.

Throughout this section practically all of the timber which had been boxed for turpentine, whether recently or years ago, is down. The young, unboxed timber, while it has suffered greatly, in places clumps of several trees going down together, is by far the most of it standing. The *Herald* quotes Hon. T. S. Howell of Gulfport, a reputed authority on timber and lumber matters as saying:

"The small trees stood except where they had been boxed for turpentine, and these trees will reach timber size in eight to ten years." This corresponds with the judgment of those who opposed the turpentining of the young trees on Fairhope's land.

Mr. Howell also said that the fallen timber would keep all of the big mills working night and day for two years. Opinions of well posted men differ greatly as to the effect of the wrecking of the timber on the lumber market. Some think that the hastening of so much timber to market will bring down lumber prices, and others that the increased demand for rebuilding purposes, with the difficulty of getting extra men and teams to increase the output, will hold prices up.

One thing seems quite certain: Land with standing timber of saw-log size, or which will reach it in a few years, is much more valuable than it was.

J. C. Rankin, of Fredonia, Pa., says he is thinking of coming down to look over our town some time this winter.

A Model Letter.

My Dear Mr. Gaston:

I enclose draft $5. Kindly set my subscription to The Fairhope Courier forward one year and apply the remainder to general missionary work, i. e., when you see an opportunity to send the Courier for two or three issues to some one who might thereby become interested, do so. I may want to send in a few names for such attention. The trouble is to get people to read. There is a growing inclination on the part of many people to exempt some classes of personal property from taxation. As, for instance, mortgages, because that is double taxation: live stock, because a tax is a fine upon bringing them into the state. But the chief reason is that they do not care to pay their taxes. These same people want an increased tax put upon incomes larger than they ever expect to have.

But when one mentions a tax upon real estate, for the Henry George reason that that is the only way to keep the poor man's foot on the ground, these philosophers are up in arms and they say that real estate is taxed too heavily already.

The Fairhope Courier is laying the subject of the Single Tax before its readers in a plain, business-like, object lesson kind of way, and if we can get the people to read these articles we may accomplish much. Reforms take time. The people are slow to move. Let us hope for the light to break in.

With best wishes to the Courier, and with personal regards to you,

I am yours very truly,

John N. Macomb.

Lawrence, Kans.

Revenue Raising and Revenue Expending Different Propositions.

Upon the subject of the participation of lessees in the expenditure of rent funds at Fairhope J. F. Cowern, Esq., Indianapolis, says: "It seems to me that, *as to the method by which the revenue is raised* in Fairhope there should be allowed no opportunity for controversy—it should be raised by taking land values alone, and no one opposed to Henry George's theory of taxation should be allowed such a participation in the affairs of the Colony as would imperil or materially change the present methods of raising revenue. But, *as to the manner in which this revenue shall be expended*, I see no reason for barring any of the residents of the Colony from a voice in its affairs.

Their presence helps create the value, and in all probability they are as competent to pass upon its expenditure as are Single Taxers.

The thing that sets Fairhope apart from other communities is her method of *raising* revenue. That should be preserved inviolate. But the method by which the money is expended is another matter, and does not affect the Fairhope experiment in so far as it is an exemplification of the theories of George."

Regarding the Wharf.

Under the advice of the Corporation's counsel, Jas. H. Webb, Esq., of Mobile, a plan for securing the rebuilding of the wharf, differing in some respects, affecting its legal status, from the plan approved by the members and lessees last week, has been prepared and will be submitted to a similar meeting to be held this—Friday—evening. At the same time different plans relating to the acturl work of rebuilding will be discussed. In the meantime, however, Mr. Brown is at work getting out wharf lumber and some of it has already been delivered.

Back to the Land.

From the Pittsburg Leader.

Without intending to do so, James. J. Hill, the railway magnate, in calling the people of the United States to go back to the land for their living, makes a strong argument for the Single Tax system. Mr. Hill's notable paper will be read with great interest by those men who have been contributing to and have been following the controversy on the land and other social questions in the "Letters from the People," published in the *Leader*.

Mr. Hill points out that the land, or the farm as he puts it, is the hope of the nation, which is rapidly exhausting its other natural resources which are also of the land. That is unquestionably true and it follows that common good demands the easiest access to the land shall be given to the people. This can only be done by destroying the system of land speculation that obtains today.

Mr. Hill says that at the present rate of transfer all the public lands of the country will soon have passed into private ownership, and he adds that practically all of the arable land is already so owned.

But all of the usable land held in private ownership is not used. It is producing practically nothing for the welfare of the country and much of it is not even making any returns to the public treasury in taxes.

Mr. Hill says this land is not being used because the "farms are stretching out their hands in vain" to the people of the country. But if they are it is because the private owners of the "farms" demand a heavy toll for the privilege of using them. The worker in the city does not answer their call for the reason that he lacks the money he needs to give him access to the land.

The government has handed it over to non-users who are given the privilege of collecting tax and rental on it for their private gain from those who desire to use it, instead of giving it to users only and collecting the tax or rental to be paid into the public treasury. Had the government made use of land an obligation of private ownership or occupancy there would be more land available to use for those who desire to use it.

Land grabbing railroads of the west have millions of acres of public lands, and the very pick of it at that. Instead of being used to produce revenue for the public treasury these acres have been used and are being used to build up the colossal fortunes of the class of which Mr. Hill is a typical representative. In other words the government has turned over to them its natural source of revenue and the land is used for private gain instead of for the common good.

If, as Mr. Hill says, we shall within 44 years have to meet the wants of more than 200,000,000 persons, and to do this must get more of them back to the land, then there will come an irresistible demand that the land be made more readily available to them. To accomplisd this the holding of land in idleness for speculative purposes will have to be made unprofitable.

Land Values Remain Firm.

From Mobile Daily Herald.

Those who expected to reap a harvest by speculating in real estate at storm prices and selling after the reaction took place, were disappointed. The Mobile real estate market has ruled firm. What property has been placed on the market since the storm is at moderately advanced prices, and offers for realty in the city of Mobile at a reduction have been refused by the owners.

The *Herald* interviewed several leading real

estate men this morning and they all hold to the opinion that the market will be active at advancing prices as soon as general business conditions become a little more settled and fall trade opens up.

The property owners in this city see nothing in present conditions to warrant the belief tha, there will be any slump in the realty market, but, on the contrary, there will be a boom such as has followed such misfortunes at Galveston, San Francisco, and other cities having a firm business basis, when visited by storm or flood.

Mass-Meeting of Lessees.

Editor Courier:

An important meeting will be held Sunday, Oct. 14, to fully and freely discuss the Constitutional alterations, as proposed in brief, by Mr. R. F. Powell, at the meeting of the Progressive League, held Oct. 7.

At this meeting Prof. Jas. Bellangee advocated the plan proposed at the Bienville conference, which, briefly put, gave the tenants, who are not Corporation members, the power to call a referendum in Colony matters.

The sense of the meeting was that this was not enough, and it was moved that the plans put forward by Mr. Powell be endorsed by the league. This was carried unanimously, and on motion of Mr. Powell it was decided to summon a mass-meeting for next Sunday to discuss these changes. Mr. C. K. Brown was elected as a leader to introduce the subject.

Mr. Powell's suggestions were not formulated, but roughly put they embrace the following changes:

First, some plan whereby the lessees, who were not Corporation members, could have a full vote regarding the disbursements of all funds, except the payment of state and county taxes.

Secondly, to arrange so that each member come in on his or her own merits, and not as husband and wife, probably reducing to $50 in place of $100, and allowing those now holding $100 shares to perhaps nominate one member, to be elected in due form.

Thirdly, to arrange some plan whereby public utilities could be pledged to raise the means necessary to construct them.

These are not any definite proposals, but merely suggestions offered for discussion, and a large meeting is expected, at which public opinion could crystalize on certain points.

The meeting will be held in the school-house and will begin at three o'clock.

A. K. Trenholme,
Pres. Progressive League.

The Process of Disinheritance.

We are told by land speculators that "the last and greatest of American land booms is now on, from northwest Canada to southwest Texas." This has an ominous sound when we recall the significant fact that in the history of our country great land booms have been the culminating phenomena of "good times" and the immediate precursors of business disasters and long drawn out industrial depressions. But the same speculative advertisers' message carries all unconsciously a still more sinster warning: "This mighty tide of landless men seeking the manless land is sweeping westward like a billowy sea and pouring through the mountain passes to settle the vast regions beyond." A grand figure that, of the westward march of the race. But listen further: "Land is rising rapidly everywhere in this country, and this final grand advance will not stop until the level of European land prices is reached; there will never be another crop of cheap land; hereafter the man born landless will die landless." Comment could not heighten the color that makes that brilliant picture grewsome. What a picture it is of keener individual misery and deeper social degradation yet to come!—*The Public.*

Letter from County Superintendent of Schools.

Bay Minette, Ala., Oct. 1, 1906.

Mr. E. B. Gaston, Fairhope, Ala.:

My Dear Sir:—At the last term of the Commissioner's Court in Baldwin county, a resolution to submit the ten cent school tax proposition to vote of the people at the general election on November the 6th, next, was passed.

The resolution provides that the tax shall be levied for a period of ten years.

If The Fairhope Courier favors this tax (and I think it does) permit me to urge you to use the columns of your paper for the successful issue of this question.

We are very sorry to hear of the terrible havoc wrought in your town by the recent storm. The damages done to Bay Minette are inconsiderable compared to the havoc wrought in other sections of our county. Only two houses were blown down—a little church at Dolive and Hand Land Company's large barn on the fruit farm.

With very best wishes and sympathy for your good people in general, I am

Yours truly,
J. S. Lambert.

The Courier does heartily approve the proposition. Of course it ought to be levied on the land values, but if we can't have that done let's have the ten cent levy on the usual plan. We want good schools and we can't get them without paying for them. We should go the limit allowed by the statutes in raising revenue to improve our schools.

We hope every Baldwin county voter will vote in favor of the extra school tax at next month's election.

Not the Only Sufferers.

The gulf coast country is not the only section which has suffered from untoward weather recently. Col. Daniels, in a letter to Mr. Gaston from Gunston, Va., dated Oct. 4, says:

"The season has been a most unfortunate one in many parts of the country. Here the fruit crop is a total loss and the rains are still pouring and threatening ruin to the other crops; so the farmers will have little to winter on. But we will have to grin and bear it."

Fairhopers fared far better than many of the poor people throughout the county, on account of having no mortgages hanging over them for the purchase price of the land upon which they had made their homes. Hundreds, no doubt, after paying all that their land was actually worth, had mortgages against it for as much more, which it would have been hard enough for them to meet at the best, and will be impossible now. The wind blew down houses and fences, twisted off great trees or tore them up by the roots, and beat crops into the earth; but every mortgage holds as firmly as ever.

The clerk of the *Pleasure Bay* was very complimentary to our wharfinger, Mr. Patterson, whose method of handling business is very satisfactory to them. Under Mr. Patterson's management Fairhope is the one wharf for which the boat has been willing to accept freight without requiring prepayment of the charges, for he would see to their collection on delivery of the goods and settle with the boat weekly. It has not only been a convenience to the boat, but a very great convenience to the public, the loss of which they are feeling very keenly now.

The *Baldwin County Whistle*, Daphne's new paper, reaches our exchange table. The *Whistle* blows a strong blast for its home town, as all good papers do, and we welcome it to the county newspaper fraternity. We are not many, but we average up well with any county papers that come to our notice.

Our only "quitter" on account of the storm was Mrs. Coutant, who left on Tuesday morning with her children for Wyoming, her former home. She retains her property interest here, however, which promises a good return upon the investment, and we hope and expect to see her back some day.

E. E. Revenaugh, of Detroit, contributes a dollar to increase the Courier's circulation in Baldwin county, and says of the paper: "The Courier looks very nice indeed in its new dress, and I assure you that I am greatly pleased to see this evidence of prosperity. You certainly deserve it."

From a letter to Mrs. Schindler, forwarded by her to Mrs. Comings, we learn that the Woman's National Single Tax League is planning an active campaign for the coming fall and winter season. A special effort will be made to get the Single Tax before women's clubs.

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☞ ALL LESSEES and MEMBERS should attend the League Meeting next Sunday!

An Appeal to Ministers of Religion

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practical, and Christian statesmanship, as other dreams and fantasies vanish before the sober realities of life?

The work and teaching of Henry George are not of a kind that can be ignored as matters of indifference. The influence upon the public mind is widespread and increasing, the changes in social relations at which they aim are momentous and far-reaching; while their moral quality is such as either to earn for them the condemnation and hostility of all Christian men, or to command the glowing sympathy of all interested in the growth of the kingdom of righteousness. To whom can appeal be made if not to Christian ministers, to examine and pronounce upon the moral aspect of the social conditions discussed in George's books, and of the means he would employ for the amelioration of those conditions? Hence we turn to you, to whom we have been accustomed to look for light and guidance on the great problems of life and duty.

Is not the complex civilization of the present day within the divinely ordered plan of the world? Is not organized society the sphere of the kingdom of God on earth? Does not the establishment of that kingdom mean the enthronement of social justice? And can there be any pretence that justice or righteousness prevails while God's great gift to men—their common heritage—can be monopolized by the few, who claim the right, and enjoy the legal power, to levy upon those whom they have dispossessed a toll on life itself? Did not the great Father intend that there should be room for all of His children at the table of His bounty, the earth from which all wealth—the means of subsistence itself—must be derived? And is it not true that millions of acres are kept idle by monopolists who hold and "own" them, while multitudes of idle men are hungry, ill-clad and ill-housed, for whom there would be comfort and plenty but for this monopoly? Is it part of the divine plan in respect to organized society that conditions of privation and misery should exist that are not known among barbarous tribes; and if it is not, may we not expect the prophets and ministers of God to speak as did those of the olden time as to tyrannies and oppressions and wrong-doing, from whatever cause arising? The evils that spring out of the claim of private ownership to the publicly created values of land appear to us to be as distinctly ethical, moral and religious in their character as are those that relate to intemperance or gambling, slavery or war. The land question has an inseparable and vital relation to the question of poverty; and the social vices, to the rebuke and correction of which you devote yourselves with such admirable energy and earnestness, are as much the products of poverty as its causes. The evils of intemperance, lust, etc., are more obvious, and, seen in acute forms, and in closer relation to their supposed causes, seem to call with greater urgency for reform; but the reform that shall give to every man a common interest in the earth, which God has given to all, is the most fundamental and far-reaching reform of all.

In a community whose every advance creates new necessities and desires, and in a country of limitless resources for the satisfaction of those desires, ought there to be compulsory idleness or involuntary want; and would there be if men's right relation to the soil as the common storehouse and provision for all human wants were recognized and acted upon? Never was the aggregate wealth of the world nor the facilities for producing it so great as today, and never was bitter, grinding poverty so widespread. There is a widening gulf between the rich and the poor; in an increasing degree the fruits of the earth, won by human labor, are being appropriated by those who do nothing in their production; and the sense of injustice which this creates is fomenting discontent, sowing dragon's teeth of bitterness and hostility between classes, dislocating industrial relations, diminishing men's respect for government and their regard alike for the rights and duties of citizenship; and predisposing them to listen to the appeals of a demagogy that trades upon their hardships, and to welcome any remedy suggested, however hopeless or undesirable.

Can such conditions, and the fruitful harvest of evils that must spring out of them, be regarded as matters beyond the sphere or beneath the concern of the Christian ministry? On the contrary, are they not vitally related to the highest objects for which that ministry exists? We therefore venture to make the request that in your ministrations of Sunday, September 2, you will direct the attention of your congregation to those moral and religious considerations that enter into such settlement of the land question as shall be in harmony with the Word of God, end the social injustices that exist by giving to every man to eat of the fruit of his own labor, and hasten the triumph of the kingdom of righteousness on the earth.

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The Club Corner

September was not a time of great activity among the clubs. The

W. C. T. U.

met as usual on the second Thursday of the month. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Finney, after which extracts were read from Dr. Oppenheim's chapter on "The Child Criminal." The statement that neither heredity, poverty or drunkenness is the principal cause of crime, but rather "nutrition" or environment led to considerable discussion.

Following this was a meeting of the delegates of the

Fifth Thursday Club,

to plan for the November meeting, which comes on Thanksgiving. Plans were not completed and another meeting will be held in October, at the close of the Henry George Club meeting (*delegates please take notice*) at Mrs. Gaston's Oct. 18, at 4 o'clock.

The Henry George Club

met with Mrs. Gaston. The president read Dr. Oppenheim's chapter on "The Profession of Maternity." So much interest was felt in this book, and so much time taken in discussion, that Dr. Henderson's book was not reviewed, but we hope at some future time to take that up somewhat thoroughly.

On the same afternoon the

V. I. C.

held a called meeting, to consider putting the school-house in order for the opening of school, the club deciding to attend to the cleaning of the house. There was no regular meeting the week following, on account of the storm, but one was called on Monday, when it was decided to give a Thanksgiving dinner, the proceeds to be used in repairing the school-house, which was somewhat damaged by the storm.

Robertsdale Hard Hit.

Dr. H. C. Borst, in a personal letter to the editor, says of storm wreck at Robertsdale: "Robertsdale certainly looks awful. Hammond's store building is completely mashed flat, only the floor and foundation blocks are left. The school-house is badly twisted. Part of the former drug store (recently occupied by Will Norwood and family) is entirely destroyed, and the other part so badly demolished as to be beyond repair. Part of the roof of saw-mill is blown off, as well as the smokestack. Garrett & Kendrick are present owners."

Who Owns It?

The richest silver deposit in the world is reported to have been discovered in Canada. The vein is said to be six feet thick, and so soft at the top it can be worked with a steam shovel. It is a wonderfully rich gift of nature to mankind. The Standard Oil Company owns it.—Farmington, Iowa, *Herald.*

News from the Schindler Family

The Schindlers are not to be back to Fairhope, for the present, at any rate, but will make their home in Boston, so Mr. Schindler writes. He adds: "Mrs. S. often speaks of her pleasant sojourn at Fairhope and I think often regrets that she is not to be there throughout the coming season. But perhaps she and I may be able to go down and spend a few weeks there together next spring. I am interested in Fairhope and want to go there sometime and see something of the practical working of the Single Tax idea, so far as you can apply it. Mrs. Schindler joins me in best wishes."

We were glad to note that Palmetto Beach, in the lower Baldwin peninsula, did not suffer so severely as Navy Cove. Sioux City, Iowa, people, among them J. H. Quick, (Single Taxer and personal friend of many Fairhopers, his wife too having spent some months here and made many friends,) are largely interested at Palmetto Beach, and are building a large hotel there. The hotel is reported practically undamaged. Some small dwellings in the vicinity were blown down.

The October *Arena*, which containes a number of conspicuously able papers on topics of general interest, appeals especially to students of the political, economic and social issues of the hour, as will be seen from the following partial table of contents: "Individualism Through Socialism," by Professor Thomas Elmer Will, A. M., a reply to the Hon. William J. Bryan's strictures on Socialism; "The Anglo-Saxon Crime," by Hon. Thomas Speed Mosby; "The Economic Struggle in Colorado," by Hon. J. Warner Mills; "G. R. Spencer: A Cartoonist of Progressive Democracy," illustrated; "George Fred Williams and Winston Churchill: Two New England Defenders of the People's Cause;" "Socialism and the Liquor Traffic," by William H. Watts. Among papers that will interest general readers we mention "The Costliness of War," a powerful arraignment crowed with facts and figures of great value to friends of peace; "Heresy in the Episcopal Church," from the view-point of a liberal Episcopalian scholar; "An Object-Lesson in the Solution of Race Problems," an interesting sketch revealing the condition of the negro under English rule in Jamaica.

The pear tree, which we mentioned in the COURIER a few months ago as having continued to grow and matured a large crop of fruit after being entirely barked for a foot or more, has finally succumbed to its injury.

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An Old-Fashioned, Unanimous Meeting of Members and Lessees Approves Revised Wharf Plan

PLAN AN ENTIRELY NEW WHARF, HIGHER, BROADER, STRONGER THAN EVER, AND EQUIPPED WITH STEEL RAILS

Saturday morning:—Being a day late gives the COURIER the pleasure of reporting a regular old-fashioned—everything unanimous, meeting of members and lessees on last evening.

The meeting approved, without a dissenting voice, the plan as revised by the committee previously appointed, in consultation with the Corporation's attorney and recommended by him as not infringing its constitution.

The committee previously appointed to act in securing the rebuilding of the wharf, suggested three plans; the latter calling for an entirely new wharf, except pier-head and shore warehouse, built upon new and larger piling, and elevated one and one-half to two feet above the present wharf level, thus guaranteeing against its being swept away by another storm. The plan includes the raising of the warehouse also, and grading up to it, thus reducing the hill greatly. It also includes 20 pound steel rails.

This plan was unanimously recommended to the Council, which will meet on Monday evening, and a referendum to the local membership will be taken on Tuesday evening, to guard against any delay later from that source.

Personal and Local

Olive combs at Call's.

Banner patterns at Call's.

New plaid and dip belts at Call's.

Bargains at Mershon Merchandising Co's now. Do not wait.

See the advertisement of the Mershon Merchandising Co. on page 8.

The finest home made bread, cakes and pies at Mrs. Toft's, next door to the COURIER office.

Dr. Hail returned on Saturday evening from Chicago, where he had been taking a postgraduate course.

There will be a silver medal contest and concert in the Masonic hall Friday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p. m. All invited.

Just received a nice line of cook stoves. Call and see us and get prices. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Genuine white pearl and yellow Danver onion sets at Dr. Scott's drug store. Now is the time to plant them.

Mr. Gregson, of Euclid, had the great misfortune, in the destruction of his barn by the late storm, to lose a fine horse.

Gustave J. Franz, of New York city, is visiting his uncle, John W. Ettel, and will remain here for several months.

We have had cool fall weather this week, feeling almost cold enough for frost on Wednesday night. Fires have felt very grateful.

At the meeting of the Progressive League, on last Sunday, Mr. A. K. Trenholme was re-elected president and Mrs. Ada Graham secretary.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a called meeting, at "The Gables," on next Wednesday, at 3 o'clock p. m. The election of officers will be the special order.

Our loss, in our wharf being out of repair, is Volanta's gain, and we are fortunate in having another so near by—inconvenient though it seems to us.

Captain Owen Roberts, who is to command the *Fairhope II* when ready for business, has moved with his family into the Ruge—former Molyneux—cottage.

Misses Vera Mershon, Hazel Pilcher and Grace Williams went to Mobile on last Sunday evening, and have entered the Mobile Business College. They board with Mrs. L. E. Page.

Father Knowles returned from his northern trip on Saturday evening, looking extremely well and ready to pitch in and help repair the damage to his and his neighbor's properties by the storm. He gained 11 pounds in weight while away.

Mr. Hereler, a former Chicagoan, who has a farm and home near Mr. Molyneux's, is now assisting Mr. Carlson at the Carlson planing-mill. He is a very expert wood-turner and has done some very fine work turning the stanchions for the new steamer.

Owing to the rush to get out the COURIER, with the news of the storm, we omitted to note the return of Mrs. A. H. Mershon and children from their northern trip. Their friends will be pleased to hear of their safe return, glad to get to Fairhope again.

The Henry George Club meets with Mrs. Gaston, in regular session, on Thursday of next week, at 3 p. m. Immediately following there will be a meeting of the representatives of the various clubs regarding the next meeting of the Fifth Thursday Club.

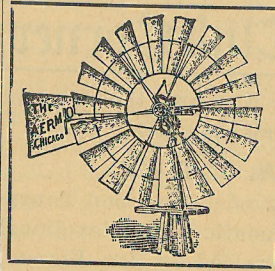
County Commissioner T. J. Holman, of this district, passed through Fairhope on Thursday, and while doing so took the opportunity to renew his subscription to the COURIER. He was looking after the condition of the roads in his district and found it bad indeed.

Dr. Greeno attended a meeting of the Mobile Storm Relief Committee on last Tuesday and stated the condition of those who lost so heavily by the storm in this vicinity, and as a result a lot of provisions and clothing were sent over on the *Pleasure Bay* on Thursday evening and are being distributed today from the Brown block.

Mr. Lefevre, purchaser of the Moorman place, has had it painted within and without, including porch, ceilings and floors, and it is now one of the neatest, cleanest and most attractive little places in town. It will be in Mr. Gaston's hands for rental, and will make a delightful place for someone in which to spend the winter. Mr. Lefevre has named the place "Bay View Cottage," which is very appropriate, for it has a magnificent view over the bay to the southwest.

Mrs. Coutant left Tuesday, with her children, for her home in Wyoming, where she expects to remain. Her house has been rented by Mrs. Dayton, who will start a chicken ranch. Mrs. Dayton came here from Chicago and has been with the Goddards in the Brown place. The latter was carried four feet off its foundation by the storm, and the occupants had to take refuge elsewhere until the house can be set up again. The Goddards and Mrs. Dayton are temporarily at the Frank Creswell house.

Both telephone companies in Mobile were heavy sufferers by the great storm, the Home company particularly so. The roof of the building occupied by its central station was blown off and its apparatus drenched with water and practically ruined. The company was about ready, however, to move into a new building which it has been erecting for several months past, and will, we understand, begin this week "cutting in" its subscribers into its new apparatus in the new building. As soon as the Mobile service can be straightened out attention will be given to the Baldwin county lines.



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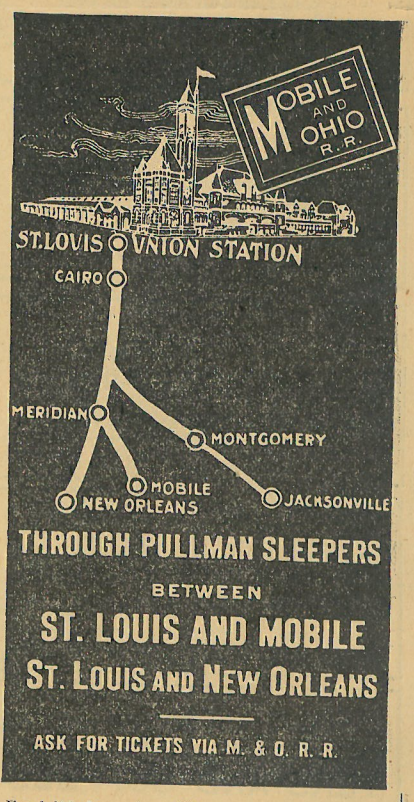
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FOILING PIRATES IN THE RED SEA

In the harbor of New York, with bow and stern warps out, alongside a great cream-colored pier shed lies a braw steamship. There's nothing visible about the vessel that wasn't made in Scotland. She was herself, so was her name, and her captain and officers are Scots. Clan Maclachlan in red letters on a black hull announces her christened appellation on each side of the bows. Capt. Gray commands her and when the third officer, James Robertson, put his head into the engine room hatch to call the second assistant and yelled "Mac" four men answered "Sir."

Steve McCosh, the extra fourth officer, says the why of the attempt of the boarding party in the Red sea is that the old ship was hauled off the London-Calcutta route, where she has snored along for many years, and was sent off across the north Atlantic in a new lane. This is the story of Mr. McCosh, incredible as it seems in these days of twin screws and triple expansions.

"We'd coaled up at Aden the day before and the next mornin' saw the ship in the Bab-el-Mandeb straits, the Gate o' Tears, as the young ladies in the Peninsular and Oriental boats like to call it. We had just got abreast o' Perim and saw the loom o' it over to starboard, when ahead o' us and on the port bow a wee bit we raised the tall mast o' a native dhow.

"Now, there's a power o' these boats that trade along the coasts and across the Red sea, carryin' dates and figs and pal moil and filled wi' Arabs like an ant heap. So we paid no more heed to the craft till we overhauled her and then when she lay not half a mile to windward of us she hoisted a bucket at the masthead. Now the auld man's no siccan a fool as to slow down his ship for a boatload o' lazy blacks, but no sailor can pass a thirsty crew, so what does Captain Gray do but set the telegraph at 'dead slow,' and then in another minute the dial read, 'stop.'

"For the empty bucket at the masthead could only mean that there was no water aboard, and the next minute a small boat put off from the dhow and pulled over toward us. The men at the oars looked to be a weak lot, as if half dead with thirst, and the heart of every man aboard went soft and opened up at the skinny arms of the black folks in the boat.

"And so, as they pulled closer and closer, slowly and wi' great pain, even the Calcutta Mohammedans on board, twistin' their white cloths about them, looked sorry like for the poor brutes below. They splashed wi' the oar blades and tumbled over the seats like they was more than half dead, and the chief officer had just hailed 'em when Cap'n Gray let out a big hoot and skipped over the port side.

"All the rest of us stood huddled under the bridge deck lookin' an' lookin' over at the livin' skulls below and most of us didn't hear the auld man sing out till we saw him skitterin' up the pilot house ladder and heard the jingle in the engine room.

"Then we looked t'other way, and the eyes o' me never saw the like. For there was the great dhow comin' for us like a turbine man o' war under the enormous hoist of her lateen sail, and every black grinnin' soul in her, full 75 o' the lyin' sons o' Mohammed, armed wi' a gun o' some sort or else a spear as long as the gaff of a Wivenhoe cutter. These dhows, you know, think nothin' o' lying in three points o' the wind and the big black hull was alongside in no time.

"'Sheer off, you nigger hounds!' shouted the cap'n, while the blackguards twirled their javelins and bared their spiked teeth and steered the black shell so as to come alongside at the lowest freeboard. There was whirr i' the air and the voice of the chief. 'Mind yourself!' as a grapplin' iron flew over the side and took a grip o' the iron rail. Jamie Robertson cast it off just as the heathens got a turn around a cleat, wi' a score o' guns leveled at his head. And still the big dhow held us. We couldn't shake her off.

"Why they didn't blaze away at us wi' the guns I dunno. Maybe they had no ammunition. Boardin' was their little game and if they had ever gained the main deck those 75 popeyed rascals, every beastie o' them a Mohammedan, what chance would us 11 white men ha' stood when our own natives turned and shifted over to their ain kind? Na, na. I don't care about thinkin' too much on't even now, a month after. But just as the air seemed to get thick wi' the iron hooks the engines got under full way and we shot out ahead o' the dhow and the niggers shoutin' like souls i' the pit as the screw churned up the foam banks and the lofty mast o' the pirate dropped gradually astern.

"Persons ashore have no idea of what goes on even in these latter days out in the far east. Why, up to five years ago Malay pirates were no uncommon in the Malacca straits, and though they never bothered the mailboats they'd think nothin' o' a shy at many a coastin' steamship. I wad na be a bit astonished if the heathen sent out for some gasoline motors for their cutthroat dhows. Why not? The lobster catchers all use 'em nowadays and human whites are better worth the while."

And Mr. McCosh swung down on the lower deck to clear the falls that hauled the big packages of hides out of the hot depths.

WATER TANK IN SUMMER.

What It Should Be to Provide Pure Water to Stock.

To furnish pure, wholesome milk he dairy herd must have pure water. Few farmers in the prairie districts are favored with spring water or clear running streams. On many farms here are sloughs in the pasture where surface water settles, but the cows ought not to be compelled to drink it. Sometimes if it is a long way to the tank they prefer to drink from the slough rather than take the long walk to the barnyard, but in general my cows will come up to the tank once or twice during the day to drink the cool, pure water they always find there.

My tank, says this corespondent of the Orange Judd Farmer, is a round one, 20 inches deep and eight feet in diameter, holding about 45 barrels. This holds an ample supply for my 12 head of stock, even when the wind is capricious, and I am never compelled to pump by hand if I am watchful of weather conditions. My water supply is from a well near the house, 140 feet in the rock with a windmill to do the pumping. The water runs through underground pipes to the water tank. The water is at 47 degrees when it comes from the well and it never gets much above 62 degrees in the tank. I keep a board cover on it with only a 2x2-foot opening for the use of the stock. In winter I bank with manure and cover with chaff and straw. I aim to keep the tank full at all times if wind is favorable.

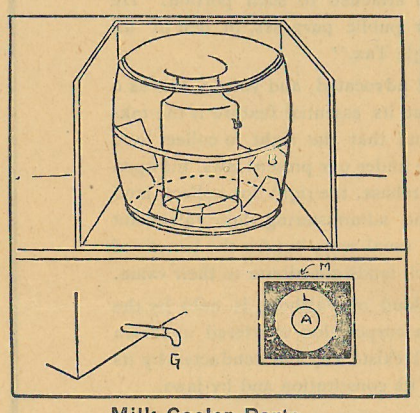
I am not troubled with slime or green growth in the tank, for I keep about 12 small fish in it constantly. The present occupants are bass, bullheads and chub, and they have been in the tank over two years. Before keeping fish, my tank would get foul and it was difficult to empty it, but now I have no trouble and the water is as clear as a spring. There were two low places in my pasture where water could stand, but I ditched to them and now no water accumulates in the pasture, so I have no pond holes with accompanying mud and filth.

Recently on a drive through the country I saw a dairy herd just plastered with mud from standing in a dirty slough fighting flies. I did not envy the dairyman who would go to his chores after a hard day's work in the field to find that he must wash every cow before milking. Every farmer should provide an ample supply of cool, pure water for his herd and so drain his pasture that no other could be obtained.

HOME-MADE MILK COOLER.

Constructed of a Large Box, a Barrel and Plenty of Sawdust.

It is not an easy task for those who have but a small quantity of milk to care for to do it with economy. The large cooling tanks or refrigerators which dairymen on a large scale can afford are not for the man with the single can, hence he must resort to some plan on the home-made idea. Take a box, says the Indianapolis Sentinel, which may be bought at any store for a low price, high enough to contain a barrel of good dimensions. Fill in the bottom of the box several inches deep with sawdust, and on this set a barrel cut down so that when a milk can is set into it it will come just below the level of the top of the barrel. Around this barrel, eight inches deep, pack sawdust. Set the can of milk in the barrel and pour in cold water and, if possible, add several large pieces of ice. Arrange a faucet which shall run through the barrel and the box so that the water may be drawn off when it gets warm. The illustration shows the idea plainly. In the small drawings at the bottom "M" represents the box, "L" the barrel and "A" the can of milk, and in the drawing to the left, "G" shows how the faucet is placed near the bottom of the box. Anyone can readily make this milk cooler at small expense.



Milk Cooler Parts.

DAIRY NOTES.

Cows are often confused by the number of sounds the milker makes. Little talking should be done during the milking time.

The cows who are taught to come and go at a word save time, strength and annoyance and sometimes avert a disaster.

Many a well-bred heifer has been ruined by lack of care and handling on the part of the owner and feeder during the first year.

The calves of to-day are the milkers of to-morrow. If these milkers are going to be up to par, special attention must be given to their breeding and care.

It is possible to develop good milk cows from beef breeds because it has been done, but it takes a long time. It takes a much shorter time to breed them from a dairy type.

The introduction of the blood of breeds that naturally yield rich milk will raise the test of native or scrub herds as soon as the influence of those breeds has a chance to operate.

Where Worship Comes High.

The ground on which All Hallows' church stands, in London, is worth $4,000,000. The average congregation is 26. At three per cent. the interest on the value of the ground is $120,000 a year. Therefore it costs about $5,000 a year, including the running expenses of the church, to supply each member of the congregation with the facilities for worship which are enjoyed.

For Bruised Furniture.

For bruised furniture wet the part with warm water, double a piece of brown paper five or six times, soak it in warm water and lay it on the place; apply on that a warm but not hot flatiron till the water is evaporated. If the bruise be not gone repeat the process. After two or three applications the dent or bruise will be raised to the surface.

Fortunes in Bride's Bouquet.

At a recent wedding the bride's bouquet was in seven parts, and when she left it was showered upon the six bridesmaids and the maid of honor. Three of the bouquets contained gifts —one of a gold dollar, another a gold ring and the third a gold thimble— the gifts indicating respectively, wealth, a husband and single blessedness.

Grand Duke's Defiance.

The grand dukes of Russia must be long-lived. In 1237, the rebellious peasants addressed an ultimatum to the landed gentry: "If you want peace, give us the tenth of your goods," which brought forth the reply: "When we are dead you may have the whole."

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters

October 15.—Dear friends, far and near:—You have heard through the COURIER and other papers of the tornado's work in Fairhope. Our citizens have been helping each other nobly, forgetting their own need of assistance. In making shattered houses habitable, and in all pressing public work they have shown the fraternal, unselfish spirit of the old days when we had nothing to quarrel over. You have read in the last COURIER of the glorious unanimous citizens' meeting that we held Friday evening in the one little church of the town, when all the old contestants over many questions united enthusiastically in recommending a plan, the best plan, for rebuilding our wharf. * * * The distressing thing is the mass of work to be done and the small number of hands to do it. My home being in a grove of pines suffered far more, *out of doors*, than any other so far as I know. Comrades Paton, who had already been burdened with the task of opening the library during my absence, and Lyon, who had just returned from the North, did their best to partly clear paths to the tool and chicken house; that is new paths, or devious ways, where the big fallen trees permitted; and our devoted Gaston and Lyon worked most of the day Sunday raising up my prostrate fence that I might not on returning find that the ravages of hogs and cattle had added too much to that of the elements. Those who will take money for their work I will pay gladly as far as money can pay for service so sorely needed; those who will not have simply added to my debt of gratitude. * * * The havoc wrought in the grove and garden is appalling. On entering I stumbled over a part of the wistaria trellis that had spanned the front walk. The front porch was (and is still, of course,) barricaded by one of the biggest pines—the one that stood not two feet from the steps. Not a trellis is standing. Scarcely a yard of my many paths and walks is passable, and some of them are buried many feet deep with the limbs and foliage of the fallen trees; others are covered with the wrecks of vines and trellises. The great pine that was draped to its top and overhung with the giant kudzu vine, fell before the feed and chicken house, closing the doors, crushing everything in its path. The cold-pit that served so well to preserve my tenderest plants during the winter, is—well, as Mrs. Curtis (she also was a passenger on the *Pleasure Bay*) said: "It is just a mud-hole." How my heart ached to see my climbing vines, roses, jasmines, clematis, honeysuckles, all twisted and broken but still clinging to their fallen arbors and trellises! * * * My sister, Mrs. Bemis, of Brooklyn, came home with me, desiring much to see the lovely garden of the "Pines," of which she had heard so much. You may try to imagine her impressions as she crawled under the fallen trunk of the big pine that lay almost touching the front steps!! For two days we worked scraping off the debris of one walk and partly cleaning up the beds on either side of it. The next day I was almost unable to move. Today we have resumed the work, but more lazily, exhuming some of my treasures from the mass of wreckage covering them, amputating broken limbs, straightening, tying to temporary supports, etc. * * * It seems well-nigh miraculous that of the scores of trees that fell on every side of the cottage, not one did more damage than scraping off from the walls a couple of climbing roses. Much of the glass in the east veranda skylight was broken, and the folding door opening on that veranda refused to latch or lock; but this was all. I am told that the trees saved the house; and yet there were some that *ought* to have fallen on the roof, had they obeyed the hurricane; or so it seems to me.

* * * One friend, who will not have her name mentioned, writes: "I claim the right to send you from my little hoard enough to saw up a fallen tree, reconstruct one of the ruined trellises, or clear up one of your walks; and I am sure that many of your friends feel as I do." I cannot express my gratitude for the delicate spirit moving this generous friend, and I know well that it is the sentiment of many others whom I know and love. I would like to quote from other letters—from one especially, my oldest friend living, except my sister and my only brother, who lives in Vermont. x x x When I heard that a friend in San Francisco had lost everything by the late cataclysm there that he had on earth, except his wife and children, I sent him a widow's mite, one dollar. I was ashamed of the smallness of the amount, but I reflected that I had no excuse for doing nothing because I could not do much; and when he thanked me for the "substantial aid", I felt that I had received more than I had given.

If you are genuinely interested in the Single Tax, Fairhope will interest you, and you will find it interests your friends. The story of Fairhope as told in the COURIER has made many Single Taxers. Moral: Help our list grow.

United on Wharf Rebuilding Plan

Pursuant to action of the members and lessees meeting, at the church on last Friday, which was briefly reported in these columns last week, the Council met on Monday evening and approved the plan for securing the rebuilding of the wharf, which had been approved at that meeting. The Council also approved the third of the plans presented by the committee—that calling for a new, higher, stronger, and wider wharf, at an estimated cost of $3,750.

On Tuesday evening a referendum to the membership was taken upon the action of the Council, in order to guard against delay from that source later on, and the Council's action in both respects was approved without a dissenting vote.

On the fourth page will be found the plan as adopted.

The "parties of the second part" to the agreement, who have by unanimous consent, undertaken the task of raising funds and rebuilding the wharf—Messrs. R. F. Powell, E. B. Gaston, N. Mershon, H. S. Greeno and W. S. Baldwin, met on Wednesday evening and organized by electing Dr. Greeno, chairman, Mr. Gaston, secretary and Mr. Mershon, treasurer.

The way is now clear for getting right at the practical work of rebuilding the wharf, or rather building the new wharf.

The first thing of course will be *money*. The "parties of the second part," as denominated in the contract published in this issue, are prepared to issue their obligations, secured by the wharf revenues, bearing interest at six per cent., and invite subscriptions in any sum.

When it is known that the wharf receipts, over and above the expense of operation (not including repairs, of which there should be none, or practically none for some years, on a new wharf,) amounted for the years 1903-4 and 5 to over $3,400, it will be seen that the security is ample.

The getting out of lumber is going on, considerable has already been delivered, but in order that work on this most important public service may not be delayed, the COURIER bespeaks a prompt and liberal response from our friends who have money which they can spare for a few years.

The committee will probably make a formal statement to you through the mails within a few days, but appreciating the urgency of the situation, the COURIER takes the liberty of urging that you get in communication with the committee at once.

For further information address E. B. Gaston, secretary. Make all checks or money orders payable to N. Mershon, treasurer.

FRIENDS TO THE RESCUE,

The following friends have responded to the Courier's appeal for assistance to those who suffered from the late great storm:

Previously reported, Dr. Atkinson and Mr. A. B. Gaston, each $10,	$ 20
Geo. Q. Thornton, St. Louis,	100
N. O. Nelson, " "	100
Daniel Kiefer, Cincinnati, O.,	25
Thos. Hunt, " "	5
C. F. Blank, Miller, Ind.,	10
D. G. Armitage, Baraboo, Wis.	2
E. E. Revenaugh, Detroit, Mich.,	5
H. M. Wilson, M. D., Rodi, Pa.,	1
E. H. Rockwell, Farmington, Ioa.,	2
John H. Blakeney, Binghamton, N. Y.	2
Tolal to date,	272

At the personal request of Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Comings and Mr. Gaston have distributed Mr. Nelson's remittance among farmers who suffered from the storm.

The editor has requested Mrs. Comings, Dr. Clara Atkinson and Dr. C. L. Mershon, to act as a committee for the distribution of the sum remaining and such other sums as will probably be received in response to the Courier's appeal.

It has been a great pleasure to the editor to be of this assistance to those who have suffered most severely from the storm—and we are sure that to none has the pleasure been greater than to those who have contributed. Some, to the writer's personal knowledge, have given from very meager resources of their own. The feeling that prompted them should be as much appreciated as their gifts.

We print a few extracts from their letters.

I have read with grief and pain of the terrible hurricane that struck Fairhope and vicinity and feel much sympathy for the sufferers; most so those of Fairhope. I enclose $2 to be added to the relief fund.

D. G. Armitage.

Enclosed find money order for $5 for relief fund. I had hoped that the Colony would escape serious damage; but it seems that the hurricane did not discriminate between good and bad communities. Trust that the next one will go wide of the mark. E. E. Revenaugh.

As soon as I read in the daily papers of the awful storm in southern Alabama, my first thought was of Fairhope and I anxiously awaited the coming of the Courier that I might know how badly your little city had suffered: In answer to your call for aid, I hasten to send you a small amount. I wish that I could make it twenty times as much. E. H. Rockwell.

Have just read your appeal for help in the paper and hasten to respond with what I can afford to give at this time and which I trust may be of some service to the relief committee in its good work. Am rushed with work this morning and will ask you to convey the sympathy I have not time to express.

Progressive League Discussion.

The Progressive League discussed again on last Sunday the proposed amendment of Fairhope constitution to permit non-member lessees to participate in the expenditure of the public funds.

The discussion was led by C. K. Brown and participated in by many others. Not only in the resolutions adopted but in the applause greeting the various speakers in favor of a greater extension of power to the lessees, was it apparent that the meeting favored such a policy. Hardly less pronounced was the applause when it was declared, as it was by several speakers, that "one thing must be understood, and that was that Fairhope would continue to be a Single Tax Colony, taking the rental value of the land for public uses, and that no chances would be taken by the membership on the maintenance of that, its fundamental purpose."

It was resolved as the sense of the meeting, without a dissenting vote:

That the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation so amend its constitution as to allow every bona fide resident on Colony land a full vote and office in Colony affairs; such participation to include control over the disbursement of the net funds, consisting of the entire revenue of the Corporation from ground rents, less state and county taxes, so long as the Single Tax features of the constitution be not infringed by such disbursement.

It was further understood that members would exercise their minds upon the best method of amending the constitution to accomplish the desired end.

The agitation hitherto had been for extending the proposed participation to lessees, but Mr. Wolf advanced the idea of extending it to residents within the Colony, "residents" to be reasonably defined, and the idea was adopted.

There was some talk of effecting a municipal corporation, and turning over to it the expenditure of the revenue available for local expenditure, and several people thought that would be the ultimate solution, when the legislature would provide for the initiative and referendum and recall in municipal affairs.

Mr. Gaston added a new note to the discussion by saying that the aspect of the case which appealed particularly to him as one of the "management," so called, was not that of extending more privileges to the lessees, but getting them under some of the burdens of the administration; letting them help to do the work and share the criticism.

The meeting was an interesting and good tempered one.

THE "UNDER DOG" AND "UPPER DOG"

Daniel Kiefer
in Cincinnati Post

Editor Post:—In your issue of Oct. 3, "A Friend of the Under Dog" recommends that Andrew Carnegie spend $55,000,000 in building apartment houses, to be rented to the very poor only, at a rental just high enough to cover cost of operation.

No doubt "A Friend of the Under Dog" honestly means to be what he calls himself, but, like many other "friends," his goodwill far exceeds his judgment. The existence of an "under dog" implies the existence of an "upper dog," who is keeping him down. A true "friend of the under dog" would recommend that the "upper dog" be made to get off, and stay off. The "under dog" could then take care of himself. But this "friend," instead of disturbing the "upper dog's" position, would take up a collection to salve the "under dog's" wounds, while still leaving him at the mercy of "upper dog's" teeth.

As long as there are men out of work, looking for jobs, a model apartment house idea cannot help the "under dog." As soon as the competition of the model apartment would be felt by the owners of the present styles of tenements, they would be forced to reduce rents to a figure below that of the model. There would at first seem to be some benefit in this, but the man looking for a job would soon show it to be otherwise. He would at once see that this lowering of rent would enable him to underbid the man at work, and still live up to the same standard that prevailed before the model apartments were built. It is the man out of a job that regulates the rate of wages, and he always sees to it that we give labor no more than a bare living; so the ultimate result of the model apartments would be a reduction of wages, and, of course, the "very poor" would have to move back into the old-style tenement.

I would like to call the attention of "A Friend of the Under Dog" to the fact that in Cincinnati, and every other city, there is more than enough vacant space to give every family room for a home. If each one of the 70,000 families in Cincinnati were put on a lot 50x100 feet, they would not occupy one-half of the 85 square miles within city limits. But, in spite of this, as long as the laws permit and encourage the monopolizing and withholding from use of a large part of this, a large part of the people must necessarily be crowded into tenements; and, as "A Friend of the Under Dog" states, "land is too high in large cities to devote to a playground."

The holders of the unused land are the "upper dogs" that a true friend of the "under dog" would try to drive off. The way to do this would be to tax land values, and tax nothing else. That would force the holders of unused and partially used land to either put it to the best use, or let go of it and give some one else a chance to do so. It would then be possible for the poorest to secure decent dwellings for themselves, without depending upon the donations of philanthropic millionaires. Any one willing to spend $55,000,000 in behalf of humanity could only do so effectively by devoting the money exclusively to teaching the people how they are being robbed, and how to put a stop to it.

Single Taxers Believe in the Single Tax.

Editor Courier:

Some years since, I heard a single-taxer say in a single tax meeting that according to his understanding, all single-taxers believe in the abolition of all laws for the collection of debts. It has always been my impression that all single-taxers believe in the single tax. I have never been aware that it was necessary for a person to believe in anything except the single tax in order to be considered a single-taxer.

The basic principle of the single tax is that the custom of treating the surface of the earth as merchandise is a great, bare, bold, enormous wrong, like that of chattel slavery. My impression is that the term "single tax limited" is applied to the doctrine of those who only believe in taking enough of the unearned increment to meet the necessary expenses of government, while the single tax unlimited means to take all of the unearned increment. When we take all the unearned increment, we fully conform to the great moral principle which underlies our system. Whether the unearned increment alone will be sufficient for all public expenses or not, is not a vital question.

The adyisability of incurring public debts, issuing bonds &c. are separate and independent questions, to be decided on their own merits. The means by which Fairhope secured its water works, whether wise or unwise, is not in violation of the basic principle of the single tax. We must also insist that taxes levied for the purpose of discouraging certain things, such as a dog tax or saloon license, are not incompatible with the single tax. The simpler we made the issue, the easier it is to explain, the less opposition we meet, and the more progress we make. Edward Gates.

Chicago, Ill.

A Letter from New Holland.

One of our Hollander friends writes the Courier thus interestingly of conditions in our "New Holland" settlement, and promises to write again.

Editor Courier:

I would be glad of a little space in your paper to tell something about our colony in

Fairhope colony. I think our Dutch settlement seems to be that. About three miles east from town are 160 acres of colony land, all under one fence. There live at this time six families on this land, while one other is living just outside the fence on forty acres.

Our Hollanders do not go very much in communication with the other people of the colony, for they are for the most part made of other timber. Where the American people find much amusement in going to picnics, clubs, aid societies etc., the Hollander finds more pleasure in his home, with his family. He or she calls on a friend now and then, and is much pleased when somebody comes for a visit; but for the Hollander is the word "oost, west, thuis best" (east, west, home best) a true word. In general the Holland people are not a people to emigrate like the Germans, and therefore they keep up their customs and habits as much as possible. It is this trait or characteristic that makes a Hollandish home appear different from an ordinary American home. This is not true of American-born Hollanders. After one generation these are pretty well Americanized, just as with any other nation. Now, all the Hollanders living in New Holland (the name given to our Hollandish settlement) are born and raised Hollanders; and there will the visitor find them living, as nearly as it can be done, as they did in Holland.

And not only in the way of living, but in their way of working also. This statement must not lead the reader to believe that the Hollander when working as a farmer works just as he did in the old country. No: he knows very well that he has to change in many things; but he knows too, that what is true in Holland is true in America also. He knows for instance, that "een aanhouder wint" (*i. e.* who keeps it up will win). "Rome is niet in een dag gebouwd" (Rome was not built in one day). "Ildere dag een draad maakt een hemdsmouw in het jaar" (Every day a thread makes a shirt-sleeve in a year). "Vele kleimjes maken een groote" (Many little things make one great) etc. etc.

There is one thing more that I want to say about our Hollanders as a nation; and that is that their prosperity as a whole is the fruit of their labor. I know there have been Hollanders, and there are to-day, who try—and succeed—to live from the labor of others; but as a whole the Hollandish nation has never been a nation of robbers. They did not steal even the land they lived on: they conquered it from the sea with their own labor. That can not be said of the Americans in general!

I will stop here with what I will call my introduction. I hope you will permit me another time to talk a l[illegible] about our Hollandish settlement or New Holland.

If you think it not fit for your paper, throw it into the waste basket or light your cigar with it.

Yours,

FRATERNITAS.

We are in receipt of letters from several parties in the north asking about small tracts of land near Fruitdale. We would rather see a man buy forty acres and tend it right than a large body of land and slight it. With ten acres in tomatoes and another ten in vegetables, seven acres in cotton and the balance in corn and fruit, he may feel independent. At the same time he should have a few cows, sheep and hogs, and fifty chickens; and in this way his expenses may be cut down to but little, as he can raise two crops a year from the same piece of land and have no fuel bills to pay.

—Fruitdale Herald.

Council Proceedings.

Council met on Monday evening and transacted a lot of accumulated business.

The treasurer's report was presented as follows:

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS	
Rent, 1905	$ 61 40	Lands	$1541 30
Rent, 1906	244 94	Highways	22 50
Rent Penalty	10 32	Wharf	71 31
Wharfage	116 02	Taxes	50 66
Water Fund	5 00	Schools	107 47
Land Fund	1531 30	Salaries	25 00
Membership Fees.	10 00	Water Fund	7 10
Sundries	1 00	Telephone	3 80
Total Receipts for Sept., 1906	$1979 98	Postage & Printing	3 39
Bal. on hand Sept. 1	183 51	Well & Windmill.	15 45
Total Credits	$2163 49	Sundries	42 15
T'l Disbursements	1920 13	G. M. Bancroft	30 00
Bal. on hand	$243 36	Total for Sept	$1920 13

Following bills allowed:

Wm. Call, time and expense attending Court in case against Mrs. Williams	$ 2 50
Henry Rathje, work on water works	2 85
J. H. H. Smith, recording fees	1 40
E. B. Gaston, adv. 3 months	25 00
E. B. Gaston, postage 1½ months	5 29
Fairhope Improvement Co., for abstract Corporation lands and cost of deed from Geo. Hoyle	16 75

Bill of American Supply Co. for nails for wharf, referred to Mr, Patterson.

Application of Fairhope Improvement Co. for lease of 100x200 ft. on beach, granted.

Application of A. C. Staples for lots 3 and 10, blk. 28, div. 2, granted.

Gaston and Bancroft appointed committee to draft, with advice of Corporation's attorney, certain amendments to Corporation leases.

Secretary instructed to correspond with Messrs. Troup & Taylor with regard to sale of down timber in sections 2 and 10.

Mr. Powell reported negotiations with the Fraternal Home Makers Association of Chicago for a large tract of our land.

Agreement for securing building of wharf and plan for same (described elsewhere) approved, and president and secretary authorized to execute agreement on behalf of Corporation.

The London *Daily News*, of September 20, contained an excellent portrait of Henry George, the "Famous Land Reformer," with a notice of a meeting to commemorate his birth, under the auspices of the Scottish League for the Taxation of Land Values.

There was frost not far above Mobile on Oct. 11. The statistics compiled by the Mobile weather bureau show that only once in 100 years did frost come as early.

A PROPHECY.

The Nation's stage hold's many a freak,
Egged on by notoriety;
But the FAIRHOPE COURIER is too meek
For such an impropriety.

Yet the COURIER's coming to the front,
In full view of the nation's eye;
It's booked to do a clever stunt—
Driving the *ground-hog* from the sty.

C. R. E.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis are happy over the birth of a son, their firstborn, who arrived on Monday evening, the 15th.

M. V. Mathews has taken a contract for building a house for Mr. Ivulich, the Italian consul, at Tatumville, a couple of miles below Fairhope.

F. W. Rose, who has been rendering valued assistance in the COURIER composing room, has been off duty this week on account of illness, leaving us short-handed.

A large crew of volunteers met at the schoolhouse on last Saturday and "put it on its feet" again. The ladies of the V. I. C. assisted by some others, furnished dinner for the workers in the "Conundrum."

Mr. Braam has been at work this week on the Corporation telephone system, which, like all others, was badly demoralized by the storm and the sound of the 'phone bell heard today for the first time since the storm, was very pleasing. Fortunately the switching apparatus, in a corner room of the hall building was not damaged.

One of the COURIER's regular readers, H. W. Meyer of Detroit, presented himself unexpectedly at the office on Wednesday evening. He had been to New Orleans, and made Fairhope a hasty call on his way returning. The wharf rebuilding committee was in session at the time, and received some valuable suggestions form Mr. Meyer.

Henry Radde, Jr., whose home is a few miles east of Fairhope, cut his foot severely while at work at Berglin's pole camp on Fish river, on Monday. The axe went between his great toe and the second toe, cutting nearly to the middle of the foot. Some small arteries were severed and he lost a great deal of blood before he could be brought to town and receive surgical attention, which was given him by Dr. Mershon.

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AGREEMENT FOR SECURING THE REBUILDING OF THE WHARF

The Following Plan Was Approved by Members and Lessees October 12. by Executive Council October 15, and Corporation Members October 16.

This Agreement made and entered into on this the ..... day of October, 1906, by and between the FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION, of Fairhope, Alabama, party of the first part, and R. F. Powell, E. B. Gaston, N. Mershon, H. S. Greeno, and W. S. Baldwin, parties of the second part, WITNESSETH:

THAT, WHEREAS, the wharf owned by said party of the first part was greatly damaged by the recent storm, and it has not the means to rebuild the same, and cannot incur interest bearing indebtedness, and

WHEREAS the earning power of the said wharf, if rebuilt, would be sufficient to pay within a few years the cost of rebuilding same, and

WHEREAS the parties of the second part are deeply interested in the immediate rebuilding of said wharf and are confident they could secure the necessary funds with which to do so, if allowed the management and control of said wharf until such funds were repaid, and

WHEREAS, the party of the first part has confidence in the ability and integrity and zeal of the said parties of the second part and that they can be safely entrusted to secure funds, rebuild said wharf and administer same,

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the premises it is hereby agreed that said parties of the second part in securing the necessary funds for the rebuilding of said wharf may pledge the earnings of the wharf as hereinafter provided, as security therefor, and to that end they shall have control of the wharf and the collection and application of the revenues thereof until the obligations incurred in the rebuilding thereof are fully satisfied. The said parties of the second part in their administration of said wharf shall not charge greater rates for freight and passengers than were charged by the party of the first part at the date of the storm, but shall maintain the same rates. The coupons entitling residents upon the lands of the party of the first part to foot passage over said wharf are to be accepted for wharfage from such persons, but shall be redeemed by the said corporation at sixty per cent. of their face value. No discrimination shall be made for or against any persons doing business over said wharf, save and except such privileges as have heretofore been granted by the party of the first part to residents upon its lands. The general plan of the rebuilding of the wharf must be approved by the Executive Council of the party of the first part. The said parties of the second part in their obligations given on account of the rebuilding of the wharf, shall specify that the same are in no event to become a lien upon the wharf or any of the property of the Corporation, or to become a debt of the Corporation, or confer any other rights upon the holders of said obligations than to receive pro rata the net earnings of said wharf until said obligations are paid; it being the intent of the parties to this agreement that said parties of the second part shall have no power to incur any indebtedness or liability on the part of the Corporation whatever, but that parties having claims for money advanced, labor done, or materials furnished, must look entirely and solely to the net revenue received from the wharf for the satisfaction of their claims, so that in no event can the wharf be seized and sold for the satisfaction of said claims or pass from the control of said parties of the second part, or their successors, except when surrendered to the Corporation after all claims have been paid. And in order that no one may be misled, said parties of the second part shall make written contract with every one furnishing any money, materials or labor, or getting any claim in any manner, referring to this contract and stating that such transaction is subject to its terms. Where the parties of the second part are able to pay cash for such labor, or material, a written contract will not be required. The wharf shall be operated by a wharfinger whose compensation with other expense of operation, not including repairs, will not exceed fifty per cent of the gross earnings of said wharf. On completion of the wharf, the parties of the second part shall furnish to the party of the first part, an itemized statement of the cost of same and a list of the parties to whom any sums may be due, together with the amount due each one; and thereafter while in the operation and control of said wharf, they shall furnish the said party of the first part with an itemized statement monthly of the receipts and disbursements in connection with the management of the wharf. The parties of the second part in case of the death or refusal to act of any of their number shall select substitutes, provided that three out of five must be members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation and satisfactory to same, and said parties of the second part shall not increase their number or allow the same to be less than five Said parties of the second part are to receive no compensation for their services except when actually employed and then at the current rate for similar services. The parties of the second part agree to the foregoing conditions and further to exert their best efforts to secure the necessary funds and prosecute the work of rebuilding the wharf with the greatest possible dispatch, and when the same is completed to operate it with a view to the best service of the public and the repayment of the obligations created by them at the earliest possible moment, applying thereto all the net earnings. And when the said obligations are paid they shall surrender said wharf to the party of the first part. The party of the first part reserves the right to pay off any portion or all of the claims against said wharf whenever it may see fit to do so and thus shorten the time of resuming its control of same.

The parties of the second part may issue to parties contributing towards the rebuilding of said wharf certificates receivable from bearer, in payment of wharfage, such certificates to bear no interest and provided that the total amount at any time outstanding shall not exceed twenty-five per cent of the total obligations then outstanding.

While those entitled to share in the distribution of the net revenues of said wharf, may insist on a prorated division of same, until this is done, the parties of the second part can use their judgment in determining the order in which said claims shall be paid, no creditor being compelled to receive his prorated share if he prefers to wait until larger amounts can be paid on his claim.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties hereto have executed the same in duplicate, on the day and year first above written. (Signed)

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As its name signifies the Progressive League seeks to advance "Progress," and its manner of so doing consists of holding meetings every Sunday afternoon, where for an hour and a half there is a free discussion on whatever topic the leader of the day has chosen. It is a free platform and any and all of the audience are privileged to discuss the question under consideration. Under this plan the subject is well thrashed out from various points of view, and, besides the education obtained from listening to other speeches, those taking part are well trained in the difficult art of public speaking.

Besides these discussions by the members themselves, there are many afternoons devoted to distinguished visitors who have come to stay awhile at the unique Single Tax Colony, and who generally are very glad to address the league.

Amongst these last winter were Dr. Alice B. Stockham, of Chicago; Bolton Hall, of New York; Colonel Daniels and M. G. Brink, from Washington; A. J. Wolf, formerly of Seattle; Dr. Edelmann, of Mobile, and E. Q. Norton, of Daphne.

The league reopened for the fall and winter season on the first Sunday in October, and is now meeting regularly on Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Now that the hall is in ruins, the league meets in the school house.

There are no fees of any sort in this society, and everybody, of whatever belief or disbelief, is cordially welcome to attend and express his opinions, so long as the law of equal freedom is not infringed.

A. K. T.

MRS. CALL DISCUSSES SINGLE TAX IDEALS.

Editor Courier:

The consideration of the best policy in handling public services, which occupies the minds of many of our people at the present time, has also been ever present in my own. The criticism of Mr. Bellangee's letter by the editor of the Courier has brought to my mind one thought that has never presented itself to me in exactly the same form before.

I believe that the amount of revenue raised by taking the entire rental value of the lands of a state in which Single Tax prevails is the exact goal and limit of ambition for public services. Mr. George says in "Progress and Poverty," page 365: "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 whole expense of government. In the better developed countries it is much more than sufficient. Hence it will not be enough to merely place all taxes upon the value of land, it will be necessary, where rent exceeds the present governmental revenues, to commensurately increase the amount demanded in taxation, and to continue this increase as society progresses and rent advances." This indicates that he considered it necessary to take *all* the rental value and expend it for the public benefit. I also believe that this rental value should be the limit of our ambitions for common conveniences and services. I can find nothing in the writings of Mr. George where he even contemplates the possibility of the revenues so raised being insufficient in any instance for the installing of any desirable public service, but he always brings out the fact that new desires would have to be constantly forthcoming in order to use the revenues of the state.

If we take from a man every iota of the advantage that the exclusive possession of a plot of land conveys and that the presence of the community enhances, if we take from him all that he has gotten from society and expend it for the public good, we have no right to tax him in any other way. Should the community (a possibility suggested by Mr. Gaston, but not considered by Mr. George) wish for more and decide to obtain it, the funds would have to be obtained by means of other taxes, or by loans to be repaid from its revenues. To procure the desired revenue by means of any other tax would be unjust as long ss there was one man who objected. In a state or nation the only recognized way to obtain money for public services is by taxing the people or by issuing bonds which are either paid out of the revenue of the public service or are paid from future taxes. If all public services always paid for themselves it would not be necessarily in opposition to the Single Tax to borrow the money and repay it from the revenues of the proposed service, but all schemes gotten up by men are liable to disastrous failure, as witness the French attempt at the Panama Canal, and some of the most useful services, as for instance the postal service, show a continual deficit. Any such service which failed to pay for itself would have to be paid for out of public funds raised by some of the methods of taxation now current, if the rental value were inadequate. This, as I have already shown, would be unjust. For these reasons I believe the amount obtainable from the full rental value of land should be the limit of the ambitions of the state for public service.

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only an "incident" or a "fortuitous circumstance". It is the thing which proves the justice of the Single Tax; for if the revenues from the land rents were not sufficient to provide all the common benefits necessary to man, it certainly would not be right to take from him the value of every advantage given him by the presence of the community and his exclusive right to the use of a plot of land, and make him pay in addition for public services. No: the relation of this fund to the public need is the law of God, and not an incident: it is the sign by which we may know that we have reached a just and natural method of taxation: it is the rainbow by which we know that Providence has not shut us up in a labyrinth of woes.

In our own particular case, should we find it necessary at some time to raise any considerable sum in order to anticipate our needs, I think the Guernsey Market House plan is by far the best, as it repays to the contributor the sum contributed in just the kind of service desired, and the same is clearly understood. I realize that we are not freed by our plan from any one of the legion of indirect taxes, but I DO BELIEVE that if we took the full rental value of our lands instead of under-assessing them, we should be able to have any of the common conveniences that we need.

Our president has told me since the deficit in the water-works fund was made public, that what we should have done was to put rents up to where they belong and put in water works as we could afford it. It was argued that the rents should not be raised because some had subscribed $50 connection fees for the erection of the water works. Thus, as is ever the case in such methods of securing public services, those who were financially able and willing contributed large sums, while others who were either financially unable to pay the $50 connection fee or could not indorse the plan of proceeding, failed of having to pay their full share of the rental value. Those who were financially unable to pay the connection charge of $50 but use the water from the well, do not receive any better service than they received from the well for years when the windmill was in good repair, which has been included in the the rents for all these years, and shonld not therefore be required to pay water rent; but if by reason of the contribution of others they have been excused from a just raise in the rental value of their lands for the year, by just that much has the Corporation failed to do its full duty by them. In the same manner, as the plant is not self-supporting, and will undoubtedly require aid from the Corporation the ensuing year, by just as much, if any, will those financially unable to pay the $50 connection fee be unduly charged as their share of the rent appropriated to this purpose exceeds the benefit that they may receive from the degree of fire protection furnished them.

Before trying other methods, let us try the one of taking the whole rental value of the land, and do what we can with the proceeds. Let us not be afraid to apply the Single Tax strongly, realizing that our temporizing has not saved us any trouble in the past, and that the larger the place and more complicated our system of public service becomes, the harder will it be to reach a satisfactory basis. Let us not be faint-hearted. Let us say with Henry George: "So far as personal consideration is concerned, it is only to earnest men capable of feeling the inspiration of a great principle that I care to talk or that I can hope to convince. To them I wish to point out that caution is not wisdom when it involves the ignoring of a great principle; that it is not every step that involves progression, but only such steps as are in the right line and make easier the next; that there are strong forces that wait but the raising of the true standard to rally to its side.

"Let the time-servers, the demagogues, the compromisers, to whom nothing is right and nothing wrong, but who are always seeking to find some half-way house between right and wrong—let them all go their ways. Any cause which can lay hold of a great truth is stronger without them." (The Land Question, page 47.)

In reference to gifts—a gift is a gracious thing, but "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Gifts of land enable us to extend the benefits of our plan to others. While realizing the kindness that prompts gifts of comforts or luxury to us and appreciating the good will and fellowship of the donors, still we are a self-reliant people, able to make our own way in the world; and the value of gifts that contribute only to our comfort would do better work for our cause if expended differently. Look at the histories of most colonies that have failed, and you will see that while those who composed them worked heart and soul for them at the cost of toil and sacrifice, they prospered: it was only when the victory was in a measure won and recognition and support began to come in from the outside world, when the advantages began to be apparent, when loyal friends began to strew gifts in the way, that decay and death ensued. The true power of the Christian religion waned remarkably, as soon as the Roman emperors took it up. That for which we have toiled and sacrificed is dearest to our hearts. Now is the time for care; for we have made a success of Fairhope so far.

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Mrs. Howland will address the Progressive League on Sunday afternoon, speaking of her recent trip north and east.

John A. Patterson was made happy on Monday by the return of his wife and son Ford from a visit of several weeks among relatives in New York.

Mr. Powell has purchased a fine large horse. He bought him on board the steamer from Frank Troup of Point Clear, who was taking him to Mobile for sale.

The steamer *Caloosa* has been taken out of the Mobile-Daphne service. The *Pleasure Bay* now has all the business of the shore to do, which makes it late by the time she gets down to Fairhope.

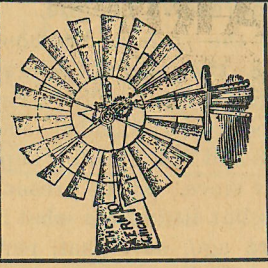
J. W. Thompson, a former citizen, arrived on Wednesday evening. The Thompson home is now at Meridian, Miss., but they still have property here, and to look after it is the occasion of Mr. Thompson's visit.

Dr. C. E. Atkinson returned on Tuesday evening from her northern trip, and is hard at work getting her premises in order after the storm. She is in excellent health, and appears to have fared well at the hands of her numerous friends in Iowa.

Mr. J. B. Barber of Anna, Illinois, later of Waverly, Iowa, who visited us last winter, returned on Tuesday evening to spend some time with us and probably remain. He has been in Colorado since he was here, and tells great tales of the land boom which is on there.

Our old friend and former resident, M. M. Cope, pleasantly surprised his friends by returning on Thursday evening last week. He is suffering considerably from an aggravation of an old injury which caused his slight lameness, and is using a crutch.

W. S. Baldwin was out in the Euclid neighborhood last week, where he engineered the putting on their foundations of the houses of B. Wallace, Scanlan, Barnet, Charles Nelson, and the Euclid school-house, a part of Mr. Smith's house and his syrup factory. He also went down to Point Clear and replaced the Point Clear school-house and church upon their foundations.



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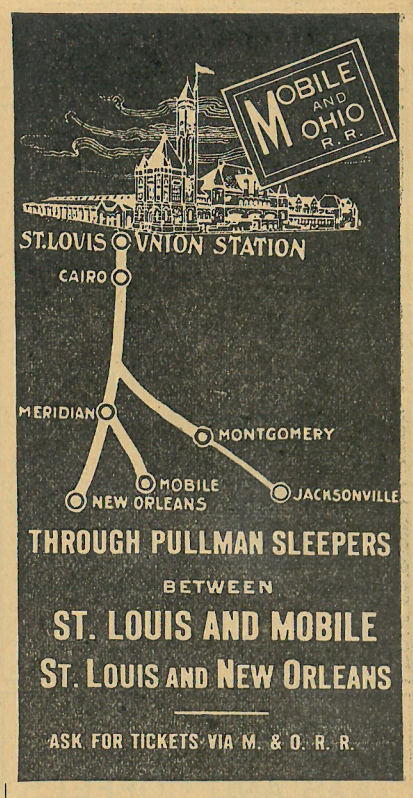
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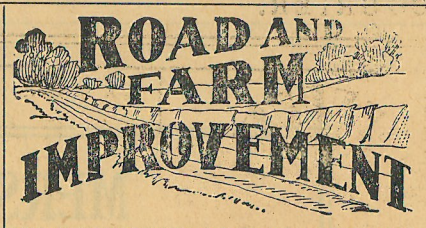
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I made a drag, using two oak sticks six by six inches, eight feet long, set them on edge about 16 inches apart,

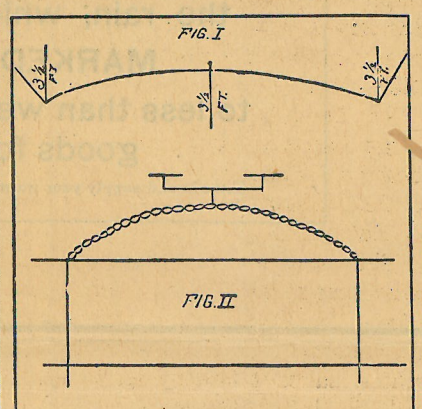


Diagram of Road and the Drag.

a strip of wagon-tire spiked to cutting edge; drag was bolted together somewhat like the following diagram, shown in Fig 2.

I can hitch team to any link of chain, thus producing an angle of the drag most suitable. The best time to drag is after a rain, and in winter when thawing in daytime and freezing at night. No, this road is not the equal of a macadamized road, but there is as much difference between it now and as it was formerly as there is between day and night. The freezing and thawing affect it like any other earth road; it, however, dries off so much quicker that the bad condition does not last so long, and I believe in time if the work is kept up I shall have it in condition that the nightmare of going through mud hub deep six months of the year will be reduced very much. My north fence is the town line; I have often heard the remark made that now a man blindfolded could tell within a rod when he struck Liberty line. Many have named and are calling this section of road Bollinger avenue.

OUR SOIL FERTILITY.

How It May Be Conserved—Clover Plowed Under the Best Means of Supplying Humus.

There is great decrease in the fertility of the soil where crops are continually grown and removed from the ground with nothing returned, says a writer in Farmers' Review. There never was a time when crops grew more abundantly than now. It is not due to the fertility of the soil at present, but because of better cultivation with a view of conserving moisture for a time when it is most needed by the growing crops, and by better and more careful selection of seed. I think humus is the one element most lacking in most of our corn land. This can be replaced quicker and in greater quantity by growing clover than by any other process. Clover not only furnishes humus, but puts our ground in better physical condition, which is absolutely essential. It also aids in preparing a good seed bed, when the ground is not in condition physically, and the plant food which it contains is not available for the plant. It also furnishes nitrogen. another element much lacking in most of our corn lands. Another reason why we should rotate with clover is because it loosens up the subsoil, depositing it close to the surface, where it can be more readily taken up by the corn plant. Farmers are beginning to study the condition of their ground but are not restoring the fertility as fast as they should. They are beginning to grow clover quite extensively, but clover alone as a fertilizer will only last for a short time. Sooner or later they will have to use phosphorus in connection with clover.

Raising stock and feeding more grain than you are growing is most apt to keep the land from losing its fertility, but I doubt if it is most profitable on our high-priced land. I think under present conditions grain farming is more profitable than live stock raising, provided we rotate with clover and add a little phosphorus in the shape of ground rock phosphate to our land occasionally. I do not mean by this that we should exclude live stock altogether, but with our land selling for from $150 to $175 per acre, we cannot see any money in raising cattle.

The Corn Root-Louse.

The corn root-louse is to some extent disseminated by ants, which collect the eggs and store them over winter, hatching them carefully in the spring. A study of the communistic relations of ants and other insects shows some extraordinary displays of reason and intellect.

KILLING THE MILK WEED.

How One Farmer Successfully Eradicated It from His Fields

With reference to a method of exterminating milk weed and morning glory, will say that if it is the milk weed that grows from the root as well as from seed, and which has the seed attached to down that scatters when the wind blows, I can give the experience we had several years ago. My father had a field badly infested with such milk weeds and pea vines, says a writer in Prairie Farmer, and he sowed it to oats, cutting the oats before the milk weed was ripe enough for the seed to scatter. He plowed the ground in August, when the ground was dry, going just deep enough to turn the runners and roots on the surface. These the sun soon dried so that they could not sprout again.

He then sowed the field with wheat and repeated the operation next August. The pea vines were exterminated and what milk weed was left we pulled up by hand. There was only an occasional one or two and these we believe came from seed blown from other fields.

Insect Species.

According to Folsom's Entomology, the number of insect species already known is about 300,000, and it is safe to estimate the total number of existing species as at least 1,000,000. Conservative observers hold, remarks Rural New Yorker, that a majority of these species can be found in attendance at any Sunday school picnic.

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues. Also a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection, and a public hall of large size, comfortably seated.

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F. Lieker, our quondam "nature man," sends his regards from Germany, and promises a letter.

The editor acknowledges the honor of an appointment by Hon. J. H. H. Smith, probate judge, as a delegate to the "North Alabama Good Roads Convention" meeting at Birmingham on the 17th. He greatly regrets that extra press of duties at home prevented his attending.

Mr. C. E. Littlefield has purchased of the Mercantile Co., the concrete business originated by Mr. Littlefield, but since early in the year conducted by the Mercantile Co., under his management. Mr. Littlefield says the business will hereafter be conducted on a kind of cooperative basis, the trained workmen who have been associated with him in the work, participating in the profits.

The COURIER office has been much improved by the addition of another room in the rear, in which will be installed a folder expected daily, a power job press, the gasoline engine which furnishes power; and which will also be used as a mailing room. Mr. Carlson had the contract for the job, which has been well done. Most of the work on the ground has been done by his able assistant, Mr. Trenholme.

We learn from Dr. Atkinson that the *Register and Leader*, the leading Des Moines daily, on the occasion of the big storm had a three or four column article on Fairhope, illustrated with a number of pictures used in former articles, telling of the organization of the colony, the departure of the first party of colonists, Mr. Bellangee's visit to the city, etc. An interview with Dr. Atkinson was also given, as a result of which she was called upon by a number of parties interested in our Single Tax town by the sea.

If you are genuinely interested in the Single Tax, Fairhope will interest you, and you will find it interests your friends. The story of Fairhope as told in the COURIER has made many Single Taxers. Moral: Help our list grow.

A Letter from an Old Friend.

The following kind letter from an old Iowa friend and former employer of the editor is especially appreciated by him, and will also be encouraging to other Fairhopers. Hon. E. H. Gillette, the writer, is a man of great ability, a member of congress from Iowa in the height of the Greenback movement about 1876-8. Later he was associated for many years with Gen. J. B. Weaver in the publication of the *Farmers' Tribune*, on which the editor of the COURIER was employed at the time the Fairhope plan was evolved.

Dear Brother Gaston:

Inclosed please find $1 for renewal of subscription to your excellent paper.

I was very sorry to read that the cruel tornado had been playing with your hair, so to speak. It is hard for a little fellow to see his cob house knocked down, and how much harder for us larger boys to see our rather more substantial houses blown about like playthings. However, such is the energy and enterprise of the people of Fairhope that they never lose courage, never surrender, and soon the gem of the coast will sparkle brighter than ever.

You are doing a good work, trying to guide the selfishness of man into broader and more brotherly methods. Anything that will overcome individual ownership in land, anything that will turn back the dial of unjust civilization to the time when nobody owned but everybody had the use of the earth.

If ever you visit old haunts, come and stop with me. Compliments to Bro. Bellangee and all other friends. Sincerely yours,

E. H. GILLETTE.

Glasgow.

Here is a city in which all citizens are united demanding efficient service and securing it; a city in which the privileged few who own the franchise corporations in America and the unprivileged many who are seeking a job are united with the city rather than against it. For Glasgow offers no franchises whose values run into the millions as a tempting treasure to gamble for. There are no privileges to corrupt the council; no big financial interests to unite the rich and influential, the press and the bar, the club and the church on one side, and leave democracy untaught and unled blindly to carry on the burdens of self-government. This absence of privilege frees the best talent of the city; it unites its purse with its patriotism. It is this absence of class interest that binds and fuses the whole people into one ambition—an honest city, an economical city, a serviceable city. And they get it, too. The city's properties are worth $95,000,000, and the annual revenues exceed $15.000,000. These interests are handled with the most scrupulous honesty. None of their earnings sticks to the hands of contractors, aldermen, or clerks on its way to the city treasury. Such a thing as official corruption is almost unknown. — FREDERICK C. HOWE, in *Scribner's*.

The illness of W. F. Rose and the absence of the editor and G. W. Wood, who were attending court at Bay Minette, have made it hard to get the paper out this week.

Fig Growing on the Coast

HENRY A. LUND of Biloxi, Miss., writes a very interesting letter on "A Fig Orchard in Mississippi," to the *Southern Ruralist*, to which our attention has been called by Mr. Wolf. Mr. Lund is manager of a 5,000 tree fig orchard. The trees were set out in March, 1905, so that no commercial results have yet been realized, but Mr. Lund's method of cultivating is of interest. He says:

"This orchard was planted in new ground, no crops being planted in it at all. Rows 16 feet by 10 feet apart. I give them clean cultivation, using a Moline disc harrow one way and an Acme pulverizing harrow the other, and hoe the trees lightly once a month or so. I commence cultivating last of March and keep it up incessantly till last of September, as it is a large orchard. By the time I get one end clean it is time to start on the other. As soon as a dry spell sets in, I drop the harrows and use a dust mulch harrow, home-made, which I ride, and keep this going till it rains again; and in the worst dry spells so far, and on the sandiest land, I always have moisture one inch or so below the surface. Dry weather will never affect an orchard cultivated so. The trees are a dark, thrifty green, and are as fine a growth as I ever saw.

"I fertilize once a year, in April, using about one pound to a tree of 3-10-4. Next year I have advised Mr. Gardner to reduce the fertilizer, as with clean cultivation and such sturdy trees I see no need of it, as they grow almost too fast. And the best part of it is that the finest part of the orchard is on the sandiest spots, giving proof that our thin, sandy soils are of some account after all.

"The fruit is late this year, owing, I think, to the late cold spell we had here, and also to their being young trees. There is no disease to a fig tree that I know of here yet, also no insect enemies. But one thing a fig tree will not stand in the field, and that is neglect; and it needs good clean cultivation. Also, no crops can be grown between, for the reason that whatever crop you plant, it must be laid by some time or other during the summer, and at that season of the year evaporation is very rapid here on this coast. So, therefore, when cultivation ceases, the fig trees suffer and are stunted; and a stunted fig tree is a pretty hard proposition to handle. This is the reason why fig orchards have failed here. They were cropped, and it ruined the orchard. The fig is a fibrous-rooted tree and the roots soon find the middle of the rows. These roots are very fine and delicate and hardly discernable, and cropping the middle and plowing up again destroys this fibrous root, and the orchard is a failure. I study this root system as much as the tree itself, and while I give clean cultiva-

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

A nice line of hats, belts and dry goods just in at Call's.

Wednesday eve a 10 pound boy arrived at Gene Lawrence's.

W. J. Gelink left for Cleveland, Ohio, to be gone indefinitely.

Miss Mitchell, of Chicago, is here visiting her friend Miss Gooding.

New shipment of chairs just received at Mershon Merchandising Co's.

Renzie Bell is warking in Mobile, and his brother, Elzevir, is employed by the Home Telephone Co.

Um! um! Heinz's! Sauerkraut, dill pickles and tomato catsup. Just in at Mershon Merchandising Co's.

Mrs. Chas. Wilson returned Sunday from a three months trip in the North, visiting Chicago and Des Moines.

Just received, a nice line of winter drygoods, blankets, comforts, outings, flanelcttes, Cretons, hosiery, ginghams, at Mershon Merchandising Co's.

Mr. Barber, our late arrival, has applied for four lots just west of those held by Mr. Staples, two fronting Fels Ave. and two fronting on the next street north. We presume he intends to build at once.

Mr. Dealy and Mr. Dunnell have each paid to Judge du Mont their share of the costs in the case of the Corporation against them and Mr. Fredericks for delinquent rent, and have paid their rents to the Corporation.

Neighbor Comings has caught two "possums" in his chicken yard, and found one dead one that he thinks tried to carry off a great big dose of strychnine; and still his diminishing brood of young chicks indicates that "there are others".

It is rumored that a bottle of native scuppernonong wine (unfermented) will be broken at the launching of the new steamer *Fairhope II*, by a most popular and handsome Fairbope lady whose name has not yet been revealed by the owners of the boat.

Pearl Stersic won the prize in the little folks' contest last Friday night, held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. in the Brown Block. An excellent concert, given by local talent, made part of the entertainment, and was enjoyed by a crowded room.

Now is the time to set out strawberry plants for a crop next spring. Get your rows fertilized and all ready for planting, and plant when the first shower comes. In our observation, no berry does better here than the Lady Thompson. A Florida grower, writing not long since in a strawberry journal, advises strongly against summer cultivation; which comports with our own experience this season. We had two rows side by side, set out together and treated in every way the same, except that we undertook to keep the runners off one row and cultivate it, while the other we let alone. As a result, the row that was left alone has a good stand of thrifty plants, while but few plants are left in the other row. This gentleman, as we understood, just lets his plants go during the summer, and in the fall he runs along either side of the row with a turn plow, turning the furrow away, and leaving about six or eight inches undisturbed. On this strip there will be plenty of plants, and throwing a furrow away from either side gives plenty of chance to get fertilizer to their roots. The idea strikes us very favorably.

The Land of Freedom

I dreamed of a beautiful city, a contented and happy people; and, going among them, I learned that it was in the Land of Freedom, truly well named. There was but one law—do as you like, but interfere not with another—a perfect law, covering all points that might arise, which all knew and could understand. I soon learned that this one law included everything in justice, and was far more effective than the thousands I had been used to, which no one knew or understood.

All were good, unselfish and happy, because all around them were. There being no legal force or injustice practiced to incense them and stir up their combativeness, only the good in their natures would respond; the idea of the founder being that "Institutions Make Men," and in time are responsible for their conduct, and if there is no legal injustice, the citizens have no fighting example to follow.

All worked in some way, because they wanted something, and could not get it without work, there being no laws to give them what belonged to another. Each could have all he was willing to produce or exchange for; no one with any sense of justice could want more. All agreed that to interfere with another would permit a stronger to interfere with them, and no one wanted that.

Inventions were wonderfully developed, and no patent laws interfered. Without patent laws no one could monopolize an invention which others had helped to think out, for no one invents a thing alone; it being in the air, many get the idea together.

They knew no tariff, for that would abridge liberty, or the right to buy where each pleased; nor could they understand the sense of saying: "We will make ourselves pay more (with interest and profits) when trading with our brothers in another country."

Most of the heat, light and power was electric, being produced by the unlimited waterfalls in the mountains.

Heavy loads were hauled on the street freight cars to the sidings at all large buildings, therefore but little wear on the pavements.

All had equal rights and share in the bounties of nature: and of course none could monopolize anything without the consent of others and giving the annual value to those deprived. The people collectively never took from an individual that he had made, nor could any individual think of keeping for private use the only thing the people collectively made,—land values; for that would break the law by interfering with the rights of all others. The rental value of land, which the people made and got, was so large that it was very difficult to prevent too great a surplus in the public treasury,—often exceeding the debts of old style cities.

The duty of most of the public officials was the wise distribution of the public funds for the good of the people. There was no vast hoard of tax assessors and collectors, revenue officers, police, poor and criminal class to care for or persecute at great expense, and only an accident or emergency hospital, the running expenses of which were very light.

The people's income above the slight expense of the economic government was distributed with the one idea of increasing the happiness and good of the people. They had most beautiful parks, with all imaginable attractions, play grounds for the old and young, fitted for all games desired by any number of people; large and beautiful public buildings, gymnasiums, theatres, clubs, baths,&c. Great sums were given each year to the citizens who had accomplished the most for the permanent public good, in detecting the slightest approach or tendency toward injustice, and to the most perfect men and women spiritually and physically.

A referee for the City had sometimes to reason with new-comers and explain the simple law and its great scope; and if he could not comprehend he was returned to his former country, or, at his option, detained in the school for the mentally and morally weak until he understood.

Natural monopolies, highways, and all on, above or under them, were of course owned by the people. and usually operated feee, as are the elevators in large buildings.

All who wished could have employment in the government service, but the independent spirit prevailed so that most people preferred to employ themselves under common-sense agreements with each other to prevent duplicating labor.

Disposal of the garbage easily paid for itself in bottles, tin, solder, leather, rags, ashes for filling, fertilizer, animal feed and fuel.

The public schools were greatly simplified: words spelled as sounded—no silent letters used. A child's forte was decided by his tastes, phrenology &c., and those things taught it most useful in its future business to attain the greatest skill possible, including a perfect physical development or health education, together with practical training in good citizenship, justice or respect for the rights of others, both human and animal.

There was great rivalry among the boys and men to become the most pure and perfect spiritually and physically. Woman, freed from the necessity of being an economic slave to one man, however low, that she might live, would not accept a degenerate for a life partner. Women also were taught and practised the true science of living, unhampered by mother Grundy; and men had no use for the innocence of ignorance and weakness in women.

If others will furnish the money, I will procure the right of sovereignty or absolute home rule to an island, and with others well up in such matters, establish the conditions depicted in the above dream. Geo. W. Patterson.

1323 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, Calif.

To Boost Boat Rates.

The *Pleasure Bay* announces that after November 1, the fare to Mobile will be 50c. instead of 25c. as heretofore. It is fortunate for Fairhope that their new steamer will be ready in about three weeks, and that the operators are interested in Fairhope and Baldwin County to the extent that they believe in the old adage, "live and let live." Baldwin County will begin to prosper when her transportation service is seriously taken into consideration by those who believe in its future and are long-headed enough to see beyond the petty grasping of the immediate dollar to the exclusion of the greater success that would come from a more far-sighted policy.

The D. S. Brown property, which was blown four feet from its foundations by the storm, was set up again this week at considerable expense. A new room was added to the house and new floors were laid in several rooms. Mr. Goddard is not discouraged by his losses, but will push the poultry ranch and will make a success of it. In the last hatch he had from his incubator 90 per cent. of the eggs were hatched. This is better than the average.

tion, it is shallow. I take care not to injure this delicate fabric underneath, preferring to hoe out the grass in bad spots rather than set the disc deep enough to take it out.

"The canneries here in Biloxi have contracted for the fruit; but as the orchard is very young, I am not able to give any idea of what will be made from it. But with many of the trees with ten pounds of figs this year, any one can surmise that it will be immensely profitable in a few years.

"There are not many figs raised in the south; and with our large United States for a market, it seems as if more might be planted profitably. There are so many farmers with more land than they need, and sandy land at that, which would produce fine fig orchards; and I wish to say that the worst and poorest, despised land, with nothing on it but palmettos and white sand, will produce fig orchards, cultivated as I do."

The Land Question Came in.

Mr. Lund has found that the first thing necessary for a fig orchard is a place to put it, and that is becoming increasingly hard to get. If he succeeds in demonstrating that figs can be grown in large quantities at a big profit, it will be still harder to get. He says:

"I only wish I owned some of this land; but around Biloxi land has gone up so high that I myself will have to seek another location, as with my four-year experience in the south, I have made up my mind to drop the trucking, and let some one else do the hard work, and take to fruit-growing."

We have written him and told him of Fairhope and the ease with which land can be secured here.

A Friendly Letter from England.

All the way from England, Mr. John Bagot, editor of the *Middleton Guardian*, writes:

DEAR MR. GASTON:

Just got your interesting paper, and am appalled at the disaster which has overtaken Fairhope. I don't know how you will regard the enclosd cheque for a guinea, but it is my way of showing willingness to help our friends who represent to Single Taxers their hope of the future. We can't afford to do without Fairhope—at any rate until we get one in this country—as an object lesson to unbelievers; and as I cannot "come over and help", will you kindly place my contribution in the way of helping on "repairs"?

Wishing you every success, I remain,

Yours truly,

JOHN BAGOT.

From California's Gifted Poet.

MY DEAR MR. GASTON:

I was exceedingly glad to welcome this issue of the COURIRS, as I much feared the great storm must have wrought havoc in beautiful Fairhope. It is a relief to know the truth. Single Taxers everywhere must sympathize with your disasters; but we of California most of all, as sharers above others in the terrors of this memorable year. How fortunate you were to escape the added horror of fire, as of flood!

I enclose my small contribution with deep regret that I cannot make it more, hut I am struggling to get even with the expenses of my illness last year.

With warmest wishes for Fairhope's speedy recovery, Sincerely yours,

FRANCES M. MILNE.

San Luis Obispo, Cal.

Piling for the new wharf has been contracted for, and is being delivered to the water front very rapidly.

CAPT. JOS. LAWRENCE REPORTS WORK DONE.

Wrecking Crew Under His Direction Does Good Work Repairing Damage Done by Hurricane.

EDITOR COURIER:

I wish to report to the people through your columns the following work done by the house raising crew in my charge:

Mrs. Patterson's house raised and blocked.

Andrew Larsen's house, the same.

W. S. Baldwin's house temporarily blocked and barn plumbed.

G. A. R. Lawrence's house pulled back two feet to kitchen, braced, and connection made.

Mrs. Coutant's house raised two feet and temporarily blocked.

Mr. Rose's house raised and pulled back two feet to plumb it; temporarily blocked.

The Stratton (C. K. Brown) house raised and pulled back plumb; kitchen raised.

Mr. Ames' house raised and blocked.

Mr. Stemerdink's house raised partly; no blocking to complete job.

Mr. Gray's house raised and temporarily blocked.

Mrs. Otto's small house raised and blocked.

Geo. Fredericks' house raised and temporarily blocked.

Henry Cresswell's two-story kitchen raised and rolled back, leveled, and permanently blocked.

Mr. Powell's two barns raised and rolled back onto their brick walls.

Wm. Brown's house raised, pushed back plumb, leveled and blocked.

Dr. Borst's barn raised.

Mr. Keller's barn raised.

Mr. Oswalt's barn raised.

Mr. Steenstra's tailor shop raised.

Mrs. Coutant's new house raised.

Joined with Mr. Baldwin's crew and raised the school house, aided by other volunteers.

Pulled the Stratton barn together.

Raised Mr. Mogg's barn.

Rehung school house doors, fitted front steps and put up rear porch.

This is up to Saturday, the 20th, when we disbanded for want of funds, Mr. Baldwin having disbanded the week before.

Up to date have drawn from emergency fund $34, that being all available. The sum of $28 is yet due me for money advanced crew.

The following parties have paid for their work: Messrs. Henry Cresswell, Wm. Brown, C. K. Brown (on his barn), J. J. Mogg, M. V. Mathews, and Mrs. Coutant.

I wish to thank the men of my crew for their faithful work, Will Davis for tackle, Mr. Coleman for tackle and jack screws, Mr. Shermer of Battles for the use of five screws for two weeks, Mr. Fredericks for the use of his wagon and horse, and all others who have assisted me, Messrs. Pilcher and Oswalt especially.

I will continue to work on pay jobs, and relief work if any more money comes in, by contract or day, hiring my own men.

Yours Truly,

J. W. LAWRENCE,

Supt. of Reconstruction.

The Progressive League.

Last Sunday the Progressive League was pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Howland, who gave a lively description of her recent trip to the north, afforded the opportunity by the kindness of friends outside the colony. Mrs. Howland evidently had enjoyed a pleasant vacation in revisiting former familiar places, such as her old home at Casa Tonti. Like most Fairhopers, Mrs. Howland expressed herself as glad to get back, in spite of the devastation which greeted her on her return.

Next Sunday the League meeting will be led by Frank Brown.

Pushing the Remodeling of the Fairhope II

The new steamer *Fairhope* is rapidly nearing completion. The stack, which was blown down by the late storm, has been again set up; and the iron railing is being built by our two Holland workmen, the van Bavel brothers. The upper deck is practically completed, and there remain the hurricane deck and the siding only to be put in place and the pilot house adjusted. It is to be hoped that by November 15 the boat will be completed and running. Juniper and heart pine have been used exclusively in the construction of her house; and she will be, when finished, the best equipped and handsomest boat on the bay. Life preservers, steamer chairs and fine new life boats have been ordered, and are expected to be here by the time her house is finished. The new steamer is expected to be, as her namesake was, the queen of the bay.

It is believed that a stenographer could find nearly if not quite enough business here to keep him steadily employed. Mr. Powell of the Fairhope Improvement Company has much work for a stenographer, Mr. Gaston could employ one considerable of the time; and others would, no doubt, avail themselves of a stenographer's services frequently, if one were available.

The V. I. C. ladies are preparing to serve a fine Thanksgiving turkey dinner at the church.

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THE DIARY OF NERVY ETHEL

Monday—Behold me! a full-fledged chorus girl! And how I fell into the job is more than I can say. It was a case of nerve and luck, pure and simple, for I'm not long on looks and voice.

But how I got it doesn't interest me as much as the fact that I didn't have to break my record and do a turn at loafing.

The America is putting on a show to run through the summer and I applied for a try-out in the chorus. The manager said I'd go all right for a filler-in and I won't have much to do but stand around and look pleasant. The folks at home think it's "from the frying pan into the fire" to kick at being a demonstrator and then do the chorus girl stunt.

But they don't see the other side of it. Some of the swellest girls go into the chorus and who knows but some day I may get to be the whole thing—or have a millionaire fall in love with me.

But unless he's as nice as Charley Clark I'd just as soon he wouldn't. I'm afraid to tell him about my being on the stage. My doesn't that sound grand! I hope they'll give me some swell clothes to wear. Well, we're to have our first rehearsal to-morrow and I guess I'll find out what I'm up against.

Tuesday—Hully gee! I'm afraid I've bitten off more than I can chew this time. But I'm going to try and stick it out. If I can just keep them from tumbling to the fact that I can't sing worth shucks maybe I can bluff it through.

And there are others. But some of the girls can sing out o' sight. There wasn't very much doing to-day because there were a good many dubs like me who didn't know the first thing about the business.

We stood around like so many wooden Indians and looked as if we had lost our best friends we had on earth, while the manager kept saying, "Brighten up; smile."

And that's the main thing I learned to-day; that you've got to wear "the smile that won't come off," and look happy, even if your shoes are pinching you or your head aching as if it would split.

I'm too tired to-night to see the funny side, But I guess a great many queer things do happen.

Wednesday—Of course I got my regular calldown to-day, but so did nearly everybody else, so I didn't mind. They hauled out the costumes this morning and togged me up for an oriental queen. The rig I had on was twice too big for me and I felt like a perfect frump. I guess I wasn't in any too good a humor, and when the manager began to drill us in a Little Egypt stunt I balked. He called me to one side and said that I knew what I could do if I didn't like the job and to make up my mind quick or he'd make it up for me. My nerve went back on me for once in my life and I sneaked back into line without saying a word.

Thursday—Hurrah for me! I was boosted up into the front row to-day. The manager said he liked the way I put on my clothes. Some of the girls are awful sloppy weather and I tell you there's mighty little he dosen't see. He said to me this morning: "Come out here, girlie." I sidled up to the front, scared to death, and he said: "Now, here's a girl that knows how to put her duds on; her skirts hang nice and even. Some of you look like you had a lot of draggling tail feathers. But see here, girlie, what's the matter with your wig? I made a grab for my head and found that my pompadour was dangling over one ear. I told him I had been in a hurry and had drawn one that didn't fit me. He told me to do better than that next time and to take my place in the front row.

I could feel myself getting chesty and I was so excited that of course I fell all over myself when I turned back into line.

It sure is a strenuous life and it's hard work. I know I'm getting lop-sided from swinging on one foot so much and with all this waving of my arms I'm ready to turn into a windmill.

Friday — Another rumpus with Charles. And this time I nearly brought him to terms. I'm tired of his monkey business; keeping me on the anxious seat. He's either got to show his hand or else get out of the game. He went right up in the air when he found out what I was doing this week. I told him I didn't see what right he had to keep butting in with my affairs and that if he didn't like it he could cut me off his visiting list. He saw I was mad and began to draw in his horns. He said he liked me too well to see me up against this kind of a stunt and that before long he was going to make it his business.

I didn't promise to leave the chorus because I didn't want to give in too much; besides, I need the money, and even if it isn't very much, "every little bit helps."

Saturday—Me to the want ads again. I'm getting sore on this everlasting hunt for a new job. But I couldn't stand the pressure in the chorus.

They started in to-day to drill for another scene and picked me out for the soldier chorus. It sounded all right, but when they brought out the costumes I shied. I told the manager 23 would do for me, so I skidooed. I thought I was pretty nervy, but I find I'm a dead one compared to what some of these guys are looking for. I think I'll look for something real tame next week.—Chicago Chronicle.

True Beauty.

She was a beauty, if beauty, instead of being restricted to the cast of the face, is a pervasive attribute informing the hands, the voice, the gestures, the very fall of a flounce and tilt of a feather.—Edith Wharton.

Wine Poured Into River.

A wine dealer in Edingen, Germany, who was convicted of selling wine which he had adulterated, was punished by having his entire stock of 7,500 gallons of wine poured into the River Neckar.

Had Mother Terrorized.

A woman at Keighley, England, summoned for not sending her boy to school, explained to the bench that when she attempted to chastise him for not going he threatened to report her to the "cruelty" inspector.

ORCHARD NOTES.

No stock in the orchard, please!

'Tis more important to grow a wormless apple than a seedless one.

Keep an eye on the trees which were budded last month. Don't let the ties choke them.

This isn't pruning time, but any time will do to cut out dead or diseased limbs or water sprouts.

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Of the new Japanese cook's ability there could be no question. He cooked wonderfully.

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When the bills came in at the end of the first month it was easy to understand why the food had been so good.

"You talk to him, dearest," said Mr. Younghusband, "and tell him we can't stand this sort of thing. He spends entirely too much. Maybe he'll learn to spend less. Tell 'im he has to."

The cook was respectfully regretful that he had exceeded the usual amount for provisions.

He had never cooked such delicious dishes as those that came during the second month. Nothing could have been daintier. But there were more big bills at the end of this month, too.

"You really must tell him to go," Younghusband said, as they looked over the acounts. "We simply cannot pay such bills; $45 for him and then all this! He can go to-morrow."

That night there was a report from the wife. She had spoken to the cook. He had appeared willing to go, but regretted very much that he had disappointed the lady and gentleman by his extravagance.

He would like very much to have one more chance to see if he could not get down the bills to a figure that suited the lady and gentleman.

"So I told him we'd try him another month, John," she said, as if confessing her weakness."

The third month was as satisfactory in its culinary progress and as disheartening when the bills came in. They had even gone up a little higher.

Mr. Younghusband said they couldn't possibly afford it. She was just as decided that there must be a change. Yet she could not trust herself to make it.

"You speak to him, John," she said, with sudden inspiration. "It is not as if he were a woman cook. There's nothing undignified in your speaking to a man."

Mr. Younghusband decided that he would make this first interference in the affairs of his household. He would be very firm with Muri—but to-morrow morning.

He did speak to him then, after the best breakfast the cook had prepared since his arrival. Muri was told that everything was very good, but too expensive, and that he must really go.

"Yes, Muri," he repeated, "I am afraid you will have to go."

Muri looked very regretful.

"It was because you know so well what is good, sir," he said sadly, "that one is tempted into extravagance occasionally. It is a great impetus to an artist to feel that his work finds appreciation. Perhaps for that season I should have held myself back. I wanted to do my best, however."

This was rather a discouraging kind of answer. Such a faithful servant was not easy to find.

Mr. Younghusband hesitated. Probably it would be a little foolish to let go one so devoted to his interests.

"Well, Muri," he said, "I'll speak to Mrs. Younghusband about your case before I come to any decision. In case you could promise to be really more economical I think we might arrange to give you another trial."

The result of the conference between the heads of the youthful family was that Muri should stay another month.

The cusine during this period surpassed in variety and deliciousness of flavor all that had preceded it. The bills were also proportionately greater. Muri had been advancing expenses at the rate of about 50 per cent. a month. He certainly had to depart now.

Muri was just as thoughtful and attentive as he had been at the end of each previous month. He wore also the look of a martyr to his profession. Had he not thought only of artistic results and not of money?

"Will you tell him this time, dearest?" the young mistress of the house asked. "It will be his last, you know, and perhaps you had better do it."

"Seeing as it's his last and you engaged him first," was the answer of Mr. Younghusband, "it seems to me it would be best for you to tell him that his end has come."

She consented with surprising alacrity. Previously she had preferred to put the responsibility on her husband's shoulders.

He felt guilty almost as soon as he left home that morning, but his self-respect returned when he came home that night and found his wife so happy.

"Well?" he asked.

"He's gone," she said. "Went away this afternoon. So we're going out to dinner."

Mr. Younghusband looked delighted at the results of his wife's cleverness.

"I told him we thought he was perfectly splendid and didn't mind the cost a bit. Only we are sailing for Europe on Saturday and we wouldn't need him after to-day.

"Then he went away just as satisfied as possible; and it was lots easier for me."

"I suppose it takes a woman to do those things," Mr. Younghusband answered, "and I'm glad he's gone. I should never have thought of lying about it, though."—N. Y. Sun.

Limited Supply of Husbands.

In England, according to the Lady's Pictorial, the women outnumber the men, and the system of "bringing up girls to be married" has been tried and has failed, because there are not husbands enough to go round.

Rules for Barking Dogs.

An order issued by the Hunstanton (Norfolk) council reads: "Dogs must not bark while trotting along the sea front." The council has instructed the beach officer to make the dogs conform to the rule.—London Standard.

Nothing in It.

"Fwhat's the use o' tellin' a man to begin at the fut o' the laddher?" said Terence. "That's th' way I began, saxteen years ago, an' I'm shtill a hod carrier, begobs!"

"Absent Treatment."

A London court has ruled that a physician can collect a fee for advice transmitted over the telephone. This must be what is known as absent treatment.

A Rich Possession.

This was ever my chief prayer: A piece of ground, not too large, with a garden and a spring of never-failing water near my house, and a little woodland besides.—Horace.

Millions Spent on Racing.

Probably a quarter of a million of dollars is spent on racing in this country every weekday during the season, says a writer in Outing Magazine.

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THE COWARD

By FRANCIS A. STOUTENBURGH.

Clay entered his library, closed the door and locked it. Then, with energetic tread he made his way to his desk. From one of the pigeon holes he took a revolver. It was a big, wicked looking gun—44 caliber.

Capt. Clay, retired, was a man who always believed himself to be a coward at heart; but in a cabinet in his library there was a medal which had been awarded him for valor in the field; there was also a letter from President McKinley promoting and commending him for conspicuous bravery. And on the wall was a sword, given him by his own company, with an inscription on the blade testifying to his courage, self-sacrifice and loyalty.

Clay examined the revolver carefully. It was properly loaded and ready to do the deadly work it might be called upon to do.

Clay sank back in an arm chair, the weapon in his hand.

In the last stages of consumption; racked by pain; grieving over the loss of his young wife, who had died but a few months previously; harassed by a poverty that he was too proud to make known, he had sought the seclusion of his pet room surcease of sorrow, an end to all the responsibilities of life."

"I was always a coward," he muttered, as he shudderingly looked down at the revolver. "Yet somehow I did my work. When I charged the Spanish breastworks at Palmas at the head of my men I was in mortal fear of a wound of some kind. I was the first man inside the enemy's works. Men near me were cut down by machets, bayoneted or shot. I was untouched. My men never knew my fear; never noticed my white face. In the heat of the combat they took no heed of all this; but they cheered me after the fight was won.

"Then, again, that fight near the river, when I carried Sergt. Peters on my back after he was wounded—carried him through a deadly fire, back in our lines—ah, ha!—that's where I won the president's letter; but I was in agony lest some Mauser should send its bullet through me. But somehow I did my work.

"And now,"—he glanced again at the weapon in his hand—"it may hurt me," he mused, with something of boyish petulance. "Oh! I cannot bear the pain, in case it does not kill instantly; the crashing through my tissues and bones; and even though it kill me, there will be a momentary, a horrible agony.

"A coward I am, and always was; yet somehow I did my work."

Racked by a fit of coughing, he noticed that blood had come on his handkerchief again.

Something prompted him to take the sword of honor from its place on the wall and put it by his side; to gaze once more upon the medal and to take the president's letter and spread it acrss his knees.

"These will make me a brave man," he said.

But these acts failed to summon up the courage that he sought.

He looked again at his revolver and shuddered. Throwing open its breech, he hastily emptied it of its contents; then picking up the poker with a sharp blow he smashed the weapon and threw its shattered remnants into the dead embers of the hearth.

"Now I am a coward!" he exclaimed bitterly. "Somehow before this I always did my work."

Then it was that the bright, hopeful faces of his two young sons—one of 14 and one of 12—who were near at hand at play with other boys, came up before him, and their voices seemed to say: "No, no, you are a brave man and no coward."

A smile passed over his wan face.

"What was that?" he asked. "Is anyone in the room?"

He heard a faint sigh; that same faint, happy little sigh that had come from his wife as she died in his arms but a few months previous.

His wasted right hand was lifted from the desk whereon it rested by fingers invisible but supremely tender. A kiss, illusive, sweet and bearing in itself a message of angelic gratitude and approval was pressed upon it.

He leaned forward in his chair.

The blood gushed forth from mouth and nostrils and trailed in a crimson stream across the letter from the murdered president which lay in his lap.

No bullet caused it. It was the last hemorrhage. It was copious; it was merciful; and it took him.—N. Y. Herald.

Directing Electric Waves.

According to a description of his experiments given by Mr. Marconi, the confining of the electric waves used in wireless telegraphy to certain predetermined directions is a problem admitting of an easy, if not a complete, solution. A simple method is to substitute for the usual vertical antenna employed as radiator or absorber of the waves, a straight horizontal conductor, placed at a comparatively small elevation above the surface of the ground or the water. Experience shows that the radiation reaches a maximum in the vertical plane of this horizontal wire, and gradually dies out on each side of it. Similarly at the receiving station the maximum effect of the waves is felt in the vertical plane of the horizontal absorbing conductor. To attune the transmitting and receiving apparatus, their conductors are pointed in the same direction.

Not on Their System.

A society which disseminates moral literature sent a railway manager a bundle of free tracts to place in the waiting rooms. One of the tracts was entitled: "A Route to New Jerusalem." The letter the society received in reply declined the tracts on the ground that "We cannot place the tracts, as the N. J. is not on our system."

English Henpecked Club.

It is said that in Yorkshire, England, there is an organization known as the Henpecked club. Each candidate for membership is required to prove that he has been in the habit of taking his wife's breakfast to her in bed, blacking the stove, carrying up the coal and nursing the baby every night while his wife goes out.

Beautiful Roman Glassware.

There is no more beautiful glassware than that of the Romans, which, in many of the examples that still survive, is further beautified by its great age, the passage of centuries giving the surface of the vessels a bright, glossy, iridescent appearance, due to a decomposition of the outer surface.

Long Lived Parsons.

The clerical profession seems conducive to longevity. Dr. Howe, of Cambridge, and Dr. March, of Woburn, have just celebrated their hundredth and ninetieth birthdays, respectively, and recently the Rev. Dr. Bills, of Pittsfield died in his ninety-first year. —Boston Transcript.

Sultan's Unique Fire Screen.

The sultan of Turkey is said to possess a fire-screen 200 years old, made from the tanned skins of 12 faithful slaves who rescued a former sultan from a blazing palace at the cost of their own lives.

A Daily Thought.

No man needs sympathy because he has to work, because he has a burden to carry. Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Stamp of the Married Man.

A female witness in an East London county court declared that she could always tell if a man was married or not, "by the way he wheeled a baby's mail-cart."

Can Have Too Much Patience.

"Have patience," said Uncle Eben, "but don't have so much of it dat you's willin' to sit aroun' waitin' foh opportunities while somebody else does all de work."

Danger in Drinking-Water.

Water that has stood all night in a bedroom is quite unfit to drink. Cold water is a powerful absorbent of gases. This is why it is used in a sick room to help purify the air.

To Drive Away Rats and Mice.

For rats and mice an effective remedy is chloride of lime which is placed around and down the holes. A little cayenne pepper added to the lime is also very useful.

Walk Over.

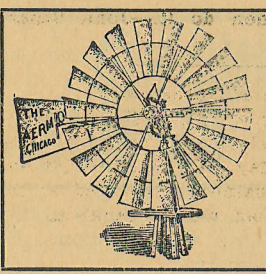
Perhaps the idea of building an English channel tunnel is to induce adventurous people to stop trying to swim across.

Author of Popular Nursery Rhyme.

The familiar nursery rhyme, "Mary Had a Little Lamb," was written by Mrs. Sarah J. Hale.

Judgment of Conduct.

Conduct, in the last resort, must be judged by its enlarging or diminishing effect on character.—Edith Wharton.



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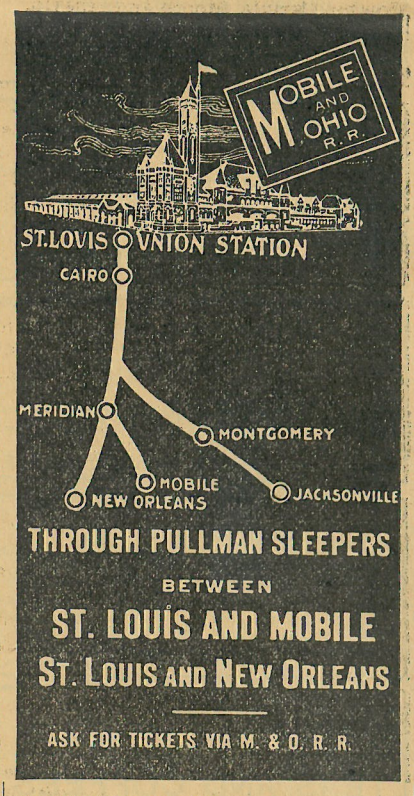
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Biblical Giants.

The famous giant of early times was Og, king of Bashan. Samson must have been of more than ordinary size, as well as extraordinary strength, but the most famous of all biblical giants was Goliath, whom David slew. How tall he was no account states, but he must have been most awe-inspiring to judge from the reluctance of any of the warriors to meet him in single combat until David offered to meet the redoubtable champion.

All Have Essayed Hamlet.

Almost every person who has been devoted to stage work has tried his hand on Hamlet, even amateurs. Leading actors who have impersonated Hamlet include Barbage, Betterton, Garrick, both the Keans, Macready, Forest, Booth, Barrett, Irving, Fechter, Beerbohm, Tree Creston Clark, Forbes Robertson, Robert Mantell, Sothern, Walker, Whitesides and others.

Sun's Immense Heat.

It is calculated that only a two-thousand-millionth part of the heat emitted by the sun is caught by the earth, whose coal-supply power is relatively so infinitesimal that if every bit of coal in the world were cast into one great bonfire and instantaneously burnt it would not generate as much heat as the sun produces each tenth of a second.

Genius and Music.

Hatred of music has been a characteristic of some persons of genius, especially in literature, philosophy and history—e. g., Johnson, Victor Hugo, Catherine II., Zola, Napoleon, Fontenelle and Gautier. On the other hand, among ardent lovers of music have stood Aristotle, Daudet, Darwin, Goethe, Carlyle, Moore and Ruskin.

Illustrious and Obscure.

The one man whom European scientists consider the first American expert of to-day in the line of bacteriological investigation, Theobald Smith, is almost unknown to the general public, even in Boston, where he lives and works.

The Influence of Dress.

You nede not, writes Helen Woljeska, look down upon the woman who spends some thought on her apparel and appearance. The way we dress is but another form of expressing our personality, and influencing our surroundings—for better or worse.

Ask Your Wife.

Kansas has a philosopher who says every man ought to ask himself: "Am I a fool?" He overlooks the fact that any married man can get information on that subject without bothering his own conscience about it.—Tacoma Ledger.

The Showy Front.

There are a good many people in this country who cannot wean themselves of the habit of looking with admiration on and having confidence in the man who puts up a showy front whether he has anything back of it or not.

Good for Polished Tables.

Polished tables may be kept in good condition if about once a week they are rubbed with a mixture of equal parts of turpentine and olive oil. Apply with a piece of flannel, afterwards polishing with a dry cloth.

Find Capability.

There is only one plain rule of life eternally binding. It is this: Try thyself unweariedly, 'till thou findest the highest thing thou art capable of doing, and then do it.—John Stuart Mill.

Lack of Opportunity.

"Some people," said Uncle Eben, "prides deirselves too much on bein' good on Sunday. De truth is dat dar ain' enough business transacted on dat day to give 'em much chance to be tricky."

Britons Knew of Glass.

The Britons, even before the Roman invasion, understood the making of glass, albeit their achievements appear to have been somewhat primitive and restricted to a few types of small vessels and beads.

A Poser.

Question for debating societies: When a fire insurance agent tackles a book canvasser, will the canvasser get his life insured, or will he sell a book?—Somerville Journal.

Chinese Detective Force.

The Chinese detective force is a secret body, and the best organized in the world. Its members keep an eye on every man, woman or child, and, in addition, watch one another.

The Making of a Name.

"The man who makes a name for himself in the world," observed the philosopher, "is the man who inspires others to make it for him."

The Essentials of Happiness.

The grand essentials of happiness are: Something to do, something to love and something to hope for.—Thomas Chalmers.

A Name for Them.

The great difficulty about having laws with iron teeth is that there are already too many lawyer dentists who make a specialty of pulling such teeth.

Greatest Helping Agent.

There is no such help in life as an attitude, well chosen and well sustained.—Agnes Repplier.

Fair to Both Sides.

Prince de Conti was not fastidious on the subject of the mass. He wished to have for his almoner the Abbe Prevost, the author of "Manon Lescaut." "Monseigneur," said the abbe to him, "I have never said mass." "Never mind," says the prince, "I never hear it."

Volume of Water in Lakes.

It would take at least eight or ten rivers like the Mississippi to contain as much water as Lake Erie, and Erie is the least of the five great lakes in that respect. Ontario covers a smaller area, but more than makes up for it by greater depth.

Genius and Brain Capacity.

Most men of genius have a high brain capacity. Lebon, on examining the skulls of 26 French men of genius, found that they yielded an average capacity of 1,732 cubic centimeters—a little more than 200 in excess of the average.

Women's Weakness.

From a business point of view, declares the Lady's Realm, there is nothing so fatal for a woman to possess as "accomplishments." The market is flooded with ladies of limited incomes, limited brains and a tremendous quantity of "taste."

Had to Go.

An active New Yorker rushed up to the ticket window, shoved his money through the hand-hole and said to the man in the office. "I want to go to Philadelphia!" The agent looked at him in surprise and answered witheringly: "You're a liar; you've got to go." He then handed out the ticket, smiling superciliously.

Mistakes of Learned Men.

It is a notorious fact that nearly all of the arts and sciences were violently opposed, at the time of their introduction, by the highly educated men. The true theory of the earth and sun, the motion of the heavenly bodies, gravitation, the circulation of the blood, vaccination, all had to go under censorship and be condemned.

Michigan Drained by Lake.

Of all the states which border on the great lakes Michigan is the only one which is drained or chiefly drained into these inland seas. As a rule, the drainage basin of the lakes is bounded by summits, commonly low and often difficult to locate precisely, which are surprisingly near their shores.

The Old and the New Day.

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities, no doubt, crept in; forget them as soon as you can. To-morrow is a new day; you shall begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Asbestos Stockings for Soldiers.

A new and rather surprising application of asbestos is for army stockings, which has been shown to be less irritating to the feet of soldiers on the march than other stockings, and the war department of Austria is considering their general adoption.

Mending Broken China.

To mend broken china powder a small quantity of lime and take the white of one egg and mix together in a paste. Apply quickly to the china to be mended. Place the pieces firmly together, and they will soon become set and strong, seldom breaking in the same place.

Romance in Real Life.

A woman living near Long Sutton, in Lincolnshire, who is 70 years of age, is going out to Australia to marry her old lover whom she lost trace of 50 years ago. Since they separated she has gone to the altar three times and the man twice.

Even the Wild Beasts at Ephesus.

A Montana man's life was saved by his high collar, which checked the course of his opponent's razor. A man with the courage to wear a high collar in this kind of weather deserves to escape from anything.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Gray Eyes and Intellect.

The gray eye is an almost universal characteristic of people of great intellect. Black eyes indicate an ardent temper, while light blue eyes, which are found chiefly among the Scandinavians, denote a cheerful disposition and a constant nature.

Uncle Eben.

"De world owes you a livin'," said Uncle Eben, "but you's gotter make some kind of a showin' to decide whether it's gwinter be cold mush or peaches an' cream." — Washington Star.

Riches.

Fairness and charity are sure fruits of heart communion with heaven, and these perfumes of the soul cannot be long preserved unless we come sometimes into a desert place and rest

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues. Also a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection, and a public hall of large size, comfortably seated.

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Another Bigelow Come to Judgment.

Poultney Bigelow, in an article in the November *Cosmopolitan*, on "Panama—The Human Side", touches the evils of landlordism in Panama. Says he:

"The Panama Railway owns all of Colon, and screws out of the wretched people exorbitant rents. The public-spirited men of the town are not permitted any share in the local government, and if they complain of abuses they are exposed to petty police annoyance such as made life intolerable in Havana before the war. Land would obviously fetch less rental if roads were built in all directions, so that the poor could put up houses where they pleased. But the officials of the Panama Railway are largely interested in Colon town-lots, and opposed to the removal of population from the Colon swamp to the healthful ground two or three miles away. They fancy themselves secure, for so far they have succeeded in controlling the press of the Isthmus and the canal administration in Washington. As land-owners they can renew leases or not; they can compel 'alterations'; thev can refuse water or supply it; they can even dominate the clergymen of the Zone by assisting them in securing church or school-property or by refusing their requests."

Such are the powers of landlords everywhere, emphasized and accentuated, when coupled with railroad monopoly—only another form of landlordism.

Mr. Bigelow further says:

"Let us put an end to the cruel monopoly of the Panama Railway; let us give the people land and not force them to herd in a swamp. Let our government forbid speculation in land, at least at Colon. Lease the land to him who works it, and charge him a fair tax; but do not sell it outright, do not give him the power to corner man's chief necessity. In this way we shall at Panama realize something of the dream which Henry George dreamed for the benefit of humanity."

It is easier to interest people in concrete things than in abstractions. You can interest people in Fairhope who would never try to see through the Single Tax philosophy. When tney comprehend Fairhope, they know the Single Tax.

Take Care of Yourselves.

We feel justified in the statement, from observation of the attitude of Baldwin County jurors,—and we say it with much regret—that victims of unlawful assaults cannot appeal to the courts with any sure hope of redress or protection. Not only in the cases which have been of particular interest to Fairhopers, but in several others which have come under our observation, the usual attitude of jurymen toward cases of personal violence is that they are simply personal affairs toward which juries have no duty—except to discourage litigation.

We have never noted any conception of the possibility of a man who would look upon personal violence toward another as something not to be thought of and when sustained not to be returned in kind. There seems to be no recognition of assault cases other than those in which both parties were equally willing to engage.

A logical consequence is that the victim who comes into court is presumed to come simply because he "got licked", and is viewed more as an object of ridicule and amusement than anything else. Even the common feeling of fair play, expressed in the phrase "take somebody of your size", seems to have no influence.

The moral seems to be; "Take care of yourself. If you are not physically able to do so, do it in some other way".

"Along the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay" is the title of a booklet issued last week from the press of the Commercial Printing Company of Mobile. The descriptive work is by David Holt, formerly city editor of the Mobile Daily Herald, now a compiler of semi-advertising literature.

The booklet is profusely illustrated with views of points along the Eastern Shore from Daphne to Zundel's, including several very good views of Fairhope, from photographs by Dealy.

As an introduction, Mr. Holt invokes the poetic muse, aud thus tells of

"THE LAND OF THE EASTERN SHORE"

Arise and go, leave sleet and snow,
For the land of the Eastern Shore,
Where the sun's bright glow warms the earth below,
And the evening winds thru the mossed oaks blow,
Driving misty clouds before..
Arise and seek, weary and weak,
For the Land of the Eastern Shore,
Where the pine tops speak of the blooming cheek—
You are lulled by the sound of the rippling creek,
Drawing strength from nature's store.
Whither away, fisherman gay?
To the land of the Eastern Shore,
Where the game fish play in the Mobile Bay,
Erom early morn to the end of day,
And the cold winds blow no more.
Whither art bound with gun and hound?
To the Land of the Eastern Shore,
Where the deer is found, where the quail abound,
And the wild duck flies from across the sound,
Finding rest in the Bon Secour.

Corporation Wins in Circuit Court

The case of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation against Geo. Fredericks for rent of land leased from the Corporation, was tried in the circuit court at Bay Minette, last week, before Judge Samuel B. Browne, and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff in the amount sued for, with interest.

It will be remembered that judgment was secured by the Corporation in the court of Justice du Mont at Point Clear against Messrs. Fredericks, Dealy and Dunnell, and the case appealed to the circuit court. Before the date of trial there, Messrs. Dealy and Dunnell paid their rent and and their share of the lower court costs, leaving the case of Mr. Fredericks to go to the circuit court—evidently by agreement to make it a test case.

Owing to duties in court at Mobile, The Corporation's attorney, Mr. James H. Webb, who is solicitor or prosecuting attorney for Mobile county, was unable to attend court at Bay Minette; but he secured to act in his stead, R. T. Ervin, Esq. who is credited, and we believe justly, with being one of the ablest attorneys in south Alabama- Judge Wm. S. Anderson, Judge Browne's predecessor, represented the defendant.

Messrs. Bancroft, Call and Gaston were summoned as witnessses for plaintiff, and C. K. Brown, Dealy and Parker for defendant.

The case coming on for hearing, defendant's attorney demurred to the complaint on the ground that the contract was void for indefiniteness and uncertainty and there was no adequate provision for making the rent definite and certain.

The points raised were argued at some length by the attorneys, attorney for plaintiff arguing that in the very nature of the case a definite rent could not be fixed in advance for future years, the lease, however, providing a definite method for the determining of the rent from year to year.

In this argument it became apparent that one of the chief points of attack by the defense was the payment of state and county taxes of lessees by the Corporation. Mr. Ervin made an excellent Single Tax argument defending this policy, though he insisted that it was not the business of the court to inquire into the justice or injustice of the contract. That should have been decided by the defendant before he entered into it. People were making bad and foolish contracts all the time, but they were not void on that account.

The court over-ruled the demurrer.

Mr. Gaston was then put upon the stand by Mr. Ervin, with the records of the Corporation, to show that the method for determining the rent provided by the lease contract had been pursued; that the rent for the years 1905 and 1906 had been determined in the manner provided, and the amount thereof.

It is of interest to note, in this connection, that the records showed that an appeal to the membership from the judgment of the Council in 1905, had resulted in sustaining the Council by a substantial majority, and that in 1906 the Council had called a meeting of the lessees, who had voted to ask the Council to leave the rents as they were in 1905, and the Council had followed the request of the lessees.

Asked by Judge Anderson how the valuations as fixed by the Council had been arrived at, Mr. Gaston said that they had been reached by a comparison of each lot with every other lot with regard to their advantages of location and natural qualities, and with a view to equalizing all lessees in their enjoyment of such advantages as accrued from the location and from the policies pursued in the community—in short, as provided in the lease contract. Mr. Anderson then entered upon a line of questions calculated to lay a foundation for an argument against the policy of paying the state aud county taxes of lessees out of the rentals, but objection of plaintiff's attorney to such questions was sustained by the court. Mr. Anderson made a zealous effort to get in the testimony desired, but was balked by the judge's rulings at every point. Mr. Ervin introduced no witnesses but Mr. Gaston and announced that "plaintiff rested."

Mr. Anderson put C. K. Brown on the stand and endeavored to introduce himas an "expert" on valuations at Fairhope, to testify as to his opinion of the comparative valuation of defendants' and other tracts, but questions were objected to as asking the witness's opinion, which was not competent testimony, and because his opinion was not pertinent, the contract providing that the Council's judgment,(subject to a referendum to the membership) should be the standard by which the rents should be fixed. The objection was sustained.

This practically closed the case.

Mr. Ervin asked the court for a "general charge" to the jury, and Judge Browne charged them "it they believed the testimony, to find for the plaintiff in the amount prayed for, with interest." The jury retired for a few moments and brought in a verdict according to instructions.

One provision of the present leases, the validity of which is questioned by some, (that providing a penalty of 1 per cent a month on delinquent rents) was not involved in this case, Mr. Fredericks' lease not containing the penalty clause.

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Subscriptions to the Wharf rebuilding fund are coming in quite encouragingly; but what we are going to need will be needed within a few weeks, and all who have surplus capital which they can let the committee have on the excellent security afforded by the wharf revenue and at the fair rate of interest which the committee propose to pay, should forward their checks or drafts to N. Mershon, treasurer, at once. Subscriptions received to date are as follows:

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A proof of the form of certificate appears on page six. Come on with your subscriptions.

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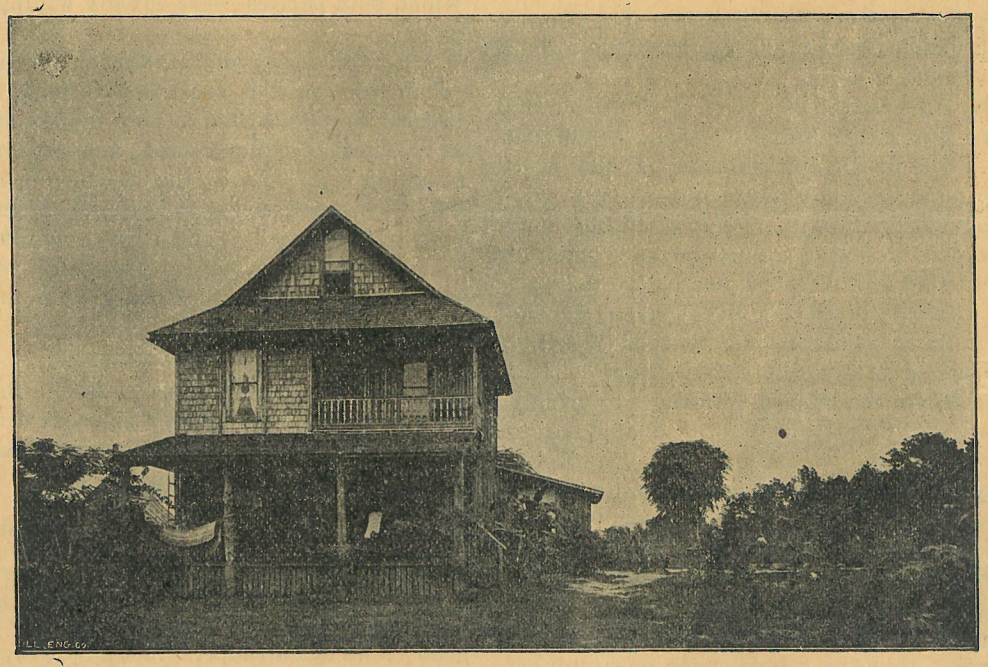
FIRE DESTROYED HOME!

Residence of Dr. Clara Atkinson Entirely Destroyed by Flames this Morning.--Adjoining Property Saved.

Fire totally destroyed the residence of Dr. Clara E. Atkinson this morning. with practically all her household goods, library and clothing, and the effects of the Gibson family, who were occupying rooms in the house.

The origin of the fire is not known, but presumably, it caught from the main chimney in the center of the house, either from a crack therein, or through one of the chimney holes. There was a fire in the fire-place below. When the fire was discovered practically the whole central portion of the house upstairs was ablaze and nothing could be done save to get out the furniture from one lower room, and then direct attention to saving the adjacent property. The wind was blowing from the east, which was fortunate, for if it had been either north or south it would have been very difficult, if not impossible, to prevent the house to leeward from catching. The house, which was a large two story and attic structure of pine, made a terrifically hot fire and was wholly consumed in a very few minutes.

The Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department was on the ground in good time after the alarm was given up town, and did excellent service in preventing damage to other property. The great need of more hose was very apparent, however, as well as for a greater elevation to our reservoir.



RESIDENCE OF DR. ATKINSON, DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The loss was total, the doctor having no insurance. She intended placing a policy upon the house and contents, but it was rejected on account of the terra cotta chimneys, though it is to be noted that the fire evidently originated in the big chimney "built from the ground up" as insisted upon by the insurance companies.

The doctor had practically all of her rooms engaged for the winter and regret over her loss will be shared by those who had looked forward to a pleasant winter with her, as well as many who have pleasant remembrances of hours spent there in the past.

Many pleasant associations cluster around the house, which was built during the second year, we believe, of Fairhope's existence, and has been the scene of much gracious hospitality and many pleasant social functions.

The doctor has made no plans for the future as yet. Numerous friends have warmly welcomed her to share their homes, but she will, for the present at least, make her home with her brother, Mr. Gaston.

Proposed Amendment Defeated.

The election on the proposed amendment to the constitution to give lessees a right of referendum on the acts of the council with regard to the expenditure of funds remaining after the payment of taxes, was held last evening.

A small vote was polled. Probably not half of the local membership was present. The vote stood 12 for the amendment to 28 against.

After the announcement of the result, Mr. Powell said that he was satisfied that the small vote for the amendment did not indicate so great an opposition to the granting of greater power to the lessees, but disapproval of the particular plan proposed for doing so. He had himself voted against the amendment because it did not go far enough to suit him. He moved that the subject be taken up and discussed. The motion prevailed and considerable discussion ensued. This was followed by a motion that: "it is the sense of this meeting that an extension of the right of lessees to participation in colony affairs is desirable and that a committee be appointed to draft amendments to the constitution to accomplish this end, the same to be reported to the local membership for consideration." The motion prevailed and the president appointed as such committee, Messrs, Bancroft, Rose and Lyons.

The president called attention to the situation regarding the water-works and it was moved and carried that we meet on Saturday evening to act upon the matter. The meeting then adjourned.

When people get interested in the Fairhope experiment they will soon be Single Taxers.

The Club Corner

Edited by Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb Comings

All ladies are welcome at these club meetings, whether members or not. Gentlemen are never excluded.

The Arts and Crafts Society

held its annual meeting at the Gables on the evening of October 10th. Plans for the winter were discussed, but final action was deferred until some of the workers who were still out of town should return. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb Comings
Vice president, Mrs. R. F. Powell
Secretary, Miss Mamie Zurhorst
Treasurer, Miss Frances De Coudres

A called meeting was held Oct. 26th in the Studio. It was decided to keep the present building for headquarters, purchasing the same in the near future, if possible. Two days in each week it will be used by Miss Scott for her work in physical culture and elocution. Classes in basketry under Mrs. Freeman, embroidery under Mrs. Yarnelle and drawn work under Miss Zurhorst will begin work at once. Mrs. Freeman will also form classes in raffia work and leather carving. The Studio has been thoroughly renovated, and all classes will meet there. The Society has a paid-up membership of over thirty, and a brighter prospect for continued existence than ever before.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union

also held its annual meeting on the 11th, but owing to small attendance adjourned to the 17th. Mrs. Finney opened the meeting with prayer, and the officers were then elected.

President, Mrs. H. N. Brown
Vice president, Mrs. Bertha Mershon
Secretary, Mrs. P. A. Parker
Treasurer, Mrs. Z. J. Tiffany

Hereafter all meetings will be held at the president's home. No program having been prepared, the meeting adjourned immediately after the election. At the next regular meeting, Dr. Mershon will give an address on "Patent Medicines: their Influence on the Individual and on the Community."

Owing to the destruction wrought by the storm at Citronelle, the state W. C. T. U. convention will be held at Gadsden. This will doubtless prevent Fairhope from sending any delegate or contestant for the grand gold medal.

The Henry George Club

met on the 18th. The program committee reported on the work for the season. The subject will be taxation; and Thomas G, Shearman's Natural Taxation will be used as a text book, two chapters being assigned for review at each meeting. At the close of the year, each member is asked to prepare a paper on the general subject. These are to be submitted to a committee of three, and the one adjudged to be the best is to be printed in the Courier. There will be three evening meetings during the year addressed by honorary members. The first will be at Mrs. C. L. Coleman's, December 3d. Mr. R. F. Fowell will talk on "Direct Taxation." Following the discussion there will be music, refreshments and a collection. The public are most cordially invited to attend these meetings.

The Village Improvement Club

devoted most of its regular meeting to a discussion of plans for the Thanksgiving dinner. It is to be an old-fashioned turkey dinner, with the price 25 cents, and it is hoped it will be well patronized, that the fund for rebuilding the hall, may be considerably increased. It was decided to use the proceeds for this purpose as so much work has been donated toward putting the school-house in order. The regular meeting of the

Fifth Thursday Club

falls on Thanksgiving Day and it has been decided to postpone it one week to Dec. 6th. The program will be

Review—"The Resurrection of Cynthia"—Miss Mary Gooding.
Recitation—selected.....Mrs. Grace Page.
Piano Recital..... Mrs. A. G. Pilcher.

The meeting will be held at "The Gables."

The application for membership in the Alabama Federation of Clubs has been accepted, and notice has been received of the state meeting to be held at Selma Nov. 14, 15, 16 and 17.

The Year Book

for all the clubs will be ready for the November meetings.

Storm Relief Contributions.

The following additional contributions for the relief of storm sufferers, in response to the Courier's appeal. have been received:

S. J. Chubb, Toronto Junction, Ont.	$1
M. V. Watros, Enid, Okla.	5
Collected by a friend at Western Springs, Ill.	15
Cash	1
	$ 22
Previously reported	277
	$299

This amount has been placed at the disposition of the committee previously named and by them distributed where they thought it most needed and deserved, the most of it among Fairhope people, of course, but some among neighbors who suffered, both white and black.

It has been a great pleasure to the Courier that, while unable to help financially itself, it has been instrumental in securing this much needed and gratefully accepted assistance from others,

In this connection we take pleasure in also reporting a subscription for $25 toward the rebuilding of the hall, made through the editor, by C. C. Mechem, of Mobile.

Wharf Rebuilding Being Pushed Vigorously

The committee having the rebuilding of the wharf in charge closed contracts for piling last week, with Otto Manteuffel and Peter Wilson, who began delivering piling at the beach almost at once. On Tuesday this week they contracted with John Leavins, of Point Clear to superintend the work of setting the new piling, and he went to work at it the next day.

Mr. Leavins has had a great deal of experience in the work, and was recommended by many as the most competent man on the eastern shore. He was fresh from the rebuilding of Zundel's wharf, which he put through in record time. The remains of the old wharf prove of great advantage in building the new. The cross stringers are still intact, and by pushing loose stringers or planking out over them, a good scaffold is made from which to handle the new piling. These are floated alongside, hoisted to place by a light movable derrick, and then "worked down." To do this, the piles are first given a long wedge point, and then being set to position, are rocked back and forth and readily put down five to six feet into the sand, which settles back solidly around them.

The piles are twenty to twenty-four feet in length, heart pine, not less than seven inches in diameter at the small end, which makes them eight to ten at the butt. They are set small end down, which gives the large end of the pile to shoulder on and nail the stringers to. The three rows of these will take over 500 piles.

The contract for putting on the stringers and planking has been let to L. S. Massey, who will begin the same at once, and endeavor to follow up the pile-setters closely. It will not be many weeks longer until the old tide of travel will be again flowing over the wharf and along Fairhope Avenue.

Work on the new steamer continues apace. The second deck is on, canvassed and painted, the ceiling all on below the second deck, the pilot house (all that was saved of the original house and which was set off on the wharf) put back in place, and much other work done. At the present rate of progress it looks as if she would be very nearly ready for service by the 15th of the month. Mr. De Kalb has taken hold of the machinery department and will have everything in first class shape there, when the carpenters and painters are done. All of the upper works, except stanchions and deck-beams, is being built of juniper, a very light but durable wood, which "comes high," but is worth it in saving of weight and in durability.

Miss Mary DeCoudres entertained a small party on Halloween.

Miss Chapman will address the Progressive League on Sunday, in the school house upon "Some Superstitions of Science".

Helen Call entertained a few of her little friends with games and refreshments appropriate to the occasion on Halloween.

Mr. John Wright, of Traverse City, Mich., an old friend there of our Mr. E. W. Jefferson, is here, will probably spend the winter and perhaps remain here.

Rev. D. M. Breckenridge, the new pastor of the Congregational church, is here and will begin regular services next Sunday, in Brown's hall, at the usual hours.

Mr. Joel Hansberger, of Columbus, Ohio, was a caller at the Courier office this morning. He is prospecting in this section, and some one on the wharf at Mobile told him of Fairhope,

Misses Clara, Dorothy and Mabel White took the following Fairhope misses home with them on Halloween evening to their lovely suburban home, where they were entertained over night: Dorothy Rowe, Hazel Williams, Marjorie Pilcher, Vera Littlefield and Leah Gaston.

Mr. Ernest De Kalb arrived from Philadelphia on Wednesday evening, to act as chief engineer on the *Fairhope II.* He is one of the most competent engineers that ever handled a throttle in this section and can command high positions elsewhere, but, like many others, he prefers to be in Fairhope.

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Ten Acre Home Close in

within less than a quarter of a mile of the school-house, 5 acres good level land cleared; whole place divided into 5 chicken runs, with 4 chicken houses; small dwelling; 60 peach trees, (elberta) 4 large figs, 20 grape vines, scuppernong arbor, all in bearing; fine well. A first-class place for a chicken farm.
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Interesting Land Case in the Circuit Court.

As usual, disputes over land occupied much of the time of the circuit court last week. One case, interesting for various reasons, was that of Frey *vs.* Thompson.

Mr. Thompson is a northern man, well known, as is his family, at Fairhope, who settled a little less than three years ago, near Fish River, south of Marlow, where he built a nice two-story house and made other expensive improvements on forty acres of land purchased of the Timneys.

About thirty-five years ago, a German named Jacob Frey settled in the Fish River neighborhood, and purchased of one Dannelly, forty acres of land, upon which he immediately located, and where he and his wife made their home. It appears that the land he purchased and entered into possession of, was the s. w. ¼ of the S. E. ¼ of a certain section. He knew little English, was unfamiliar with the laws regarding land titles or descriptions, and was not at once given a deed to his land. Later, a deed was made to him and placed upon record, but the deed, instead of being for the s. w. ¼ of the S. E. ¼, was for the s. w. ¼ of the S. W. ¼, evidently, from the evidence, an innocent error on the part of the conveyor, (who never owned the s. w. ¼ of the S. W. ¼); or, possibly, an error of the clerk who recorded the deed; for the deed has disappeared, and only the record remains.

Years afterward, the seller, Mr. Dannelly made a quit-claim deed to the late Samuel Timney for a nominal consideration, for lands owned by him in the section referred to.

Years passed on. Jacob Frey's wife died and he, with an inability to become Americanized, and with peculiarities which may have amounted to dementia and at any rate caused many to consider him mildly crazy, became a recluse and earned finally the sobriquet of "the hermit."

He lived alone on his land in a poor shack, having only about two acres of his forty enclosed, but carefully guarding it all from trespassers of every kind. In 1900 he died, leaving no relatives, so far as any of his neighbors knew.

As the evidence went, the deed to Mr. Timney, which had been secured several years before but not record ed, was put upon record the day after old man Frey died; and very soon thereafter, Mr. Timney pulled down the old shack, had some saplings cut down preparatory to clearing a portion of the land, cut and hauled off some saw-logs; in short, assumed ownership and possession of the land. A couple of years later he sold the forty to Mr. Thompson, who went ahead and made his home upon it, as before stated.

But Jacob Frey had an heir, a nephew who had never been known to manifest any interest in his uncle living, though his home was in Mobile; and learning of the valuable land left by his uncle, he established his heirship and sued for its recovery. Under the law of Alabama, a person in peaceable possession of land for three years next prior to being sued for possession of it, is entitled to recover the value of his improvements less the value of the rent for the time he has had the land, even though his title should be declared invalid.

Able lawyers contested the case on both sides, and the jury brought in a verdict confirming Frey, Jr.'s ownership of the land, fixing its value at $20 an acre exclusive of improvements, the value of the rent for two years and eight months at something over $200, and the value of Mr. Thompson's improvements at $2000, or $1500 less than he claimed to have expended.

To secure a clear title to his home, Mr. Thompson will thus have to pay on top of the $800 he paid for the land to start with, $800 as the value of the land and over $200 as rent (with a possible recovery of the original purchase price, having received a warranty deed). Frey has two years in which to repay the $2000 for the improvements, failing to do which, his right of recovery lapses.

It is needless to say that the writer's sympathy is all with Mr. Thompson, who in good faith, with arduous labor of himself and family and much expenditure of money, had sought to make a home for himself and them. But behind the carelessness, or possible dishonesty, which led to the unfortunate condition in which he is placed, lies the unjust and therefore immoral system which permits men to thrive without deserts, from the mere fact of *ownership* of land. Had the people, whose increasing numbers (generally and in this locality in particular) making increased demand for land, increased its value, taken that value for the common benefit, insuring to individuals the results of their own labor, such a situation would not have arisen. Court costs and lawyers' fees would alike be curtailed, but more justice would be secured.

Often people reject Fairhope's offers of land because they want the security of "owning their own land." Mr. Thompson's experience, and that of many others, shows that this is often more fancied than real.

We would call the attention of those who think Fairhope's rents are high, to the jury's estimate on the rental value of this land, which they fixed at $2 an acre a year. Their instructions were to fix it on the basis of the value of the land at the time Thompson took possession of it, unimproved; though it seems incredible that they could have so understood. They fixed the rent at ten per cent of the selling value fixed by them. And Fairhope has just had to sue two of its tenants for rent, one paying 55c. an acre, and the other 75c for land equally good, and vastly better located, the Corporation paying the taxes not only on the land but on their improvements and

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personal property, and expending the remainder for their benefit.

At this jury's estimate of rental values, Fairhope lessees have everything to lose and nothing to gain by appeals from the Corporation to the courts.

At the present time there are 98 pupils in the Fairhope public school, which is about twenty more than at the same time last year. Mrs. Sweet's room has fifty, and Miss Clement's forty-eight. The seats are entirely taken, and no more pupils can be received with the present accommodation. More children are sure to come later in the season, with the northern visitors; and it will then become a problem how to take care of them all. There is pressing need for an additional room and another teacher in Fairhope. Fifty children are entirely too many for one teacher, if she is to do justice to them all.

Mr. Gibson, wife, and three children, arrived on Tuesday evening of last week, with a view to making their home with us for a time at least. They are Indianians, but have been South for some time. Mr. Gibson met our Mr. T. N. Freeman at Gadsden, Ala., and it was upon his report and recommendation that he first came over to see, and later brought them here. They are at present in rooms in Dr. Atkinson's cottage, but expect to move soon into a large floored tent. Mr. Gibson contemplates building a good-sized launch, putting in a gasolene engine, and having it available for excursion parties, picnics' etc., something we have long needed.

We wish the Corporation could see its way to doing something more in the way of clearing streets over in "Division Two", south of the gully. There are scores of beautiful building sites over there whose desirability can only be properly appreciated by having the streets in front of them well opened.

Mrs. Vredenburg and little daughter were passengers on the last Mallory steamer from New York. Mrs. Vredenberg is an old friend of Miss Clements and Miss Manly. She expects to spend the winter here, and may decide to remain. She has rented the Knowles cottage for two months, with privilege of purchase and Miss Clements and Miss Manly will occupy it with her.

H. S. Lighthall, of Marlow, well known at Fairhope, was a caller at the COURIER office last week, on the eve of his departure with his wife for Chicago. Mrs. Lighthall has tired of Baldwin County, we understand, but the old gentleman thinks they may return.

Mrs. Freeman, Sr. and Jr., both returned to Fairhope Sunday, after an absence of two months. Mr. Freeman is expected in about two weeks. Fortunately their house was not much damaged by the storm.

Great Men Absentminded.

Absentmindedness is very common with the man of genius. Newton one day rammed his niece's finger into his pipe. Tucherel once forgot his own name. The archbishop of Munster, seeing on the door of his visitors' room a notice which read: "The master of this house is out," remained there awaiting his own return!

Pens to Be Made of Tantalite.

Both steel and gold pens are apparently doomed. Dr. Werner von Bolton delivered before the Electro-Technical asociation, in Berlin, the other day, an address in which he described the new metal tantalite, which is so hard that a diamond drill makes no impression on it.

Moral May Be Drawn Easily.

Scolding wives pay heed. A New York man saved the lives of his family by staying out late. On his arrival home at one o'clock in the morning he found his house full of gas and his wife and children sinking into unconsciousness. Had he stayed home and gone to bed at an early hour the entire family would have been asphyxiated. The moral is plain.

Small Things That Count.

A book, a song, or a few words which a passer-by let fall, a study undertaken in a prosaic design and through necessity, the least chance sufficies to an elevated mind to discover a world of ideas and of sentiments.—George Sand (Baroness Dudevant).

A Royal Palace.

The palace of the king of Siam is surrounded by high white walls which are a mile in circumference. Within them are contained temples, public offices, seraglios, stables for the sacred elephants, accommodations for 1,000 troops, cavalry, artillery, war elephants, an arsenal and a theater.

A "Regular Pickle."

Margie heard a neighbor speak of some one who was in trouble as being "in a pickle." Shortly after her small brother was planning some mischief and she exclaimed: "Oh, you mustn't do that, Harry, or you will get in a cucumber!"

Shopping Problem Solved.

In a recent circular issued by the organizers of an exhibition of lace and silk mantillas and silks in London, the following notice appeared: "Gentlemen accompanying ladies will find a comfortable smoke-room, with coffee and cigars free of charge."

Can Bet They Prayed Fervently.

An official of Tientsin, China, recently ordered five prisoners to pray for rain on the understanding that if it did not rain in three days they would be executed. There was a small rainfall, so another five were told off to repeat the experiment.

Awful!

"That was a fierce fight you had with Cholly," said Knox. "He claims he licked you." "Oh, the boastah!" exclaimed Gussie. "I admit he wumpled my cwavat dreadfully, but you should have seen his collar!"—Philadelphia Press.

War Pigeons Out of a Job.

Owing to the development of the telephone, the wireless telegraph and other recent scientific inventions, the Japanese military authorities have decided to stop the employment of carrier pigeons.

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Personal and Local

L. Barnhart is siding his cottage over the up and down boards.

Mrs. Jeannette Dennis spent Tuesday night with Miss Effie Mershon.

W. C. T. U. meets with President Mrs. H. N. Brown, on next Thursday, at 3 P. M.

The Schooner *Confidence* landed at Fairhope several drums of gasolene and a considerable amount of miscellaneous freight.

A R. Howarth has been putting a gallery on the front of his neat concrete block cottage, this week, assisted by Mr. Dyson.

J. B. Barber is clearing and fencing and getting ready to build upon his lots on Fels Ave., adjoining those of Mr. Staples.

Dr. Atkinson has received word from Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Summers that they expect to start for Fairhope about the 7th instant.

Mr. Berglin has replaced the old picket fence on the west side of his place with a substantial woven wire fence, strung on big juniper posts.

The *James A. Carney*, of the Bay Steamship Company's line, was put in the Eastern Shore line on Monday, and the *Pleasure Bay* taken off for repairs.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lawrence on Thursday of last week, their firstborn. This seems a great season for boy babies; and note the number of firstborns.

The Goodings' friend, MissMitchell, returned to her home in Chicago, on Tuesday morning, much pleased with Fairhope and thinking she might be able to send some people this way, to their and our profit.

A. C. Staples is pushing work on his cottage on Fels Ave. as rapidly as he can get the material. Mr. Corbett is assisting him. He has a very nice location on Fels Ave, and is building a nice six-room cottage.

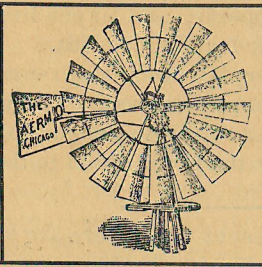
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Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Crosbie returned on Saturday evening from their Northern trip. They greatly enjoyed their stay and were much benefitted thereby, though the weather began to get quite cool before they left.

Mrs. Frank Creswell and children left on Saturday to join Mr. Creswell at Evansville, Indiana, where he has an excellent position as manager of a branch house for Armour & Company. Mrs. Creswell's mother, Mrs. Wallace, accompanied them to Mobile.

County Superintendent Lambert visited the Fairhope public school on Wednesday, and expressed himself as greatly pleased with the excellent work being done. He was impressed, as we all are, with the need of more room and, at least, another teacher.

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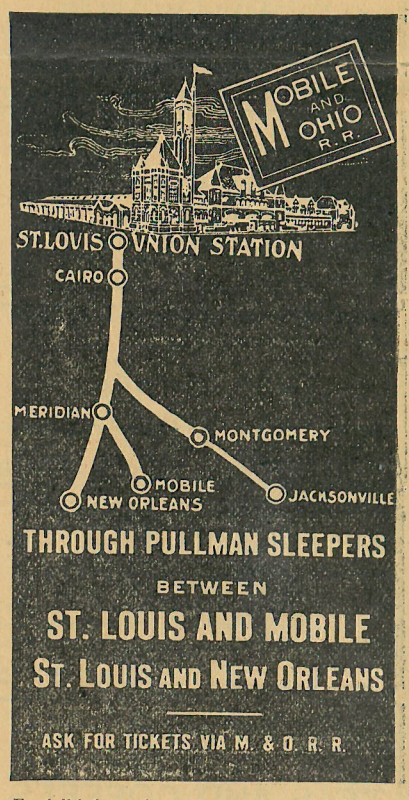
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Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama

The Undersigned having undertaken, by agreement with the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, to rebuild the wharf at Fairhope, damaged by storm on September 27, 1906,

Hereby Certify to the Receipt from _____

of _____ Dollars,

to be used in the rebuilding of said wharf:

To the repayment of the above sum, with other sums received for such purpose, or obligations incurred in rebuilding said wharf, with interest thereon at the rate of . . . . . per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, the entire net earnings of said wharf are, by authority of the said agreement between the undersigned and the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, hereby pledged.

It is distinctly understood and agreed by the party accepting this Certificate, that it shall in no event become a lien upon the wharf or any of the property of the Corporation, or become a debt of the Corporation, or confer any other rights upon the holder than to receive pro rata the net earnings of said wharf until this obligation is paid.

It is also distinctly understood that the undersigned or their successors incur no liability herein other than in good faith to apply the funds received to the construction of said wharf, and when constructed to administer the same to the best of their ability, collecting its revenues and applying them to the satisfaction of the obligations incurred by them as provided herein and in the contract entered into by them with the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation October 16, 1906, the conditions of which contract are accepted by the holder hereof.

The first payment of interest hereon shall be due July 1, 1907, interest Payments thereafter January 1 and July 1 of eash year until this certificate is paid.

The undersigned will, from month to month, deposit with the City Bank and Trust Company, of Mobile, Alabama, the net earnings of the wharf, and on the dates above specified will pro rate the sum thus accumulated (less interest payments) among the holders of like certificates who shall, at any time prior thereto, have signified their desire to participate in such division and shall have deposited with said bank their certificates for endorsement thereon of the amount received. Should no holders of certificates signify their desire to participate in such division, the undersigned may call in and pay the same in such order as they may elect.

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Mrs. Finney, Mrs. Capt. Foster's mother, left on Tuesday of last week, for New Orleans, where she will visit with relatives indefinitely.

Mr. W. T. Clark, of the Alabama State Horticultural Department, visited Fairhope last week, in the course of a trip through this section, inspecting fruit trees, etc.

We parted with regret on Wednesday, with Mr. Rose's friends, Mr. Geo. G. Dixon and family. They came a couple of months since from Tucson, Ariz., and were all really very much pleased with Fairhope, but Mr. Dixon thought our comparatively moist climate did not agree with him as well as the dry climate of Arizona, and he expects to return there and spend at least a year roughing it in the mountains. They went from here to Martinsburg, W. Va., their old home; where Mrs. Dixon and the children will remain, while Mr. Dixon returns to Arizona.

Miss Goldie Tiffany entertained her friends Wednesday evening with a Halloween party. The young people enjoyed a very pleasant evening with games, singing, dancing, recitations and music. Refreshments were served, the dining room being prettily decorated in gold and red. Those present were: Misses Effie Mershon, Irene Bell, Frances De Coudres, Bessie Littlefield, Louie Shepherd, Millie Beckner, Mr. Fred Sweet, Emmet Shepherd, Dr. Sheldon, Mr. Lyons, Rollie Curtis, Mr, Paul Albright, and Renzie Bell. Out of town guests were: the Misses Blanche, Pearl, Maud and Hugh Lowell, Mr. Davie Murdock, Betta Tuveson, Misses Viola and Clara Scanlon, of Euclid, Mr. Robert and Bert Klump and Dan Kensie, of Point Clear.

Eureka.

Isaacsten (late of Whitechapel, showing old friend over bathrom in new house)—"What am I goin' to do with it? Vell, you see, I've always rather wanted a place where I could keep goldfish!"—Punch.

To Renovate Polished Wood.

Marks on polished wood made by hot dishes should be rubbed with paraffin. This will remove the white marks, and you can afterwards polish with beeswax and turpentine in the usual way.

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India's "Sorrowful Tree."

The "sorrowful tree," which grows on the Island of Goa, near Bombay, is so called because it has a drooping, sad appearance during the daytime, its aspect changing as the sun goes down. Then its leaves open and fragrant blossoms appear.

Lawyer's Long Speech.

Lord Alverstone has the distinction of having made the longest speech of any living lawyer. This was when he appeared as counsel for England before the Venezuelan arbitration commission, and his address occupied 16 consecutive days.

How to Fix the Rug.

A rug sometimes becomes badly creased. To remedy this turn it upside down and wet the crease with a moistened broom until the rug is quite wet. Stretch the rug tight and let it remain over night, after tacking it with tinned tacks, which do not rust.

As It Is in China.

Filial respect is the foundation of the Chinese government. Paternal authority is never infringed. A son cannot carry a process against his father without the consent of all the relations and friends, and even of the magistrates.

But Once in Lifetime.

It is rare to meet twice in one's life a heart with which one may sympathize completely, or to tie twice knots so intimate and so solid that death alone may break them.—Viscountess De Lerchey.

Blew It Out.

Little Margie, aged four, was playing on the lawn, says the Philadelphia Record. Suddenly it became very cloudy and windy. Running into the house, she exclaimed: "Oh, mamma, the wind blowed the sun out!"

Heels Studded With Jewels.

Women whose jewel caskets metaphorically run over with precious gems may yield to the fashion, which is reported to have caught society's fancy in Paris, of studding the heels of dainty slipers with gleaming stones.

Cowardly Light.

Underneath the electric light button in the bedrooms in a popular hotel in The Hague are these words: "The electric light dares not be touched."—Harper's Weekly.

Giving Parties.

Giving parties is like washing dishes. By the time a woman thinks she has every one paid up she is invited again and has it all to do over again.—Atchison Globe.

Pretty Tough.

"I can't see," muttered Ragged Richard, turning in vain to find a comfortable position in the lumps of coal, "I can't fer de life o' me see why dey calls dis here car 'de tender.'"

Seems So.

"Some men," remarks the grouchy philosopher, "will name a boy Montmorency and then expect him to be able to earn his own living."

Bachelors.

It is noticeable about confirmed bachelors that they usually have ideas about the proper method of bringing up children.

Seal Long Under Water.

A seal has been known to remain under water 25 minutes.

Those Happy Days.

How sweet to my heart are the days of my piehood!—Baltimore Sun.

Given Away.

Mrs. Thomas Johnson Smith was being married for the fourth time in the little country church in which she had been raised. The ceremony was proceeding with all solemnity until the minister reached the point: "Who gives this woman to this man to be his wife," and a voice away back in the congregation replied: "I generally do."—Harper's Weekly.

Great Men's Idiosyncrasies.

Oliver Goldsmith, poet, historian and essayist, persistently argued that he ate his dinner by the moving of his upper jaw. Dr. Johnson believed in ghosts and second sight. Archbishop Laud had faith in dreams, counted the drops of blood that fell from his nose, giving importance to the number, and was, according to Macaulay, "a silly old dotard."

Misdirected Learning.

It is not learning in its truest sense that is condemned, but the misdirection of it. The burglar who makes use of the mechanical skill acquired when young to open bank vaults, which ends in bringing him to the penitentiary, will assuredly admit that his knowledge was a delusion and a snare.

Particularly Necessary.

"In order to become a successful traveling salesman," wrote the manager of a correspondence school for drummers to a long-distance pupil, "you must be plausible and persuasive—especially when it comes to explaining to the firm why you haven't landed any orders."

Fish Jump Into Boat.

A method of fishing that must seem odd to western ideas is practiced by the Chinese. The fisherman lets down from the side of the boat a screen of white canvas. The shoal of fish mistake this for some floating obstruction and try to leap over it, with the result that they jump into the boat.

Glass Blowing an Old Art.

In ancient Egypt the blowing of glass and the contriving of glass vessels were in vogue fully 2,000 years before the Christian era. One of the tombs at Sakkara bears a representation of glass blowing, considered to be the earliest known record of an art, which, even at that early date, might have been quite an old established institution among the dwellers by the Nile.

Demand for Alligator Hides.

About 150,000 alligator hides are shipped to the United States every year from Mexico and Central America.

A Swift Pace.

In these days it is often pretty hard for a man to keep his running expenses from getting so far ahead of him that he can't catch up.

Our Murderous Propensities.

A telegram states that Mr. Kressler, of Bloomsburg, shot a large white crane, a bird of rare beauty and seldom found this far north. The gentleman might with propriety be asked what the crane had done to him. Did he kill it because it was beautiful? Did he fear that the crane would thrust its deadly bill into him? Clearly, an explanation is due.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Daily Thought.

The best help is not to bear the troubles of others for them, but to inspire them with courage and energy to bear their burdens for themselves and meet the difficulties of life bravely.—Lubbock.

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It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues. Also a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection, and a public hall of large size, comfortably seated.

The Fairhope policy eliminates the land speculator entirely, and for those who WANT LAND FOR USE, whether for residence, business, manufacturing or farming, it can be readily demonstrated to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores, schools, blacksmith and butcher shops, doctors, churches, fine bathing and fishing, and exceptionally intelligent and sociable people.

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False Political Economy.

One of the inducements offered to working men to vote for protection was that the tariff enabled the protected manufacturers to pay higher wages. Henry George admitted that protection did *enable* its beneficiaries to pay higher wages; but claimed that simply enabling them to do what they did not want to do, did not cause wages to rise, for protection also enabled manufacturers to enrich themselves without raising wages, which they prefer. He showed that what the laboring man required was conditions that would enable the laborers to refuse to work for low wages.

It seems strange to me that Mr. George, after seeing the falsity of the protectionist claim, should make a mistake of the same kind himself; but in his paper, "*The Standard*", he stated that if a man was temperate and frugal, he could live on less than the intemperate, and would be enabled to work—and would work—for lower wages. This theory has been cropping out in Single Tax literature occasionally since then, and appears in Mr. Kiefer's article in the COURIER of Oct. 19. He says the man looking for a job "would at once see that this lowering of rent would enable him to underbid the man at work and still live up to the same standard that prevailed before the model apartments were built."

Laboring men do not want low wages. They do not compete to see who can work for the lowest wages, but all want as high wages as possible. Enabling them to work for lower wages will never lower wages one cent. When a man accepts lower wages, it is because stern necessity compels him, not because he has learned to live cheaper. The man looking for a job must finally accept work at some wage or starve. He does the best he can, no matter what standard of living he has been accustomed to. Model tenements at a low rent would tend to raise wages, instead of lowering them as Mr. Kiefer claims they would. For, as rents would be lower, the laborer could hold out for high wages longer than at present.

The tendency of competition is to equalize wages. Where all are employed, employers compete for laborers and wages rise. Where many are unemployed, wages fall; but if an unemployed laborer gets a job by underbidding a man at work, it is a rise for him; or if a laborer accepts lower wages because others are ready to work for less, it is proof that others are less fortunate than he. JAS. S. PATON.

Judge Browne Dispatches Business.

A new record in dispatch of business was made by the circuit court at Bay Minette last week, with Judge Samuel Browne on the bench. Forty-four civil cases were disposed of, leaving but few cases on the docket; of which a number were "continued for settlement." The jurors called for the first week were excused on Friday afternoon, the Fairhope S. T. Corporation's case being the last to be disposed of. The grand jury concluded its work on Saturday morning, reporting sixty-five true bills and making several important recommendations to the court.

Judge Browne took up the criminal docket on Monday of this week, with a determination to dispose of it if possible this week. The judge deserves the thanks of tax-payers and those having business at court, for his efforts to dispatch business.

Attorneys, jurors and witnesses who thought "any old time would do" to report on cases on which they were called, found out early last week that they could not take any chances with Judge Browne. Tardy witnesses were reprimanded, and several were fined; and attorneys were notified that if they were not present when their cases were called, the same would be dismissed.

The case of J. Bellangee against R. A. Hail for damages arising from the assault made upon Mr. Bellangee by Dr. Hail on February 28, 1905, was tried in the circuit court at Bay Minette, last week, and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff with damages fixed at one cent. Mr. Bellangee was not present to testify in the case, not arriving until his attorneys were arguing the case before the jury. Whether his testimony would have made any difference in the result is quite doubtful; for to one hearing the evidence and the rulings of the court neither would have seemed to have been seriously considered by the jury, notwithstanding the fact that the plaintiff got the verdict. For the defendent's attorneys conceded to the jury the necessity of their so finding.

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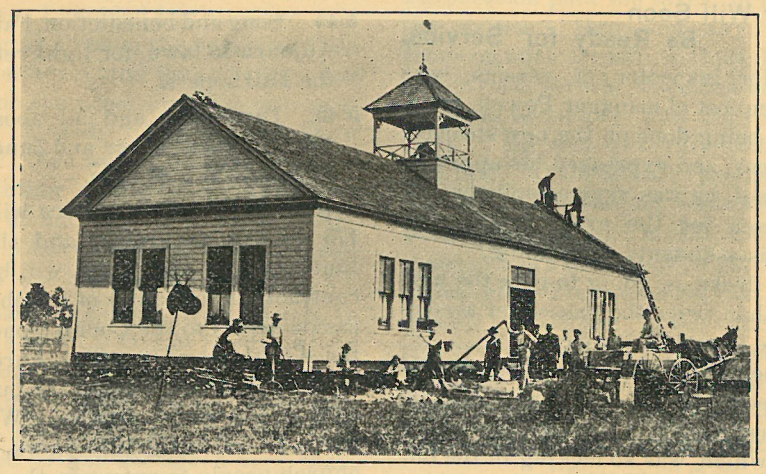
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HERBERT S. BIGELOW ON LESSONS FROM SWITZERLAND.

The great Republic of the West has much to learn from her sister in the Alps.

Switzerland is less than half as extensive as Ohio, and lacks, by a million, as many people. But in the purity of her democracy there is no state of our Union which is to compare with her, unless it be the state of Oregon.

This little republic has no standing army, but she exerts in the world a moral influence greater than the power of armies. Her influence counts especially for two things. One of these is peace.

How has she managed to escape the slavery of militarism, when the nations that surround her are stupendous camps of fighting men? Because, after the battle of Waterloo, these nations agreed to make Switzerland neutral territory. Why not enlarge that neutral zone, and let it include the whole of Europe?

The Lion of Lucerne sleeps on these Swiss hills; the velvet valleys are sacred with the shrines of Morgarten and Sempach and Nafels. The legend of William Tell and the spirit of Arnold Winkelried abide in the Forest Cantons, and every mountain is a monument to the deathless courage of the men who fought for freedom on that great battlefield of Europe.

But these mountains, that keep the memory of glorious wars, are also the sentinels of a more glorious peace. What was the battle ground of Europe has become the pleasure ground of all the world, and the Alps that stand guard there seem to be watching the surrounding armies, resolved that never again shall human blood defile their mountain torrents nor the curse of war profane their solitudes. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the Swiss Republic, that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace!

But there is one thing greater than peace, and that is liberty. In the quality of her liberty, as well as in the example of her peace, the Swiss Republic is evangel among the nations.

Liberty is a state of balance between two principles; between federation and self-government. Federation without self-government is tyrrany. Local independence without federation is anarchy.

Our own Republic taught the world the lesson of federation. The Swiss deliberately copied our federal constitution. But the old town meeting was the cradle of our liberties, and that, in our scheme of government, has been lost. In the Swiss system, however, we find a great problem solved. They have saved the essential democracy of the town meeting without losing any of the blessings of federation. In his "Rise of the Swiss Republic", Mr. McCrackan says:

"It will always remain the chief honor and glory of Swiss statesmanship to have discovered the solution of one of the greatest political problems of the ages; how to enable great masses of people to govern themselves directly. By means of the Referendum and Initiative, this difficulty has been brilliantly overcome. The essence and vital principle of the popular assembly has been rescued from perishing miserably before the exigencies of modern life, and successfully grafted upon the representative system.

Berlin Landlords Getting Scared.

Editor COURIER: In the *Deutsche Volksstimme* of Oct, 20th, (organ of the German Single Taxers), I notice the following item taken from the *Berliner Lokal Anzeiger*:

"The Single Tax is throwing its shadow before itself. Although the Grundwerthsteuer (ground value tax) is not yet adopted here in Berlin, yet our landlords deem it as something unavoidable and begin to figure with it.

In most of the leases that were executed the last few months the following clause has been inserted:

'In case the ground-value tax is adopted, then the lessee is to assume the payment of the same, etc. etc.' "

A correspondent of the *Lokal-Anzeiger* makes the following comment upon the above:

"This clearly disproves the claim of the Bodenreformer (Single Taxers) that a tax on ground value cannot be shifted".

To this the *Volksstimme* remarks:

"We are delighted with the landlords' giving up their opposition and preparing for their disaster, As regards the shifting of the Single Tax, they will learn a lesson by experience. They will, no doubt, succeed in scaring for awhile those unaware of the *modus operandi*, saying to them; "If you don't sign such a contract to assume the paying of land-value tax, we will not rent you any land, at all".

F. BURGDORFF,

Cleveland, Ohio.

the *Volksstimme* should have added that the only two things that can give anything increased value are, an increased demand, or a decreased supply. Taxes on commodities act to discourage production, thereby decreasing supply. Increased taxes on land cannot decrease the supply of land; but, on the other hand, cause an increased demand of landlords for tenants to use their lands (much of which. there as elsewhere, is not used or very poorly used), so that they can pay the increased tax; and when landlords seek tenants rents come down.

Hamlin Garland, the well know Single Taxer, author and lecturer, writes for information about conditions at Fairhope, in behalf of friends who think of coming south.

Put in the City Water.

The reduction of water rent to the nominal rate of $4 a year, $1 a quarter, for ordinary household use for a house of six rooms or less —other charges in proportion—should stimulate other householders to have connection made with the mains, to help pay off the water works debt and have the great convenience of water under pressure.

There is not a day but that the writer voices his appreciation of the "city water". Except on rare occasions, it is as clear as crystal, and, we are sure, much more healthful as well as more pleasant to the taste than any cistern water. And, while the water from the deep wells about town may be as good and pure, no one can afford the labor for himself or household of drawing or pumping it for the cost of connection and the $4 a year water rent.

New Steamer Will Soon Be Ready for Service.

Captain Taylor, inspector of vessels, was over, at the request of manager Powell, to inspect the work being done on the new steamer, while in progress, and expressed his approval of same. In fact, he was very complimentary to foreman Olsen for the exceptionally fine work he and his assistants were doing.

Having two decks is going to give the new steamer more than twice the passenger accommodations of the former Fairhope.

There will be a nice cabin for white passengers on the second deck, with lots of outside room—even more important than cabin room in this climate— which was so lacking in the old steamer; and there will be a fine cabin on the lower deck aft, for colored passengers. Work on the steamer is progressing rapidly now, and we hope by next issue to be able to announce the date when she will be ready for service.

Engineer De Kalb is greatly pleased with her engines, and says they are as fine as he ever saw in a boat of her class.

A Novel by Henry George, Jr.

Henry George, Jr. will have from the press of the Mc. Millan Co., New York, in a short time, a novel entitled "The Romance of John Bainbridge." The publishers write the COURIER:

"We look upon it, not only as an excellent novel, but as a powerful tract for advancing the economic ideas that Mr. George had at heart".

A friend also sends us an interesting clipping from a Seattle daily (where Mr. George laid the scene of his story) telling of his visit there and the strange coincidence of his having his hero take an active part in a municipal ownership agitation there, without knowing there was any such movement there, and finding on his visit just such a campaign in progress as he had pictured.

Mr. George writes extremely well, and we have no doubt his story will be interesting and instructive, as well. There is no more effective method of propaganda than the well written "stor with a purpose".

A Notable Event.

A notable event for Fairhope will be a session of the Alabama State Convention of the Disciples of Christ, on Saturday, the 17th. The convention will open in Mobile on Thursday, November 15th; and Rev. Claude E. Hill, pastor of the Mobile church, who makes his summer home at Fairhope, has arranged for the entire body to come over to Fairhope on Saturday and hold an afternoon session in the local church.

Not only will ministers from all over this state be in attendance, but some of the most noted members of this great religious body from other states.

The programme for Saturday afternoon, as arranged by Rev. Hill, is as follows:

1:45 sharp. Steamer "Pleasure Bay" leaves foot of Dauphin Street for Fairhope.

3:00. Fairhope Church. Devotional arranged and led by Fairhope brethren.

3:20. "Education of our Girls and Boys"—W. T. Moore, President Christian College and Dean of Bible Chair, Missouri University, Columbia, Mo.

3:50. Song—No. 302.
"How I teach the wee ones"—Miss Mamie Osborne, of Anniston.

4.10. The Holy Spirit as Teacher and Monitor —J. H Garrison, editor Christian Evangelist, St. Louis.

4:45. Song and benediction, Fairhope brethren. Adjourn to lawn for light refreshments with the Fairhopers.

5:45. Farewells, and all aboard for a look at Battles, Point Clear and Zundel's, and return to Mobile at 8:30 p. m.

It is expected that there will be from 150 to 175 on the excursion, and the furnishing of luncheon for the party will be a rather large contract for the ladies of the church. The occasion seems to the COURIER one of such importance to the town that the church ladies should have the co-operation of the public-spirited ladies of the whole village. We should all, regardless of religious views, help the local church people to entertain the visitors in a way to reflect credit upon our community.

Watros Favors More Liberty to Lessees.

M. V. Watros, in a recent letter to the editor, wrote of the proposition to amend the Constitution to give greater liberty to lessees:

"I don't just like that proposed amendment. I think it would be a wise move to divorce the Fairhope S. T. Corporation as such from the local or town government. They through their duly elected officers to fix and collect of course the amount of ground rent charged each tenant, as now, pay all taxes as now, together with the necessary bills for such assessment and collection, and then turn every penny of the balance into the town treasury to be expended as the town council may direct; said council and executive officers they may select being duly elected by residents of Fairhope, whether members of the Corporation or not.

"The wharf receipts should be kept in the treasury of the Corporation, to repair or on occasion rebuild same. We now have wharfage down to a basis that will not more than properly maintain and keep in repair the same. In short, let the Corporation attend strictly to Corporation affairs, leaving the people to govern themselves as they wish, and expend their own money as they please. If there is enough to pay current needs, it will show that the Corporation is collecting about the right amount. If not, if their wants outrun their payments, they must either pay more or go without. What the Corporation should do, is to collect the last penny of *ground rent* and leave the rest to the dear public.

"If we are to change, let's go the whole hog and change it right! Then stand pat as landlord, having a legal right to do as we please with our own, but, under our leases to tenants, giving back all not needed to pay taxes and necessary expenses into a public treasury, to be expended as the whole citizenship desire."

More Storm Relief.

We acknowledge the following (unsigned):

"DEAR COMRADE:

"Please accept the enclosed for the Fairhope relief fund, from a California friend of the Single Tax."

Pasadena, Calif.

Five-dollar bill enclosed.

The Single Tax Review.

The autumn number of the Single Tax Review is at hand, with the following interesting table of contents:

Land Taxation in New Zealand, P. J. O'Regan
Public Ownership and the Single Tax, William J. Ogden
Philosophic Anarchism and the Single Tax, James F. Morton
A Single Tax Town of 1867, Judge Edward Osgood Brown
Impressions of the Movement in England, William Lloyd Garrison
Distinctions between Single Tax and Socialism, John Z. White
Socialism a Reversion, Ernest Crosby
Under What Name? Hon. James W. Bucklin
Some Views of a Recent German Pamphlet, Grace Isabel Colbron
Death of Wellesley Bourke
Death of F. P. E. Potter
Editorials: Samuel Brazier, Oliver R. Trowbride, E. J. Shriver, John Harrington
News—Foreign
Communications
Frederick F. Ingram
The Effect of Government Ownership of Railroads upon the Single Tax, J. J. Pastoriza
A Socialist's Tribute to Henry George, Chas. Ervin
Book Reviews: Henry George, Jr.'s, New Novel

Tax Reform in the City of London!

"The Council has now entered on the biggest struggle of all, It aims to break the land monopoly which afflicts London, as it does all English cities. It has joined an agitation for the 'taxation of land values', which is the English equivalent for the Single Tax philosophy of Henry George. More than one hundred cities have united in demanding of their representatives in Parliament the right to retake for the local purposes a portion of the unearned increment which results from the cities' growth; and the present liberal ministry is pledged to such a measure.

FREDERIC C. HOWE,
(in *Scribner's Magazine* for November).

In the autumn number of the Single Tax Review, P. J. O'Regan, writing of "The Real Truth Regarding Land Value Taxation in New Zealand" and William Lloyd Garrison on "Impressions of the Movement in England" present the condition—and we believe the *real* condition of the land-reform movement—in a light which cannot but be discouraging to those who have been led to look for the early triumph of the Single Tax in its entirety in these countries. While a great deal has been done, and statements which seem astonishingly radical are made in high places (particularly in England), there is the usual failure to get right down to the bed rock of either principle or practice. Such news is not pleasant, but if true—and we doubt not it is, it is wholesome. The reaction from extravagant and unfounded hopes is hard on the enthusiast. We are encouraged to persevere in the Fairhope effort to secure as much of the benefits of Single Tax as possible in advance of legislation; and furthermore, we know of no more effective way to advance our reform generally.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

November 6:—Your $1 for the COURIER came duly and was duly reported to mailing department, dear Geiger.—Don't worry about the Pines; "*resurgam*" begins to be suggested here and there, that is, where any resurrection is possible. The old Kudzu is cut down close to the ground; the wistaria in front of the cottage that had also reached the top of one of the pines that broke some eight feet from the ground, I do not know what to do with. Most of the debris near the house is cleared away, and there is prospect even of getting the cold-pit built anew—repairing it is out of the question. * * * You promise to come to Fairhope. Now is a good time for one like you who enjoys righting up things! And then, how interested you would be in the clubs, the *Arts and Crafts*, the *Henry George* and the others. Note the program in the last COURIER. * * * A friend asks if I visited Casa Tonti during my late vacation. One of the most notable incidents of the journey was a visit to the old home of the Howlands at Hammonton, N. J. On arriving at the station I found friends waiting with a carriage to take me wherever I wished to go. When asked the question, I said: "Of all places I wish most to see my old home, Casa Tonti". We were soon there for the distance is not more than half a mile. I found the place in a very forlorn condition, with the single exception of the chestnut grove. The sight of this was cheering, the trees havimg grown passably since 1885, and they were of fine shape. Driving through this grove we came to desolation. The buildings were all there except the corn-crib, but all showed deterioration. Even the model chicken-house of concrete, had holes in the walls near the ground, and all the new "improvements" had been taken out. * * * The place was occupied by an English family named Hey. They were very kind to me, and Mrs. Hey gave all her time to answering my questions, and allowed me to go all over the house. In the "new" part having a large bay window, I sat down before the organ which stood where Edward's desk was in the old days, and tried to play an air he loved. I could not play it passably under any circumstances,—not at that moment, certainly, because of the sadness that filled my heart. x x x Mrs. Hey explained that the place was in bad condition when she came to it. She did not wish me to think her responsible for the desolation there. I had heard that Mrs. Hey was disturbed over the two graves upon the place. I wished to reassure her. I told her one was the grave of Ada Clare Noyes, and the other of her baby daughter, Agnes, or "Nessie" as she called her; that Mrs. Noyes was e gentle lady and would harm no one in life or death. Mrs. Hey begged me to understand that I was misinformed; that she wished to know the place of the graves that she might honor them for my sake; I felt that she was very kind and was grateful for her consideration. x x x As we hunted under the trees and under growth, trying to locate the graves, Mrs. Hey spoke of "Mrs. Green" who had been unable to tell her where they were, but knew me well, and was an admirer of mine. x x x At last I found the four evergreens that had been planted by Ada's son Aubrey, at the angles of the little spot. One of them was dead, and the others were dwarfed by neglect, and choked by the growth around them. While Mrs. Hey talked she casually mentioned "Minnie Green", when —Presto! It all flashed upon my memory. Mrs. Green was an old friend and neighbor. We were both fond of cultivating flowers and exchanged our treasures during many years. Then, to my delight, I learned that my old neighbor was not only in the old cottage, but that her daughter Minnie was then on from New York visiting her. I asked the friends in the carriage to drive to the Green cottage, which was quite near. At my suggestion they stopped outside the grove in front and I walked through alone. An elderly lady, quite gray and showing lines of sorrow and care in the face, sat in front cleaning cranberries. I approached her as unceremoniously as I would a quarter of a century ago, and asked her to lend me her trowel. She looked up inquiringly and asked me where I lived! evidently not wishing to lend her garden tools to any irresponsible person. I avoided her question, told her I was taking up lilies of the valley at Casa Tonti, (which was true), and that a trowel was not to be found on the premises. She still looked bewildered. I said: "You do not know your neighbors? Are we not always lending things to each other and exchanging plants and bulbs—you do not know Mrs. Howland?" I think she would have dropped when she recognized me, had she been standing. x x x I was to have staid that night with friends in the village, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Berry, where friends had been invited to meet me. Mrs. Green and Minnie were among them and strongly urged me to go home for the night with them. I did so and we talked very nearly all night. In the morning we had breakfast in the grove. We had calculated the time required to catch the train to a nicety, but arrived just as the train pulled out. This, however was no misfortune, for it gave me an opportunity to see more of dear old Hammonton where Mr. Howland and I passed the best part of our lives. How we worked together, pulling out the big stumps with Mr. Pressey's grand Stump-Puller, when we first settled on our 22 acres. The Presseys were our near neighbors and most intimate friends. Mr. Pressey was the inventor of the Stump Puller, the best in the world, I believe. The power was applied through two long, strong levers attached to steel rings or bands on a perpendicular steel shaft. On the lower end of this shaft were the great, curved grappling claws. We were strong then and it was real pleasure to pump on those long levers and see the claws grip and the stump slowly rise. Mr. Pressey, who never knew how to deny a favor, lent us one of those fine machines, and would not take anything for the use of it tho we must have used it for months at a time. x x x The evening at the Berrys was very enjoyable and I was delighted to see so many dear familiar faces, most of them less changed than myself, I think. I regretted that I had no time to vis it the High School, greatly changed since it was taught by the Howlands in the upper part of a big barn-like structure.

(*) In "Letters sent to the COURIER while away I desribed the fine home of the Presseys on the historic Hampton Roads in Virginia, on the water of which will be seen next year ships from every country of the worln. They are to be sent to honor the tri-centennial of the settlement of Jamestown, the oldest permanent settlement of the U. S.

A gentleman in the court-room at Bay Minette, when the Fairhope rent case was on trial and hearing the attorney explaining how the Corporation paid the taxes of lessees, said to the writer: "Have you any more locations there on such terms? I think I will come over and invest several thousand dollars in some business or factory and let you pay the taxes on it". He was satirical; but we promptly told him, "Come ahead; you can't bluff us out that way. That is just what we want, to have people come in and invest money in Fairhope —not in town lots, but in good buildings, factories, etc, For we know that the whole community will share in the benefit. And if our policy of paying the state and county taxes encourages you or any one else to do so, it is doing just what it is intended to do".

"Science" Defined.

EDITOR COURIER:

In giving the Standard Dictionary definition of "science" at the last meeting of the Progressive League, memory was at fault, and part only was given. The correct definition follows:

"Knowledge gained and verified by exact observation and correct thinking, especially as methodically formulated and arranged in a rational system."

The human race is to be congratulated that it does possess one thing that is free from error.

Truly yours,

I. LANCASTER.

Wm. Gray reports the receipt to him individually of $5 from Fred Heather, and $3 from Fred Bodley, both of Little Neck, Long Island, N, Y.,—old friends of his— for the relief fund. Mr. Gray might well have kept the money to himself, for he was a storm sufferer; but he turned it over to Capt. Lawrence to be applied to local repair work beyond that covered by volunteer labor.

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within less than a quarter of a mile of the school-house, 5 acres good level land cleared; whole place divided into 5 chicken runs, with 4 chicken houses; small dwelling; 60 peach trees, (elberta) 4 large figs, 20 grape vines, scuppernong arbor, all in bearing; fine well. A first-class place for a chicken farm.
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Council Proceedings.

Council met in regular session Monday evening, with Bancroft, Rose and Patterson present, Call and Mathison absent.

Minutes read and approved of meetings of Oct. 15 and 16, and Nov. 1.

Wharfinger reported wharf business as follows:

Week ending Sept. 22: pass. $5.60 (76 coupons), freight $25.89, total $31.49; paid treasurer $18.82.

Week ending Sept. 29: pass. $2.70 (46 coupons), freight $15.06, total $17.76; paid treasurer $10.66.

Week ending Oct. 6: pass. $2.25 (18 coupons), freight $7.83, total $10.08; paid treasurer $6.05.

Following bills allowed:

G. M. Bancroft:	
surveying and road work..	$ 7 78
E. B. Gaston, printing, etc...	5 00
one and one-half days with Mr. Webb on wharf plan and expense	4 75
Van Bavel & Koopman:	
12 cords boiler wood at $2.80	33 60
John A. Patterson:	
paid G. A. R. Lawrence for 8 days use of schooner	8 00
Sundries.....	2 00
J. W. Braam:	
telephone work.....	4 90
J. Bellangee:	
work on wharf bill July 23 to Oct. 3	16 87
Mershon Merchandising Co.:	
team and man on road	1 75
Wm. Call: surveying.....	1 50
Wm. Stimpson:	
surveying and road work..	2 00

Bill of American Supply Co. for nails for wharf referred to parties undertaking rebuilding of wharf.

Bill of H. C. Oswalt, for assessment for incidental school expense for 75 children on Colony land, $17.50, referred to school committee.

Bill of Wm. Stimpson, of school committee, for balance due him on last year's school, $10.37, was allowed.

Mr. C. K. Brown was present and complained of nuisance of tank overflowing in front of his store property, and also requested the acceptance of certain tax receipts of R. A. Hail and Fairhope Drug Co., on rent of Mrs. A. B. Hail.

It was moved and carried that the treasurer be instructed to accept the receipts if satisfied that the same are for property held on Colony land,—secretary to write tax-collector regarding same.

On recommendation of committee, it was voted that rent should be charged on pavilion site at $10 per annum, from date of granting lease to December 31, 1906.

Application of M. V. Mathews for south 132 ft. of Jacobs tract with request for transfer of same, by H. Creswell, agent, was granted.

Application of J. B. Barber for lots 4, 5, 8 and 9, block 28, div. 2, was granted.

Request of Wm. Stimpson for rebate on rent on 20x900 ft. on west side of his tract, taken for street, was referred to Supt. Lands and Highways.

Transfer from M. E. Rathburn to Levi B. Wells of w. 100ft. of lot 3, block 7, div. 1, approved; also, transfer of Claude E. Hill to John Hakoson, of lot 4, blk. 14 F, div. 2.

Request of T. J. McIlrath to relinquish all but w. 132 ft. of north end of J. W. Lawrence tract, granted.

Secretary directed to send a copy of 1906 rent list to all lessees, with request that they give the Council their estimate of proper rental valutions for 1907.

Messrs. Rose and Patterson appointed a committee to act for lessees and Corporation in returning property of lessees for taxation on next Saturday.

Application for membership of A. K. Trenholme reported upon favorably by committee, and same was accepted.

Adjourned, to meet Monday evening, 12th, to take up rent appraisement.

Members Consider Water Works Matters.

The members met in the "Conundrum," on Saturday evening, to consider water works matters, and, after some discussion, it was decided as the sense of the meeting that water rent should be reduced from $9 to $4 for a house of six rooms or less, for ordinary household use, to take effect Jan. 1 next.

Also, that the proposition made some time before by Messrs. Gaston, Powell, Brown (F. L.), Pilcher, Patterson, Rose and Comings, for taking care of water works indebtedness (published in COURIER of Oct. 5), be accepted, if they will accept in lieu of the free water provided therein the reduction of water rent to $4 a year.

COUNCIL ACTS ON MEMBERS RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Council met immediately after the members' meeting adjourned and acted in accordance with the recommendations of members.

President and secretary were also authorized to draw an order on treasurer for the amount of water works fund on hand and for such other sum as can be realized from stumpage to be applied upon note of American Supply Co.

Rev. Mrs. Oliver left on Monday morning for Leesburg, Fla. On Thursday evening of last week a farewell reception was given her at the church by her friends and co-workers, after the usual prayer-meeting service. Mrs. Oliver came to Fairhope about two years ago, expecting to stay only a day, but liked the place so well she stayed on and on. She is a lady of high character and remarkable ability as a speaker and has exerted much influence for good in our community. The COURIER follows her to Florida; and her interest in Fairhope, we are sure, will not diminish.

The weather is elegant now for wharf and boat building and all out door work, but not so good for fall gardens.

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Collossal Wrongs Demand United Opposition.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Geo. H. Maxwell, whose plans for promoting a "Homecroft Movement," in connection with a "Rural Settlement Association," are attracting much attention, whose broad-guage devotion to all social reform is worthy of all imitation, and who expresses some sentiments we wish we could burn into the consciousness of all reformers of all schools.

He says: "I think myself it is of the most profound importance that *all of us* who are in the main, and in all broad and essential ways, aiming at a common end, should work together in co-operation, and under all circumstances in the most friendly, amicable and helpful spirit, even though we do not always agree as to details, or entirely as to methods.

"We have each and every one of us reached our present convictions by different roads, and as the result of an evolution influenced by differing environments, and the probabilities are that if we could combine all the knowledge that all of us have in one composite mind, we would find that there was not a single element of difference so radical as to prevent such a combination."

"I most heartily endorse everything you have said in your letter of late date, and think you have expressed the sentiment most admirably in regard to the work of all reforms and all progress being towards the development of more and more DEMOCRACY. It is a fine expression of the spirit that should guide all of us, of all schools of thought, in our common work."

Here is the expression of a man of widest knowledge, and deepest sympathy with all steps toward better conditions, and who has frankly and forcefully expressed his convictions of the dangerous strain in the relations between the warring classes of our social strata; who is working with unflagging zeal for a better economic condition, and who feels as deeply as we have, the folly, really bordering on crime, of contentions that have harmed the progressive work of reformers, who are so contentious that they often are more harsh at other schools of reform thought, than they are at those who work to overthrow all democracy, and bring about a plutocratic state of society.

This strife and contention we deem a disgrace and a cruel wrong, and sin, for it gives "the enemies of the Republic" ample ground to think the reformors a set of querulous disputants, more set on having each his own way than on promoting the uplift of the unprivileged classes they profess to be at work for, and so this sectarian strife becomes a hindrance and stumbling-block to all progress. This is not a light thing. The conservatism and inertia of those who have secured oppressive privileges are difficult enough to overcome when all progressives work in united harmony, as so ably pleaded for by our esteemed correspondent. "Let us have PEACE" and unity of action, and trust to evolutionary forces to correct any little misconceptions that may become incorporated in any creed of earnest workers for humanity.

S. H. COMINGS.

Battles Wharf.

Improvements are still going on. Since the storm workmen are in great demand. Our wharf is again in commissiou, and has been now for several weeks.

Fishing is now good: sheep-head, white trout, red-fish and mullet are being landed every day.

Mr. Frank Miget, one of the Mobile bar pilots living at Navy Cove, was here last week, hunting for a large whiskey-barrel, painted lead-color, which he uses to put all his winter clothes in, It not only keeps them perfectly dry but is proof against all insects. This, with all his belongings at Navy Cove, was washed away. Any one who may have picked it up should at once let him know of the fact. He found his skiff and three of his trunks at Battles, but the contents of each of his trunks were missing. His experience at Navy Cove during the storm was, indeed, heart rending.

A. F. Hutchings shot a fine large alligator, 8 feet, 6 inches long Since the storm there have been two or three along our coast.

A portable saw-mill will shortly be in operation at Battles. We have plenty of pine timber on the ground and can keep it busy a long time.

Rev. R. H. Walker held service Sunday evening at the Beach Hotel.

Election passed off quietly. Only 42 votes were polled. Only two of the men appointed to serve at the polls as managers put in an appearance; but, fortunately, others came and filled the vacant places. Thru some misunderstanding, the sheriff omitted notifying the persons appointed, _____ H.

Wealth of Japan.

An official return just issued by the Japanese government gives the wealth of Japan at the end of 1904 as $6,510,403,000, or $145 per head.

Exception That Proves the Rule.

The stoutest pessimist is an optimist about himself.—Life.

In China.

Persons bearing the same surname are forbidden to marry in China.

The Soul's Knowledge.

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Henry Creswell and daughter, Miss Minnie, have moved to Mrs. Coulter's cottage on Bay View Ave.

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Congregational church at Brown's hall: Regular service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Preaching by Rev. D. M. Breckenridge.

Mrs. Ellyson came in from Citronelle on last evening, to visit the Braams and look after the storm damage to her lot in south park.

Ned Dougherty went to Mobile on Thursday and met his mother, Mrs. E. C. Dougherty, of Elgin, Ill., who expects to spend the winter with him and family.

Miss Lucy Stapleton has moved from her old home beyond big-head gulley to Loxley, to make her home with her son Orrie, who is engaged in business there.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church will give a 15 cent "soup supper" at the church on next Wednesday evening, from 5:30 to 7. Everybody is invited.

During the lull in the hotel business, on account of derangement of our means of communication by the storm, Mr. Ferguson has gone to Mobile, where he has secured some contracts at painting and decorating, at which he is an expert.

The Wharf work is going on finely. Mr. Leavins and his crew are putting the piling down rapidly and well, and Mr. Massey and his assistants are following up with the stringers and planking. The committee is having the plank dressed, which we are sure will cause the foot passengers over the wharf to "rise up and call them blessed", as well as adding much to the finished appearance of the job.

REGULAR MEETING

Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department.

At the "Conundrum," Monday evening, Nov. 12th. Important business. Every member expected to be present.

Death of A. L. Thrall.

A. L. Thrall died at his home in Fairhope, on Wednesday morning, the 7th, in his 59th year, and was buried the following morning, in Fairhope cemetery. Mr. Thrall came to Fairhope a couple of years ago, attracted hither by Ella Wheeler Wilcox's writings, if we remember rightly. He leased some ground of the Corporation, just beyond Mr. Bancroft's, where he put up a small house, in which he lived alone, though in close touch with his neighbors. His former home was in Bridgeport, Conn., where he at one time conducted quite an extensive business.

The fatal complaint was dysentery. His illness was not long and was hardly known in town, but his immediate neighbors rendered every necessary assistance. He was an old soldier and an Odd Fellow, and these in particular rendered every attention at the bedside and the grave. It was his request that there should be no religious services over him, but that the same should be conducted by comrades of the G. A. R. There is no camp of the G. A. R. here, but there are a number of members, and in their behalf Dr. H. S. Greeno spoke briefly but eloquently at the grave, referring to the service of the deceased to his country, and the like bravery with which he met the last unconquerable enemy. A verse of "The Battle Hymn of Freedom" and "Tenting To night" were sung. Mrs. Dealy sang beautifully a verse of "Nearer my God to Thee." The roll of comrades was called and the body lowered to its last resting place.

In conclusion Dr. Greeno read very impressively the following beautiful poem, which we publish by request of several:

STAND TOGETHER.
BY B. H. CHURCH.
(Air—Greenville.)

While our ranks are growing thinner,
Comrades falling one by one,
Let us closer stand together
Till life's battle shall be done.

Stand together, touching elbows,
As we stood in days of yore,
When we braved the hail of battle—
Heard the cannon's awful roar.

Comrades, we have glorious mem'ries,
By no others understood,
Mem'ries of a mighty struggle,
A Nation saved by royal blood.

Keep those memories ever sacred
In the heart as days go by;
Let them be as rays of sunshine
When the shadows heavy lie.

Let us keep the fires fraternal,
Burning brightly in each breast,
Till for us the taps are sounded
And we take our final rest.

When our last discharge is given,
And our service here is o'er,
May we be prepared for muster
Over on the other shore.

The following is the roll of old soldiers as called at the grave: Dr. H. S. Greeno, W. S. Baldwin, Rev. A. E. Shupe, Wm. Weaver, E. A. Jones, J. M. Beckner, George Knowles, L. E. Ames, H. Sumpton, C. Steigert, A. L. Thrall.

Thanks from Euclid Neighbors.

EDITOR COURIER:

The undersigned, with others of the Euclid neighborhood, who were storm sufferers, and who secured the assistance of Mr. W. S. Baldwin, of Fairhope, to superintend the work of getting our buildings straightened up and put on their foundations, was most agreeably surprised to find that the bill of Mr. Baldwin, for his services of a week, had been paid from the fund sent in in response to the COURIER's appeal. For this neighborly act I wish on behalf of myself and neighbors to extend thanks to the COURIER, the committee and those who contributed to the fund.

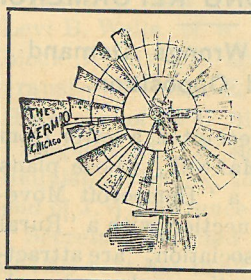
E. SMITH.

Syrup-making Season Here.

Mr. E. Smith expects to begin making syrup on next Monday. He says that the cane was not damaged at all by the storm, save for being blown over and tangled up and made a little harder to harvest. He only has three acres this year, and says there is very little in the neighborhood, the difficulty of securing a profitable sale having had the natural result of curtailing the planting.

Mr. Smith says that he is offered a contract by a responsible party for 30,000 gallons yearly for two years, at a fair price, but will be unable to supply but a very small portion of it.

Those who would like to put in some cane for next season would do well to call on Mr. Smith and see if they cannot join him in taking care of a contract with this party for next year.



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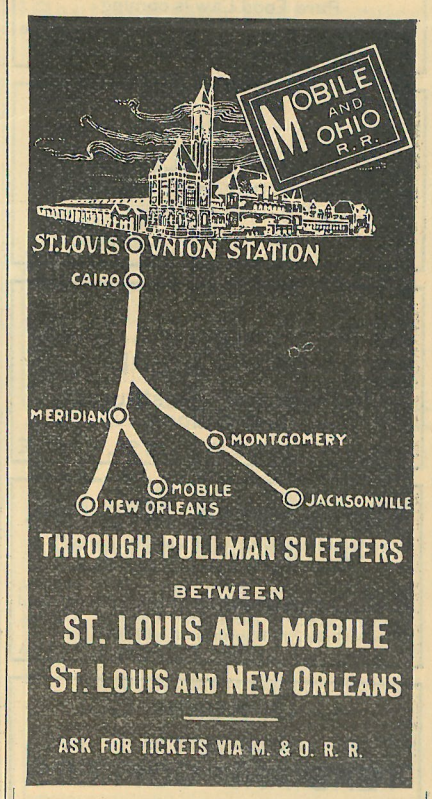
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In the benefits of all its efforts for the public good, you share. Do you encourage it to the extent of your own subscription? If a subscriber, can't you afford to send it to one or more friends whom you would like to interest in Fairhope? If in business, do you advertise—judiciously but liberally? If not, you are not doing the COURIER justice nor yourself credit, in our opinion. If you are a Single Taxer anywhere, do you realize that not only is the COURIER the medium for informing the world of the "only Single Tax colony", but that it is the only weekly paper in the United States published primarily and declaredly to disseminate Single Tax principles? Does this not give the COURIER a valid claim upon your sympathy and support? The support of those who cherish the principles it advocates, is due, and is necessary to the existence of every reform paper. No one of them has ever been a paying proposition from a purely business standpoint, to our knowledge. Probably the COURIER comes as near it as any has ever done. And its twelve years' continued existence is the best of security that it will go on increasing in strength and usefulness, but it wants and needs your active support.

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"UNJUST CRITICISM."

In the *Item* of last Sunday the Fairhope correspondent, in addition to criticising the Corporation and the Council, (the regular program) criticised also the judge who presided at the trial of the Fredericks rent case.

This led Mr. Ervin, the able attorney who represented the Corporation, to reply in the *Item* of Tuesday. Mr. Ervin's letter will be of interest to those who could not attend the trial and we give it herewith.

Unjust Criticism.

Editor of the Item:

In your Sunday paper under the heading of Fairhope News, your correspondent discusses the Fredericks case recently tried in Baldwin county. It happened that Mr. James H. Webb, who represented the plaintiff in this case, was unable to attend court so at his request I tried the case for him.

The facts showed a lease by Fredericks of a piece of land from the Single Tax company and that he paid for five years the amount that was annually fixed by the council as the amount he should pay; that after this he refused to pay rent because he claimed that the company could not and did not fix the amount he should pay according to the provisions contained in his lease, though he continued to occupy the land he had leased from the company. The company's testimony showed that the council fixed the amount to be paid by Fredericks for 1905-06 as provided by the terms of the lease. Mr. Fredericks then attempted to show by several witnesses that in their opinion or judgment this was not done. Neither one of these witnesses were members of the council and none of them attempted to testify to what the council did, but simply that in their opinion the council did not follow the requirements of the contract in fixing the amount Fredericks was to pay, and it was this opinion of these witnesses that was objected to by me, and this objection was sustained by the judge, who stated at the time that if the witnesses knew anything of the facts and could testify to any facts showing that the council did not follow the rule provided by the contract that he would permit this testimony. Fredericks also attempted to compare the amount of rent paid on his lot with the amount paid on one other lot in the colony. He was permitted to show the amount that was paid on this lot and the relative advantages of location between these two lots, but was not permitted to show what taxes were paid on this other lot, because this would not aid the jury in arriving at the proper amount that Fredericks should pay for his lot.

It is unfortunate that parties to litigation so frequently attribute to the court partiality and improper motives when the court is merely ruling upon technical propositions and requiring that the case shall be tried on legal evidence and not on mere opinions of witnesses.

It seems that this case was a test case growing out of an unfortunate factional fight in the Single Tax Colony. It is not therefore surprising that the losing side should feel some sensitiveness over the result. I would not have anything to say about this matter except for the apparent reflection upon the judge who tried the case, and I therefore make the above statements to show that he was ruling simply to require the case to be tried upon legal evidence. Very respectfully,

R. T. ERVIN.

Mobile, Nov. 5, 1906.

ENTERTAINMENT BY FIRE DEPARTMENT NEXT FRIDAY AT THE MASSEY PAVILION.

The Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department will give an entertainment at Massey's Pavilion on next Friday evening, the 16th, at 8 o'clock.

There will be solos, recitations, shadow pantomime, and other amusing and interesting features, including a voting contest for choice of a young lady to christen the new steamer Fairhope II. Admission to entertainment 25c, including three votes in the contest.

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues. Also a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection, and a public hall of large size, comfortably seated.

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MASS MEETING AT DAPHNE.

In the Interest of Securing a State Normal School

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1906, at 4 p.m.

There will be a mass meeting at Daphne, on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 4 p. m., in the interest of the proposed State Normal School, utilizing the court house building at that place.

Dr. J. A. B. Lovett, of Blountsville; Hons. J. H. H. Smith and S. C. Jenkins, of Bay Minette; Hon. E. M. Robinson, of Mobile; Dr. H. S. Greeno, of Fairhope, and others will address the meeting.

A general turnout of the citizens of the shore and adjacent country is urged.

There seems a most favorable opportunity for securing this institution of learning at Daphne, which will benefit not only that place but the whole section.

Enemies of Progress.

A calamity worse than the quake and fire is now at work in Frisco. The rent-doubling landlords are taking what little the quake and fire left to the tenants who have remained in this blighted city. After paying rent for upwards of fifteen years without having our rent raised at all, this sudden doubling process comes almost as a notice to leave town. The following is one of the many cases occurring daily. Just prior to August first, I rented a flat at 1833 Eddy street from Mr. T. F. Northey for $30 per month, the tenant previous to myself having paid $25. I asked Mr. Northey for a lease, as I did not want to move again for a few years. He said: "Well, doctor, my word is just as good as my bond; and I tell you I will not raise your rent at all. You can stay there as long as you pay the rent."

I supposed him an honorable man, and took his word as such. On October 1st, when paying the third month's rent, this same Mr. Northey who repeated to me that his word was as good as his bond, said that he would have to raise my rent, as rents were higher now. The next day I received a notice stating that on and after November first my rent would be $60 per month. Of course Mr. Northey, the landlord who says his word is as good as his bond, is an honorable man. I have heard of honor even among thieves. Had we an association of tenants who realize that they create, therefore own, about nine tenths of the ground rents which the landlord collects and pockets, we should soon find a way to correct this doubling of rents.

As the landlord sees the increase of our business, he simply holds us up, by doubling our rents. As we earn more, he takes more. Apply a tax equal to the ground rent of each lot or acre, wherever it is, no matter if used or idle: just tax it equal to its ground rent, and you bet that tax or ground rent will go into the public treasury where all taxes go, where it belongs. That is the way tenants will get cheaper rent, and will be paying it to themselves, as far as ground rents are concerned. The building rents, which roughly speaking would be from one half to one third of the whole rent, would go to the landlord. Note the difference? --Dr. H. F. Dessau in the *Star*, San Francisco.

Mayor Tom Johnson Wins Three Cent Fare Fight.

November first was a happy day for Mayor Tom Johnson, of Cleveland, for it witnessed the running of the first car over the Forest City Co's new electric street car line at a three cent fare. And Mayor Tom handled the controller which passed the current from the trolley to the motor and set the car in motion. Mayor Tom, with the most definite notion of what he wants and the utmost confidence in his judgment, has that bull-dog tenacity of purpose that never acknowledges defeat, and we congratulate him and the people of Cleveland, who have supported him in the long fight for three cent fares, now successful in part, and certain to be in whole very soon.

"When that system gets into operation, when people, iustead of having to read of something in a book, see the principle in active operation, there will be less necessity for propaganda work"--Premier J. H. Carruthers, New South Wales, in George Anniversary address. This was the chief motive in the estabment of Fairhope to make practical demonstration of the wisdom of Mr. George's teachings.

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GUERNSEY MARKET HOUSE VS. INTEREST-BEARING CERTIFICATE PLAN

Our esteemed subscriber, Mr. W. B. DuBois, of Bayonne, N. J., writes us as follows, regarding our plan for securing the rebuilding of the wharf:

DEAR MR. GASTON:

I am disappointed—very much disappointed—that you are going to rebuild your wharf by the issuing of interest bearing bonds—or *certificates* as you call them, which amounts to the same thing. Here I have been talking up and writing up the Guernsey market house plan, and telling people that you built your water works and steamboat wharf by that system—issuing non-interest-bearing scrip, and receiving it back for water rents and wharf rents. (That is a fact, is it not?) What I want to know is, if you built your first wharf that way, why don't you repeat the experiment with the second wharf? Seems to me it could be done just as well as not. I enclose you a few writings of mine on the subject of bonds. I am strongly opposed to the whole bonding system. So was Henry George. Before we can have economic freedom we must abolish the landlord as well as the landlord.

Sincerely yours,
WM. B. DUBOIS.

We regret our friend's disappointment over the plan adopted, but trust it will be somewhat assuaged by the fact which we are able to announce, that under it the money is coming in for the rebuilding of the wharf, and the prospect is that it will soon be in use again, effecting a saving to the people in time and money equal to several times the interest charge.

Our wharf was built in the first place largely by the issuance of certificates receivable for wharfage, (later made receivable also for memberships and land rents,) and which bore no interest; but a "bonus" of 20 per cent. was given, the person putting in a dollar getting $1.25 in certificates. There is no reason to believe that the money could have been secured without the bonus, nor for the present rebuilding without interest or an equivalent "bonus."

An effort was made to secure funds for the water works in return for non-interest-bearing certificates receivable for water uses, but the proposition did not attract enough money to help materially.

A feature of the Guernsey market house plan, as we understand it, seemes to be overlooked by many advocates: that not only were the market house certificates receivable for rent of stalls in the market house when completed, but they were a legal tender for debts on the island. Leaving aside the question of whether it is a proper function of any government to make anything a legal tender, it must be obvious that a community not having such power is deprived of the chief means for securing acceptance of its notes or certificates. Their circulation must be upon a purely voluntary basis.

When you want capital you must go to some one who has it. If you can't force him to give it to you, you must offer him terms which he deems acceptable. If those terms are beneficial also to you—if you can use his capital in a way to give him the return he asks and at the same time get advantages you would not otherwise get, the deal is an equitable one.

If he enjoys legal special privileges, which give him an advantage over you, that is another proposition. The remedy then is not to try to force him to let you have his capital for less than he asks, or deprive yourself of the advantage of its use on his terms by refusing it, but to destroy his special privileges. These observations apply alike to communities and individuals.

Fairhope had to rebuild its wharf. It hadn't the capital to do it with. It had to get it from those who had it. They could easily get at least six per cent. interest elsewhere for it, and ample security. The community had no reason to ask or expect that they should give them its use for nothing.

It adopted the sensible, just, business-like plan which has been published in the COURIER, and under which the work is going forward. It "works" and it is the only plan which under the circumstances would work.

The Single Tax and Watered Stocks, Etc.

The Pittsburg Dispatch of November second, characterizes as "amusing, even if it sometimes tends to produce irritation," the "persistence" of Single Taxers, and takes issue with the claims of several Single Tax correspondents that their reform would "squeeze the water out of railroad stocks" and that "under Single Tax no person or corporation could afford to hold ore or coal lands out of use".

This is a very vital point of the Single Tax philosophy, and it might be well to consider the argument of so able and apparently really kindly disposed an opponent. as the Dispatch. It says:

The writer claims that "the Single Tax would squeeze the water out of railroad stocks, and thus benefit the public to some extent". How would it squeeze the water out of railroad stocks? The unimproved land value in railroad capital is a minor part. The greater part of the actual value of any railroad is composed of the improvements it has made in grading, tracks, bridges, tunnels, depots, engine houses and rolling stock. To exempt all these things from taxation and tax only the rental value of the unimproved land would be a gigantic reduction of corporate taxation. We are not saying that this might not be just if feasible; but we are showing how utterly mistaken is the idea that it would either squeeze the water out of railroad stocks or stop railroad abuses.

The issue presented by the editor is as much one of fact as theory. *Is* the unimproved land value in railroad capital a "minor part"? We think not. The place to put a railroad and the right to operate it—its franchise—are the matters of first importance.

Franchises often have values of millions without the expenditure of a dollar in roadbed, terminal equipment or even right of way, and afford the basis for the issuance of the watered stocks about which the people complain.

Really, the people wouldn't have any complaint about the watered stocks, if it were not that they have to pay the interest on them; and the means through which they are held up to pay the interest is the monopoly privilege inhering in the ownership of the particular ground over which the railroad runs, including city terminals as well as country right of way.

If the full value of such privileges were paid the public which created it, according to the Single Tax demand, it could not be used to pay stock dividends, and would therefore, as the correspondent asserts, tend to "squeeze the water" out of them.

Whether the result would be an increase or a decrease in total railroad taxation is not the matter of great importance. The important matter is: Upon what basis shall they pay; on the value of their privileges, or on the facilities they furnish the community by the expenditure of their capital in railroad building and equipment?

The first would greatly discourage the franchise industry, (with good results on legislatures and town councils) and encourage actual railroad building. It would help to do away with the "car famine", about which we hear so much now. The latter does just the reverse.

Regarding the probable effect of the Single Tax on the holding of ore and coal lands, the editor says:

With regard to ore or coal lands, a similar failure to grasp the situation is evinced. It is asserted that "under single tax no person or corporation could afford to hold them out of use," which would seem to indicate that we must turn in and use up all our coal and ore supplies at once, and then go without fuel or metals. But in view of the fact that every industry must look to its future, the question suggests itself: which could best pay the higher rental value, the corporation that expects by monopoly to collect whatever it has to pay from the consumer, or the corporation that must mine and sell its products in competition with others? In this respect the single tax would seem to put a premium on the control of mineral lands by combinations, through making it impossible for small and competing concerns to hold land for supplying their business in future years.

As to the effect on ore and coal lands, we are surprised to see the editor fail to distinguish between lands being unused because not needed for present use and being "held out of use"

for profit. Single Taxers do not propose, of course, that we shall "turn in and use up all our coal and ore supplies and then go without fuel or metals", nor could a market be found for any more ore or fuel than was needed, if lands containing them were made ever so free. The Single Taxer simply proposes that those who hold the supplies of ore and fuel, which of right belong to all the people, should pay the full value of the privilege.

The "great corporation that *expects* by monopoly" to rob the people, doesn't concern us at all. It's the one that *does*, that bothers us. Now they do it by paying practically nothing on the surplus lands they hold, and by creating an artificial scarcity of ore and fuel get a high price for what they market. Under the Single Tax, on every surplus acre they held, they would be just the tax out of pocket. The result would be to discourage ore and coal land holding and encourage output, and the people would get the benefit. Answering the Dispatch's question in the light of this argument, we should say: Certainly the Corporation which holds land only for *use* can better afford to pay the higher rental value than the great corporation that pays just as much per acre on far more land held out of use. Instead of putting a premium on the control of mineral lands, it would penalize such holding.

Agriculturist Condemns the Evil: Courier Points the Remedy.

A subscriber calls our attention to the following, in the American Agriculturist for November tenth:

The recent death of the so-called "Lord" Scully directs renewed attention to the evils of absentee landlordism. He owned many thousannds of acres in Logan county, Illinois, and some of our other western states. The manner in which he imposed upon his tenants was frequently exposed in these columns. Other large tracts are owned elsewhere by individuals or corporations, to the detriment of the country. We have often referred to the enormous landed interests of Miller & Lux of California, whose boast it is that that they can drive their own cattle upon their own land a thousand miles! The breaking up of these large holdings and putting the land within reach of actual settlers or farmers who cultivate it, is rapidly becoming a grave issue. A way must be found to reform this abuse, even if an amendment to state or national constitutions is required to do it.

No remedy will ever be reached until there is due recognition of the fundamental difference between ownership of land and ownership of labor products: that the equal right of men to self-employment and to reap the fruit of their labor cannot exist while ownership of natural opportunities is permitted. When this fundamental principle is recognized, it will not be hard to show men that the quickest, simplest and most effective remedy for the evil the Agriculturist points out, is to take in taxation the annual value attaching to land because of the demand of men for it. By doing this the products of labor can be exempted from taxation, and the double good achieved of destroying land monopoly and encouraging all useful activity.

Mrs. John B. Swinington, of Ashland, Mass. is a bright lady who lectures on various topics, including "Communities of Today", in which sbe mentions Fairhope and displays several views of our town by means of a stereopticon. She says: "I cannot well do without your little paper, as I am so much interested in the theories you are endeavoring to demonstrate. Wherever I have given my illustrataed lecture, the people have been especially interested in the work of Fairhope."

Pushing the Courier.

Our friends at a distance have hardly had time to respond to the COURIER's exhortation of last week (repeated in this issue), but local friends who appreciate the service of the paper to the community are doing so.

President Powell, of the Improvement Company, comes at us with ten subscriptions.

His able fellow-pusher, Mr. Pilcher, sends the paper to two of his eastern relatives, so that they may know what is doing in the town where he makes his home,

Miss Louise Manley likewise hands in the names of a couple of friends, whom she wants to interest in Fairhope.

Others are coming. How about you?

Election Notes.

No great encouragement is afforded reformers by the late election, though the result is calculated to keep the party in power on the anxious seat. A Republican majority will be continued in the house, though materially reduced. All of the radical candidates in whom Single Taxers were particularly interested, were defeated: Robert Baker, ex-Gov. Garvin, Warren Worth Bailey, F. F. Ingram and Frank Stephens.

One of the most important municipal elections was that of Detroit, where the issue was over an extension of privileges to the traction companies. The proposed franchise was defeated, and the candidate for mayor opposing it elected.

A petition for a charter amendment providing for non-partisan municipal elections in Grand Rapids, was adopted by nearly three to one.

Rock-ribbed Republican Iowa was carried by the Republicans, but by a greatly reduced vote.

Minnesota elected Governor Johnson, Democrat, though the balance of the Republican ticket was elected. Johnson in welcoming the convention of the American Federation of Labor this week, fully endorsed the work of the Federation and wished them success.

Help the Fire Department.

Is the Fire Department worth your consideration? Do you care for protection? Do you want assistance in case of fire in your home? Do you think that good long fire ladders, chemical fire extinguishers, axes, buckets, hose for throwing water, etc. are timely helps in time of dire need? When the fire fiend is at work in some part of your house, and your home is threatened with immediate destruction, is it not music in your ears to hear the rattle of the fire wagon and know that efficient help is at hand? Or if your neighbor's house is doomed, and the wind is blowing your way, and your house is saved by the prompt work of the fire boys; don't you want to be saved?

Well then, why don't you help it along? Have you ever subscribed a dollar? Have you ever attended a meeting? Have you ever helped in the entertainments for raising money?

Oh, yes, you *have* ATTENDED the entertainments! Of course. *But you got value received.* Every entertainment that has been given by the F. V. F. D. has been worth more than the price of admission taken, *and you know it.* So that doesn't count. Get out and do a little hustlin yourself. So far, the men who have done the most work in connection with the F. V. F. D. are the few who have the least need for fire protection. They are those who have the least property to protect. You who have the property and the homes, wake up and do something A little time spent may save your homes. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." *Wake up!* Bred'ren and sisters, say something! Do something!

Dr. C. L. Mershon is treasurer of the Department. Drop in and leave a subscription with him toward the better equipment we so much need.

The Fruits of Land Monopoly.

BY LEO TOLSTOY.

It is generally thought that the cruelest slavery is personal slavery; when one man can do anything he likes with another—torture, mutilate, kill him; while that which we do not even call slavery—the prevention of the possibilities of using the land—is thought merely a certain somewhat unjust economic institution. But this view is quite false.

What Joseph did with the Egyptians, what all conquerors have done with the vanquished, what is now being done by men to men in the prevention of the possibility of using the land, is the most dreadful and cruel slavery. The personal slave is the slave of one, but the man deprived of the right to use the land is the slave of all. Even this is not the principal calamity of the land slave. However cruel might have been the owner of the personal slave, in view of his own advantage and that he might not lose the slave, he did not force him to work incessantly, did not torture him, did not starve him; whereas the man deprived of the land is always obliged to work beyond his stength, to suffer, to starve; and can never for one minute be completely provided for—*i. e.*, set free from the arbitrary will of men, especially from the arbitrariness of evil and avaricious men.

Yet even this is not the chief calamity of the land slave. His chief calamity is that he cannot live a moral life. Not living by labor on the land, not struggling with nature, he is inevitably obliged to struggle with men, to endeavor to take from them by force or cunning that which they have acquired from the land and from the labor of others.

Land slavery is not, as is thought even by those who recognize deprivation of land as slavery, one of the remaining forms of slavery; but it is the radical and fundamental slavery from which has grown and grows every form of slavery, and which is incomparably more painful than personal slavery. Personal slavery is but one of the particular cases of exploitation by land slavery: so that the emancipation of men from personal slavery without their emancipation from land slavery is not emancipation, but merely the cessation of one form of exploitation by slavery, and in many cases, as it was in Russia (when the serfs were emancipated with but a small portion of land) is a deceit which can only for a time conceal from the slaves their true position.

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The withholding from the people of their legitimate right to the use of land is the principal cause of the calamitous position of the Russian people. The same cause lies at the basis of tue misery and discontent with their position of the working people of Europe and America. The difference is only this: that as the seizure of the land from the European people by the recognition of the lawfulness of landed property took place long ago; so many new relations have covered up this injustice that the men of Europe and America do not see the true cause of their position, but search for it everywhere—in the absence of markets, in tariffs, in unfair taxation, in capitalism, in everything save in the withholding from the people of their right to the land.

Mrs. Ferguson, of the Fairhope House, is receiving a good many inquiries about accommodations from northern people planning to spend some time here this winter, and thinks the prospect is more favorable than at this time last year.

Fairhope went to work sensibiy after the storm, in which the town suffered severely, and put things back, on the co-operative plan. Instead of each man trying to right his own house if it was off the foundation, they grouped their labor, formed a working committee, and thus accomplished what they could not have done singly. Their wharf was practically destroyed, but it will soon be rebuilt. Their recently purchased steamer, in process of refitting and rebuilding, was damaged to some extent, but not heavily, and they expect to have it in commission next month.

—Citronelle Call

While the matter of extending further privilege of participation in colony affairs to lessees of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation is under consideration, it should not be forgotten that while the present Constitution gives them no authoritative voice in colony affairs, the Corporation binds itself in its leases to treat them exactly the same as its own members with regard to rents and the enjoyment of every advantage accruing from the colony policies.

A couple of old gentlemen from the North came over on the steamer, Monday evening, and spent the night at Mr. Albright's. When he told them that he paid only $6.00 rent for a lot 100x279 ft., with the taxes paid on lot and improvements, they thought it was ridiculously low; and one of them said; "Well, I guess we had better get a tent and come over and take a lot and put it up on it".

No one wanting a location has ever thought the rents high. It is only those who have been holding lots at a low rent, and are asked to pay an advance, who complain.

Citronelle will vote in December on a proposition to put in an up-to-date municipal electric light plant, issuing bonds to the amount of $12,000 therefor. Citronelle is determined to keep well up to the front of South Alabama towns.

About 285 votes were cast in the whole of Baldwin county at the late election. Of these the highest number recorded for any one person, was 273 for Thomas A. Booth, for sheriff. Tne vote for school tax levy was 197, against 62. It is hardly necessary to say that the straight Democratic ticket was elected.

Mr. Horning is a young gentleman, and a reform enthusiast, who arrived on last Friday evening and will probably make his home with us. He is a member of the Fraternal Homemakers Association, whose leading spirit, Dr. Wilson, visited us and which contemplates settling a number of its members here.

The COURIER job office got out this week, for the allied ladies' clubs, a "Year Book," which is a very neat specimen of the printer's art and has brought the office many compliments. Our job office is now well equipped for superior work and we solicit your patronage.

Captain George Lawrence has been in Bay Minette again taking treatment of Dr. Campbell. He came home Wednesday evening, but expects to go back again in a day or two. He is somewhat better.

Mr. L. H. Hanson arrived on Wednesday evening from Chicago, expecting to spend the winter. He is stopping with the Strattans, having known them in Illinois.

Mr. P. C. McIlrath is quite ill at his home.

Council Proceedings.

The Council met in regular session on Monday evening, with Vice-President Stimpson in the chair, and Councilman Bancroft, Call and Patterson present.

The treasurer's report for October was presented, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Rents 1905	$ 39 80
Rents 1906	103 60
Rent penalty	9 00
Wharf	38 18
Land fund	18 00
Water fund	31 84
Total receipts for Oct.	$240 42
Bal. on hand Oct. 1, 1906	243 36
Total credits Oct. 31	$483 78
Less disbursements	227 17
Bal. on hand Oct. 31	$ 256 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

Lands	$ 85
Wharf	75
Taxes	57 61
Schools	15 45
Salaries	37 50
Water fund	6 36
Printing and stationery	5 29
Sundries	2 50
G. M. Bancroft	100 86
Total	$227 17

Bill of Carlson Planing Mill, for lumber for making box for guage weight in water tank, allowed ..$ 76

Wm. Stimpson, member of school committee, to which had been referred the bill of H. C. Oswalt, trustee, for incidental expense for 75 Colony children in October, recommended allowance of same and it was allowed 17 50

Capt. Jos. Lawrence presented an itemized bill for amount due for dismantling tower and wind-mill, and same was allowed 13 60

Resignation of Fred Mathison, as superintendent of industries, was received and on motion accepted.

A communication signed by Mrs. and Mrs. W. A. Baldwin and Mrs. A. B. Hail was read, asking a complete and itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation during the present year, including list of assessments levied against leaseholders.

Total amount of assessments collected.

Total amount of assessments uncollected.

What other sources of revenue has the Corporation, and amount of same.

An itemized statement of all liabilities of the Corporation.

What has been the cost of the telephone system to date?

Also the cost of maintenance of the telephone?

What has been the cost of collecting Frederick's rent?

It was moved and carried that the secretary notify the parties that it being so near the close of the fiscal year the Council does not feel justified in putting the Corporation to the expense of making such a report at this time, but if the parties will provide for compensation of officers to do the work the information will be furnished.

Messrs. Bancroft and Patterson were appointed a committee to estimate cost of moving fences of Mr. Powell on Section street and on road on north side of his tract to fit Corporation's street plans, and which had been done by Mr. Powell at his own expense.

Several communications were read from lessees, giving their opinions upon proper rental values for next year upon land held by them and, in a few cases, upon other lands.

Mr. Trenholme gave his idea of values covering practically all lots in Div. 1, making in general a slight raise, with a reduction in a few cases.

Arch. Crosbie expressed the opinion that lots near center of town might be assessed more than at present, also those in his own neighborhood, as proposed by Council a year ago.

Mr. Barnhart thought his should be left same as last year—seven dollars.

Same as to Capt. Jos. Lawrence.

Substantially same as to Mrs. Jessie H. Bell.

Mr. P. K. Dealy stated that "according to the amount of personal property tax I pay, the just rental for this 40 should not exceed 20 cents an acre, for as agricultural land it has no value, there not being more than six acres of tillable land in the whole piece." Mr. Dunnell's 20 he appraised at 25 cents an acre. No others valued.

Mr. Lancaster declined to make suggestions, stating that the fixing of rental values was, by his contract, made the duty of the Council.

The following motions regarding rent prevailed:

That rents as fixed in White tract stand same as fixed by Council Aug. 14.

That Div. 3 be left as last year.

That Sec. 14, 15, 22 and 16 be left same as last year.

That a minimum valuation of 35 cents an acre be put on all outlying lands, subject to a charge for timber, if timber land be leased.

The secretary reported the acceptance by the parties making proposition to carry water works indebtedness, of the reduction of water rent to $4 in lieu of the free water provided in their proposition.

Adjourned to meet Wednesday evening.

Wednesday evening Council met, with President Brown in the chair, and Councilmen Bancroft, Call and Rose present.

Minutes last meeting read and approved.

Moved and carried that the valuations for next year be the same as fixed by the Council last year on lots in Div. 1 (which includes the land between the bay and Section street, and between Stack's gulley and the Swift-Atkinson-Weaver line). These valuations being a raise of about $5 on lots on Fairhope avenue and $2.50 on lots on Magnolia avenue.

Lots in Div. 2 (south of the gulley and east of Bay View avenue), made same as Council's last year appraisement, which put lots on upper Fels avenue at $5.

Same action taken regarding lots on Fairhope avenue, east of Section street, to and including canning factory site, a raise proportionate to that on Fairhope avenue west of Section street.

Transfer approved from Improvement Co. to F. J. Lefevre of lots 6 and 7, blk. 9, Div. 2, Moorman place.

Adjourned to Monday evening.

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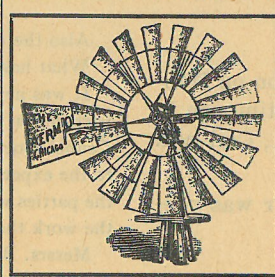
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The November Arena.

The Arena for November is rich in discussions that will appeal strongly to thinking men and women interested in economic, political and social advance. Many of these papers are exceptionally strong and thought-stimulating, among which we mention the following: "N, O. Nelson: Practical Co-operator, and the Great Work He is Accomplishing for Human Uplift-ment," by George W. Eads; "Concerning Those Who Work," by Maynard Butler, a paper dealing in an authoritative manner with the methods employed by German cities to meet the demands of the out-of-works for temporary employment; "Polygamy and the Constitution," by Theodore Schroeder, a scholarly paper by a writer who spent many years in Salt Lake City and made a deep study of Mormonism; "Consumption of Wealth: Individual and Collective," by C. C. Hitchcock, an admirably clear presentation of the Socialistic ideals in regard to property and its disbursement; "Richard Seddon: Democratic Statesman and Master Builder of a Liberal Commonwealth", by the Editor of The Arena, a comprehensive sketch giving an outline of the great social, economic and political advance movement made in New Zealand under the premiership of the late Mr. Seddon. There are thirty pages devoted to present-day topics of interest, discussed in "The Mirror of the Present" department. The Book Study is an extended review of Professor Parsons' new work, "The Railways, the Trusts and the People," which has been made for The Arena by the Editor. Altogether this is one of the best issues of The Arena of recent years.

Esperanto.

This comparatively new, easy, universal language, which has become so immensely popular in Europe, and which is rapidly spreading in this country, will be studied in Fairhope this winter. A small group was formed last Friday night at Mr. Coleman's.

The first meeting of members will be held at the same place on Friday night, Dec. 14, at 8 o'clock.

Those wishing to join the group are invited to attend.

It is intended to hold a regular group meeting once a month. The whole time of these meetings will be devoted to the study of Esperanto. The discussion of all other subjects will be barred.

A Good Feature.

A feature of the new wharf which will be appreciated by the public is the projections, with seats, of which there will be three on either side distributed at intervals along the wharf. They will extend out about four feet, from the main wharf line and will give plenty of opportunity for foot passengers to get well out of the way of the car or of stock being taken over the wharf, as well as afford fine resting places and points of vantage for viewing the happenings of interest on the water and enjoying our glorious sunsets.

New Church Service.

The New Church reading circle meets every first and second Sunday in the month, 11 a. m., at Mrs. Towner's, second house north of Mr. Mogg's. All truth-seekers are cordially invited to these meetings. Literature free.

Cannas, Gladioli, Etc.

Now is the time to give your order for Cannas, Gladioli, etc. The Cannas are in bloom. You can select such as you like best, and get them now or later, as you desire. We have Asparagus roots, also a few Umbrella trees from 4 to 8 feet high. Come and see us.

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EDITOR COURIER:

I notice by the COURIER of second inst. that the proposed amendment was defeated. And, while I do not pretend to understand this matter as well as you do, I think this defeat was a good thing. I don't at all like the tone of the lessees' arguments and demands.

They talk about paying the bulk of the Fairhope taxes, like they were doing you old-timers and members a benefit thereby, and getting nothing in return. But do they not get the use of your land in return? Would they fare half as well in any other place? Hardly.

It is your land, not the lessees'. All you have got to think of and look out for is the success of the Single Tax experiment. You cannot possibly grant any person or number of persons any right to a say as to what policy to pursue, or how to use any of your tax-income monies, unless they are friendly toward, and in sympathy with, the Single Tax cause, purposes and ideals. Now, if any one or all of the Fairhope lessees are in sympathy with, or believers in the Single-Tax, why, in common sense and justice, do they not become regular members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation? That would be the thing to do, wouldn't it? If they haven't got the cash right on the spot, could nt the Corporation "stand them off" for one, two or three years, during which time they could pay their membership fee. This with the understanding that they would have a right to vote when a majority amount of their membership fee was paid in; and that the other amount, the balance, must be paid in within, say one or two years; or else their membership would be annulled.

In no sense, under no conditions or considerations should the Corporation extend the right to the franchise to the lessees, in Corporation affairs, without making sure they could not use their vote to nullify your Single Tax mission and work. No one should be granted a vote in Coporation affairs unless he bind himself, in writing, to be true and loyal to Single Tax principles and policies, and agreed that in the event he spoke or acted against the Single Tax principles he should rightfully and immediately be disfranchised. No horse-play or monkey business should be tolerated.

Pardon me, Mr. Editor, if I seem a little impertinent. But, you see, I, in common with other Single Taxers, take great interest in the Fairhope Single Tax experiment; and so I feel like "airing" my views a little, be the effects what they may.

Fraternally Yours,
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In the benefits of all its efforts for the public good, you share. Do you encourage it to the extent of your own subscription? If a subscriber, can't you afford to send it to one or more friends whom you would like to interest in Fairhope? If in business, do you advertise—judiciously but liberally? If not, you are not doing the COURIER justice nor yourself credit, in our opinion. If you are a Single Taxer anywhere, do you realize that not only is the COURIER the medium for informing the world of the "only Single Tax colony", but that it is the only weekly paper in the United States published primarily and declaredly to disseminate Single Tax principles? Does this not give the COURIER a valid claim upon your sympathy and support? The support of those who cherish the principles it advocates, is due, and is necessary to the existence of every reform paper. No one of them has ever been a paying proposition from a purely business standpoint, to our knowledge. Probably the COURIER comes as near it as any has ever done. And its twelve years' continued existence is the best of security that it will go on increasing in strength and usefulness, but it wants and needs your active support.

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Congregational church at Brown's hall: Regular service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Preaching by Rev. D. M. Breckenridge.

Mr. Berglin is rebuilding his barn, and pleasing his neighbors as well as benefitting himself, by putting it back in the inner rear corner of his lot.

The V. I. C. meets with Mrs. Powell, on next Thursday, at 3 p.m. All ladies interested in Fairhope's progress—and all should be—are invited to attend and to join the club.

Owing to inability to secure a steamer to make the trip to Fairhope as planned by Rev. Hill, the Christian Church convention will not come to Fairhope tomorrow as annouuced.

Don't bother yourself with a home dinner on Thanksgiving day; but go in with the V. I. C. ladies and take your dinner at the church. The sociability will be worth as much as the dinner.

Dr. W. C. Gibbons, pastor of the Society of Christian Unity of Minneapolis, will conduct services at the "Gables" on Sunday morning, Nov. 18, at 11 o'clock. Everybody will be invited.

M. M. Cope has been having a very severe time with his injured leg and was confined to the house for two or three weeks. He is improving rapidly now and is able to be about again.

An enthusiastic meeting is reported at Daphne on Wednesday evening, in the interest of the proposed school there. Dr. H. S. Greeno attended from Fairhope, and was among the speakers.

Dr. Clara Atkinson doesn't expect to build at once, but will probably do so toward spring. Many friends have volunteered to assist her if she intended to build, and she is deeply grateful to them, but the demand for labor and material is so urgent now, that she will not attempt to build at present: It was reported that she would leave Fairhope, but she has no intention of making her home elsewhere.

Mrs. Mary Hunnel and Miss Maud got back the last of last week. "Mother" Hunnel has been quite ill, and does not look her old self; but we trust she will soon recuperate here.

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The "soup supper" by the ladies of the Christian Church, on Wednesday evening, proved a very enjoyable affair and was well attended. After supper the people gathered in the auditorium and had an old-fashioned social time. Several impromptu entertainment features were appreciated.

Dr. Mason, dentist, who recently located at Daphne, is spending Thursday and Friday at Fairhope. The services of a good dentist have been and will be greatly needed by the people of this vicinity, and we hope the doctor will receive such patronage as will keep him here. He is a veay agreeable young gentleman, and local patrons speak highly of his professional skill.

Rev. and Mrs. Gibbons were among the arrivals of last Saturday evening, and promise to be distinctly helpful citizens. Elsewhere appears a notice of services which will be conducted by Mr. Gibbons at the Gables on Sunday. Just before coming South they visited the family of Mr. C. J. Buell, the well-known Minneapolis Single Taxer, who is much interested in Fairhope and who sent his regards to the local brethren.

It beats all how many record-breakers we are having in the weather line. The earliest frost in the editor's experience in Baldwin Co. visited us on Sunday night and nipped the tender vegetation. Farmer Pilcher's Irish potatoes, which were coming on so nicely on the Improvement Company's lots, and which would have been greatly benefitted by the rain had not the frost preceded it, were badly discouraged. Out in the country the frost was more severe than in town, as is the general rule.

We had a very pleasant visit from Friday evening to Monday morning from Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Perry, of Naugatuck, Conn. They are ardent Single Taxers and warm friends of Fairhope—regular readers of the COURIER, of course. They had been to New Orleans, in attendance upon the Pythian convention, Mrs. Perry being a delegate to the woman's branch of the order, and embraced the opportunity to run over and visit Fairhope. They expressed themselves as greatly pleased, and went away with increased enthusiasm for our effort and its future possibilities.

Tickets for the Thanksgiving dinner are now on sale through the boys and girls. Will you not buy early, that the ladies may know approximately for how many to prepare? It will be an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner, with turkey, chicken, cranberry sauce, vegetables, mince, apple and pumpkin pie. Why not plan to bring your entire family? Price for everybody 25.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Summers, of Marshalltown, Ioa., arrived on Friday evening and are back in the quarters occupied by them last winter in the Mrs. Bessie Call cottage. They said, friends expressed surprise that they did not try some other Southern point; but they replied, that "at their age they thought it best to be among friends; that it was the people of Fairhope, even more than its other advantages, that brought them back to it." This is pleasing, of course, to us and we are glad to have them with us again.

Fire Department Entertainment Postponed

The entertainment to have been given by the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department at the Pavilion, tonight, has been postponed to next Wednesday evening, and will then be given at the church. This is on account of the coolness of the weather and lack of heating facilities at the pavilion.

The voting contest for choice of a lady to christen the new steamer Fairhope is progressing finely.

Let it be understood that three voting tickets are good for admission as well as to vote, so that by showing the three at the door, you will be passed in and can then vote them. You can then buy as many more as you like.

"Vote early and often" is the watchword a la Tammany Hall.

Wharf Fund Growing.

The citizen whom we mentioned a couple of weeks ago as expecting to have $1000 to put into the wharf fund, came in with the goods last week, and is none other than Mr. J. M. Beckner.

His handsome subscription came in at a time to greatly stiffen the financial back-bone of the Committee and make them feel like pushing the work with renewed vigor.

Other subscriptions have been received as follows:

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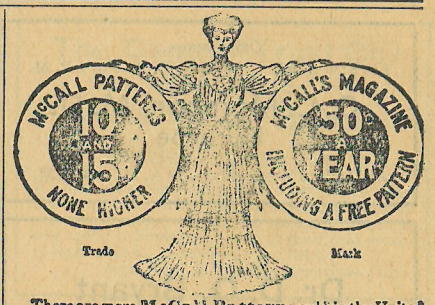
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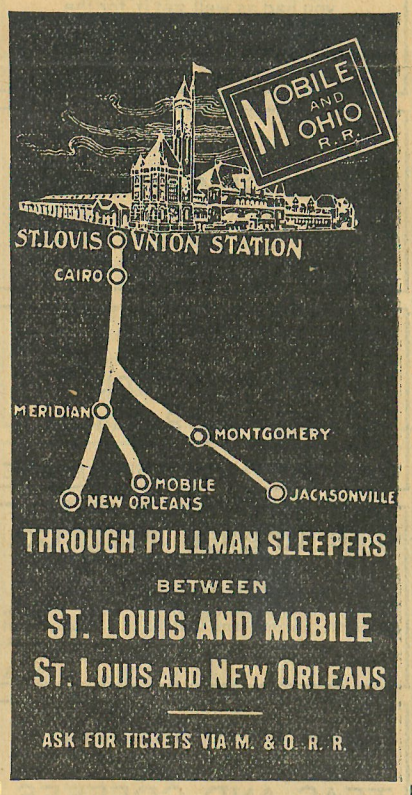
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The Family Pew.

Some of the most vivid of the emotions which thronged upon the summer pilgrim to the old home were those which awaited him in the family pew of the old meeting house. As he took his seat there, and heard the familiar note of the organ and the clear, thin voices of the choir, the years melted away, the faces changed, the new carpet faded into the well-remembered colors of 50 years ago—and he was in truth a child again. His thought went back to the time when he was allowed to sit on the footstool as a concession to his short, restless legs. He tasted again the luscious raisin which found its way from grandmother's pocket to his mouth, and sniffed the pungent southernwood of the Sunday nosegay in a neighbor's silk-mitted hand. It was in that pew that he first realized to the full the dignity of trousers. It was there that he was proudly conscious of the approving glances of his friends on his first college vacation. He recalled in a flash the intolerable length of the sermon on that Thanksgiving day! The pew has sad memories as well as sweet ones. Most poignant of them is that of his mother's funeral and the awful Sunday after it, when no one could bear to take her empty place and the emptiness of it seemed unendurable. Close upon that time followed the Sunday when he made solemn profession there of the faith she had loved so well. Then come the days of the great war, when the meeting-house blazed with flags and thrilled with the music of bugle and drum. The blessing of the volunteers, the prayers for their safety, and the sad, sad series of soldiers' funerals—all these came up to the man's memory in the old pew. Suddenly out of this dreamland he is called by the stir of the congregation—and is conscious that he has missed the good pastor's sermon. But perhaps, says the Youth's Companion, God Himself has preached to him out of life's grim struggle—in the vision of some of his own deep experiences and the discovery that they are still potent to arouse the will and confirm the faith with their rich and tender memories.

Science and Music.

Although we speak loosely of sweet sounds as musical, music proper exists in nature not at all. It belongs utterly to art. When Lorenzo said to Jessica: 'There's not the smallest orb which thou behold'st but in his motion like an angel sings," he spoke beautifully, but in metaphor. Music is the most artificial of the arts, and therefore to some minds, like that of Pater, the purest, since form and meaning are identifical. It has also been generally accepted as the most religious. Beethoven exclaimed: "I know that God is nearer to me in my music than to others." And Luther said: "Next to theology, I give to music the highest place and honor; and we see how David and all the saints have wrought their godly thoughts into verse, rhyme and song." It seems rather strange, therefore, says Collier's, that this art, being the most ethereal, should be the one which promises to be most mechanically produced. Its progress has been dependent upon mechanical invention, until the orchestra reached its present state, and now every effort of inventive science is turned on the elimination of the human player. Whether or not this effort shall succeed entirely in giving the very best, it is certain to result in giving music of considerable quality a larger place in thte lives of millions, and therefore it ought to be one of the most spiritually valuable directions of modern scientific progress.

Horse Racing and the Public.

Betting is necessary to draw the crowds—at least big crowds. The average race-goer cares little for the individual horses; there's no reason he should. If he has no bet, he'd probably be indifferent regarding which horse won. "I've got to put up a little bet to make me want to see a particular horse win, or it's a slow game," many a race-goer has said to me. There is no denying that a contest between good horses is exciting in itself, but few average race-goers would spend half a day and five dollars to see nine minutes' racing—about the time consumed in the actual running of an afternoon's card—between horses in which they were not interested. But let the race-goer make a bet on a certain horse (he picks his horse not from sentiment, but solely on the horse's chances of winning; the horse that won for him in the first race he may not bet on in the last) and he becomes a partisan of this horse, says Leroy Scott, in World's Work, and his whole being is a gambler's prayer that this horse win. Betting is a high-power excitant—a multiplier of interest.

A hotel clerk of Gardner, Mass., has 126 designs tattooed on his body, which cost him $365. Every time he turns over a new leaf his wife turns him back to look at the pictures.

London papers say this is to be a winter of cheap bread, a statement much more to the point than the annual goosebone message.

Peculiar Form of Torture.

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Natives of the east coast of Africa do not object to the presence of the great white ant colonies in their neighborhood. The ants exercise great fertilizing power on the crops.

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owns and operates the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yields annually a very substantial addition to the public revenues. Also a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection, and a public hall of large size, comfortably seated.

The Fairhope policy eliminates the land speculator entirely, and for those who WANT LAND FOR USE, whether for residence, business, manufacturing or farming, it can be readily demonstrated to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores, schools, blacksmith and butcher shops, doctors, churches, fine bathing and fishing, and exceptionally intelligent and sociable people.

Beautiful lots in the town, and farm lands adjacent to it, are open for settlers without purchase price on the Colony's favorable terms.

For fuller particulars, copy of constitution, lease, etc., address

E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

Look Out!

For the New Steamer

Fairhope

Which will be Ready for Service about

THANKSGIVING DAY

TO THE PUBLIC:-

The new Iron Hull Steamer purchased by the Fairhope Improvement Co. and upon which entirely new upper works are being built at Fairhope, affording elegant passenger accommodations for both white and colored passengers, will be READY FOR SERVICE ABOUT THANKSGIVING DAY.

This steamer will run direct between Fairhope and Mobile, leaving Fairhope at 7:15 a. m., arriving at Mobile at 8:45 a. m., and leaving Mobile at 3 p. m. (winter schedule) reaching Fairhope at 4:30 p. m.

The schedule, requiring no earlier start to be made in the morning, will give from 1 to 2 hours more time in Mobile and get passengers back to this shore early enough to drive to their homes before night.

RATES for passengers and freight will be kept DOWN TO THE VERY LOWEST LIMIT which operating expenses and a very moderate return to the owners will permit.

"ALL ROADS WILL LEAD TO FAIRHOPE" when the new boat goes into commission. LOOK OUT FOR HER!

Brave Fire Ladies—Not "Laddies."

Charles Stersic's house caught fire Tuesday morning from the stove-pipe, and in the absence of the men folks, the women of the neighborhood put the fire out themselves. Mrs. Dougherty climbed on the roof, the children of the neighborhood pumped the water, and Mrs. Stersic passed the pails up the ladder. The first pailful quenched the flames, and then the enthusiastic ladies soaked everything in sight, just like professionals. The last pailful missed the roof and landed on a bunch of children, which closed the ceremony with a hallelujah chorus of multi-colored shrieks.

Miss Lawrence and Mrs. Dougherty repaired the stove-pipe, but little damage resulting from the flames. Those north-end women are feeling quite proud of their fire department. "If we had all galloped up town to ring the bell," said one of them, "the house would have burned. When we find a fire, we put it out." Hurrah for the girls!

We are indebted to H. F. Ring, of Houston, Texas, for interesting documents relating to Senator Jos. W. Bailey and his recently shown connection with Standard Oil. Mr. Ring wields a trenchant pen and gets after Mr. Bailey in warm style.

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See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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Herbert S. Bigelow on Initiative and Referendum.

There are two contrasted theories of government. On one theory the people are subjects, on the other they are sovereigns. The drift of history is in the direction of democracy. Aristocracy in Europe is making its last great stand in Russia. But it is doomed. It is out of joint with the times. It is under the ban of Christianity.

"Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you; but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."

Democracy with a little "d" is applied Christianity.

The aim of aristocracy is dominion. The aim of democracy is service. Aristocracy regards the people as servants and their rulers as masters. With democracy the people are masters, and they have servants but no rulers. It is remarkable that in those days when the Caesars were masters of the world there should have been one democrat to challenge their right to rule and to proclaim the doctrine of democracy—that those who are elevated to office should be servants and not masters of the people.

THEORY OF OUR REPUBLIC IS IMPERISHABLE.

This democrat perished on Golgotha Hill. But that was not the end of his truth. To-day the most progressive nations of earth are those which have most fully recognized his truth.

The great excellence of our own Republic consists in this, that it was founded on this Christian theory of service. It is the greatest experiment in democracy that the world has ever witnessed.

The theory is sound to the core. But the application of the theory is not perfect. The machinery is defective. It needs overhauling. There has been improvement in everything else. Why should there not be improvement in the art of government?

THE MACHINERY IS IMPERFECT.

We would not be content with the stage-coach of our fathers. We have substituted the harvester for their cradle, the cotton mill for their loom. We can improve upon the governmental machine which they devised.

We cannot improve upon the theory. But we can give to that theory a more consistent application. Our Republic is confronted by serious evils. These are not the faults of democracy. They are due to the elements of aristocracy which have survived in our present scheme of government.

The strain of recent years has shown us the weak places in this machine of government, and we must remodel it if it is to do the work our fathers expected of it.

The problem is to make our government more directly answerable to the people, so that every quality of rulership shall disappear, and our officials shall be, not only in name but in very truth, the servants of the people.

THE PROBLEM SOLVED.

Without doubt, the Swiss Republic has hit upon the device which is needed to prevent representative government from becoming misrepresentative. The referendum and initiative are imperative safeguards.

If those who are to be first among us are to be our servants and not our rulers, it is necessary that we should have the power to make them do our will.

Gulf Coast Climate Finest. Antedates Henry George.

We have received a letter from a gentleman on Puget sound which is interesting for two reasons; one, that the gentleman, after wide experience of climate in various sections of the country, thinks ours superior to any found elsewhere. He says:

"I am well acquainted with the Gulf coast from Galveston to Tampa, and prefer its climate to anything I have found elsewhere. I have been here on Puget Sound for nearly eight years, but do not like its eight months per annum of fog, mist and rain, although the months of June, July, August and September are simply perfection itself; in fact, a Puget Sound season of the four months given is almost exactly like a Mobile or Pensacola winter."

It is of interest in the second place, because the gentleman claims to have antedated Henry George in advocacy of taxing land exclusive of improvements, as a preventive of speculative landholding. On this he says.

"I am a believer in your theories of taxation at least, so far as it will tend to make the holding by individuals of large tracts of unused lands impossible. I lived for thirteen years in New Mexico and Arizona, and whenever the question of statehood was discussed I declared that I would always stand opposed to it until a constitutional provision make all lands equal in taxation without any reference to improvements as the only certain way to break up those big 'Mexican land grants' (or grabs, rather) and make their owners glad to unload them. This was long before Henry George was heard from on the subject of taxation, although he came out before I left those regions when I used to claim (for fun) that he borrowed his ideas from me and my friends often guyed me by calling me 'Henry George.'"

Hall Agrees with Watros.

MY DEAR MR. GASTON:

M. V. Watros is just about right. He seems to have covered the ground quite thoroughly in your last issue.

I think the Fairhope Corporation would serve the public best by attending exclusively to the matter of fixing and collecting ground rents and paying taxes, always providing that ground rent be taken exclusively for public benefit.

If all surplus moneys are turned over to the local government to be expended as the people direct, they will very quickly discover whether the expenditures are wise. If there is not surplus enough for all the general improvements they really desire to have made, there will be no one to grumble about. They will just have to do without the improvements—and they are the ones who should.

Yours very truly,
BOLTON HALL.

Remembered Pleasantly by a Visitor.

Mr. W. Clemens, of Marshalltown, Iowa, who spent the winter before last here, and who has since been a reader of the COURIER, includes with his subscription payment for some one else who is not a subscriber and to whom we would like to send the paper, and adds: "THE FAIRHOPE COURIER is a very neat and newsy paper, and gives evidence of prosperity, which it so richly deserves. I long to visit Fairhope again and renew old acquaintances. Her climate cannot be equalled and her people are the best. My sympathy was with you during the recent gulf storm. I watched the daily papers for news of Fairhope, but could find but little until I received the COURIER."

W. L. Miggett, superintendent of engineering shops at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, renewing his own subscription to the COURIER, includes one for the University library. "Sociological students," he says, "are always hunting materal there, and it may do some good." Don't you think of a like place, where you would like to put the COURIER?

Father Knowles, who is one of the COURIER'S staunchest friends, was in Monday, and subscribed for the paper for the ensuing year, for three of the friends he lately visited in Ohio.

Don't forget our offer to send the COURIER to *new* subscribers, in any number, at sixty cents a year each, and send the numbers free up to Jan. 1, 1907.

Marie Howland

The Thanksgiving Dinner.

The Thanksgiving dinner, for which the energetic ladies of the V. I. C. had been planning and working for so long, is over and proved to be the most successful affair of the kind ever given in our little city. Successful not only in the patronage, which exceeded expectations, but in the even more than usual generosity with which the people contributed in money, provisions and time toward the preparation and serving of the dinner. There have been occasions when a few only had to carry the greater share of the burden, but in this case "many hands made light work," and none were taxed beyond their strength.

The day was a delightful one and seemed to be quite generally taken as a holiday by our people.

The voting contest for choice of young lady to christen the new steamer was closed at one o'clock and the result announced to be as follows:

Hazel Pilcher	616
Daphne Brown	432
Effie Mershon (withdrawn)	166
Mamie Zurhorst	163
Scattering	56

The voting contest proved a great success for the purpose intended, the securing of more hose for the fire department, netting for this purpose, (including the entertainment at the church,) $71.

The COURIER provided slips, which were distributed to the guests at dinner, asking for their names and former residence, and 183 were filled out and left at the cashier's desk. These afforded interesting evidence of the cosmopolitan character of our population. Iowa led the list with 36, Illinois followed with 29, New York and New Jersey had 15 each, Alabama 14, Georgia 10, Minnesota and Missouri 7 each, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Nebraska 5 each; West Virginia, Michigan and England 4 each; Ohio and Maryland 2 each; Washington, North Dakota, Mexico, South Carolina, Maine, New Hampshire and Colorado 1 each. In all 21 states and 2 foreign countries. Our Holland colonists were out in good numbers, but were credited to New Jersey, from which state they came to Fairhope. The place of nativity would have shown even a greater range.

MRS. HOWLAND WRITES OF THE DINNER.

Mr. Howland has written as follows of the dinner, for her "letters," which we incorporate here:

November 28. Our Thanksgiving celebration at the church was very enjoyable. The tables were more artistically spread than usual, and even the flowers made a grander display, especially the long stemmed rare roses in tall, slender vases—to my mind these are the most beautiful objects of what we call the insentient world. But do not the flowers feel? Read Maeterlinck's "Intelligence of the Flowers," in the Xmas. Harper's ye who doubt. But the Thanksgiving. It will be elsewhere reported, of course, but I wish only to say that about 250 people took dinner, and I believe the turkey, mince and pumpkin pie, and most other choice things held out well. All the work of cooking, dressing tables, carving, serving, etc. on these occasions is done by "we the people."

I noted President Frank Brown and Secretary Gaston carving turkeys; Mr. Comings was dignified in a butcher's white apron. Mr. Powell seemed to be busy. When I asked what his function was, he said he was "door-keeper." He smiled upon and had a pleasant word for all. Of course our loveliest young ladies waited on the guests at table, while the matrons and older ladies directed. Mrs. Gaston received the tickets, for a part of her work. I was happy to do a little part of the cooking and to contribute a pail of doughnuts—nothing, compared to what many did.

Every time I go to any gathering of these Fairhopers, I am struck by the ever-increasing number of faces that are new, or almost new to me. Early in the afternoon the result of the voting for the christening of the Fairhope was officially announced. Miss Hazel Pilcher was the honored young lady. I think she ought to feel the honor as long as she lives.

THANKS FROM THE PRESIDENT OE THE V. I. C.

The following card of thanks from Mrs. Powell, president of the V. I. C., to those who contributed to the success of the dinner has been handed to the editor:

The ladies of the V. I. C. feel extremely grateful to the people of Fairhope and the surrounding country for their liberal patronage and helpfulness, which were such great factors in making the Thanksgiving dinner the great success that it was. Thanks are specially due the ladies, both young and old, who helped so willingly and efficiently in preparing the food and serving; and to the hungry crowd that awaited so patiently their turn to be served. Also to the Christian church, whose kindness in giving the use of its building for the occasion is deeply appreciated.

Not a mistake or untoward circumstance to mar the pleasure of the day, so far as we know. Although the number who came was much larger than was expected, there was plenty for all, and some to spare, which was sold at good prices soon after the dinner was over. It is a great pleasure to have to do with public affairs of this kind when the people are so kind, generous and thoughtful; and it is to be hoped that every lady in Fairhope will in future be as active, as a member of the Club, as they were in their endeavor in behalf of this, our most successful dinner.

MRS. R. F. POWELL,
President V. I. C.

Fraternitas Writes Again.

New Hol-ow-land, Fairhope.

Friend Editor:

You accepted my first letter as worth printing, and I decided to send you a second, but then came the storm or rather, the hurricane. This has prevented my writing sooner. There was so much to do. But now we are pretty well in shape again, and here you get my correspondence.

The weather is fine in the last few weeks. We do not need anything different; no more rain, no more sunshine, no more wind, no more cold, no more heat. It is perfect. Roses are in full bloom. Everybody is busy; plenty of work and general satisfaction.

You know, friend Editor, that our Hollanders came here about four years ago to exchange city life for a life in the free and open country. For the most part they were tired of working for a master and were coming here to work for themselves. Most of them, brought up at the farm, were obliged to work in the mill or workshop, much to their dislike; and, seeing an opportunity to escape, they moved to Fairhope, where land could be easily obtained. They knew, at first it would be a hard job to settle in a country such as this; the land must be cleared and fenced and a house must be built, and the land, after being cleared, would not give directly big returns. This was largely due to the fact that none of the party was acquainted with soil, climate, rainfall, market, crops, etc., etc.

When the first enthusiasm of our settlers was a little cooled off, some of them sold out and left the country. The remaining party,—made of other timber—stayed, and, I think, not to their regret. After learning a few things that ought to be known, they are sure there can be found what they sought; that is, for a reasonable amount of labor applied to the land they can have a free and comfortable living.

Do not think, friend Editor, that this statement flows from the pen of an optimist or somebody who likes to paint a picture from imagination, instead of being true and real. But, at the same time, reader, do not think that our Hollandish farmer is where he ought to be: the mountain he has yet to climb is very, very steep.

Remember, that our soil is of a quality that, in reality, the land has to be made. That is not a condition which cannot be overcome; but while our Hollanders came here without money and the only support they had was their hatred of working for a boss and their trait of perseverence, there is still a hard fight to come to the top of the mountain.

In my next letter I want to tell your readers how our Hollanders think it possible, and some of them are very sure that they will succeed.

Yours,
FRATERNITAS.

Parable of the Office Building.

Now it came to pass that in the land of US men did build most like unto the Tower of Babel—20 stories high—and called it an "office building." This they separated into parts, and let the offices out for hire at so much per, according to location, desirability or size.

One man, who thus did hire an office. spent many sheckels on beautiful furniture and extra fittings for his place, and made it a credit to the building, of which the owners were justly proud.

Another man, having an equally desirable office, at the same rent, only put in a few old chairs and a desk.

Then there was another man with money to invest in "futures." Finding a third office unoccupied, as good as the other two, he saw the owners, informed them he wished to buy or rent it so as to make a profit from some one who would hereafter need it. He would not put anything into it, but would allow neighbors to throw such rubbish as they wished in; and, of course, would not expect to pay as much rent as the man who did lots of business in his office.

But the cold-hearted corporation could not see it, saying that offices were rented according to their desirability regardless of the use made of them, the business done, a man's inheritance, his ability to pay or the equipment he put in. But if any rebate or lower rent was to be given, it should justly go to the man making improvements which were a credit to the place, and not to the man acting the dog in the manger, holding opportunities in a disgraceful condition. They did not fine or charge rent to a man on the improvements he put in.

And they further said to the investment man: "You should go unto the City or National government, and get land, which is their office building. They encourage the industry of weeds, tin-cans, and garbage—holding natural opportunities out of use—by less taxes; and annually fine a man by more taxes for improvements he makes."

Moral: For common sense in taxation see what modern corporations do, and don't look to fossilized governments that are wedded to ancient traditions.

GEO. W. PATTERSON, Los Angeles.

Wharf Work Progressing.

The wharf work progresses well this week. Mr. Brown has succeeded in getting more teams at hauling logs and has been delivering lumber much more rapidly. The piling are all set out to the pierhead (from the portion of the wharf left standing about 400 feet out from the shore), and Mr. Leavins and his gang are now setting new and longer piling for the elevation of the pierhead. Attention will now be centered upon rebuilding the pierhead and getting a new warehouse there for the sheltering of freight—and passengers also—and upon the hill improvement.

The committee has a profile and recommendations in writing from Mr. Percy, the Mobile engineer, whom they had over for consultation, to work to. They may not be able to follow his suggestions entirely, because of the expense, but will work to them as nearly as they can now, with a view to later coming to them.

The following additional subscriptions toward the wharf fund are reported:

T. P. Lyon, Fairhope,.... .....$200 00
M. V. Watros, Enid, Okla.,..... 50 00
"X. M.," Illinois, (3rd remittance,).... 10 00

About $1,500 more will be needed to complete the work according to the plans and estimates.

Remember that under the plan adopted the contracting parties have authority to and do pledge the wharf earnings for the repayment of sums received by them, and pay 6 per cent. interest—a safe investment yielding a reasonable return.

Make your remittances to N. Mershon, treasurer.

Council Proceedings.

Council met in special session on Monday evening, with Vice-President Stimpson in the chair, Councilmen Bancroft, Patterson and Rose present, Call absent.

Minutes of meetings of 14th and 19th read and approved.

Bills allowed as follows:

J. W. Braam, work repairing phone line $7 72
Louis Barkley, same,.. 60
Baldwin Times, advertising for bids for turpentine lease..... 75

A letter from "A Lover of Plants and Beauty" coming to the Council through the V. I. C. and referring to the necessity of protecting against the destruction of the yupons, cedars, hollies, jessamines, etc. in the park during the decorating season, was read and a motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to mention the matter in the COURIER, also to print some notices warning against such trespassing and post up in the park and other public places.

Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to salvage the wreck of the hall to the best of their judgment, using the funds contributed for that purpose. Messrs. Comings, Powell and N. Mershon appointed such committee.

Mr. Powell called attention to the efforts being made by Mike Houston and many others in his neighborhood to secure a road into Fairhope on the line between Sections 17 and 18 and 19 and 20, and it was moved and carried thot we co-operate by giving them right of way for the same across our land in that locality and by contributing lumber for a bridge across Big Head gully, not to exceed 1000 feet, and Powell and Bancroft be a committee to confer with others interested.

Appraisement of rentals was then proceeded with and completed, and secretary directed to print a slip showing changes in last year's appraisement, for submission to lessees, together with copies of last year's appraisement a sufficient number of which are on hand.

Mr. Fels writes from London, expressing delight over the success of the Corporation in the recent case in court. He also expresses his solicitude about the question of fire. He says: "I am always in suspense about this fire question, not only at Fairhope itself, but on your land. There is so much fallen timber that when the underbrush gets dry you are in constant danger of fires that will sweep the whole of the timber off. I do not know how to suggest a remedy for this, but one of these days you will be able to get up a timber gathering party and make a picnic of clearing the whole of the woods out of underbrush as far as possible. I hope all of you are carefully looking into the insurance matter. It is too bad that Dr. Atkinson's house was not insured."

W. L. Ross writes: "I believe you will have a boom in Fairhope after you get a good wharf and boat service. Do not see how you can help it, provided the mule yard contingent do not get the upper hand, which does not seem likely." He also adds that his brother E. S., lately our fellow-townsman, met Governor Dawson, of West Virginia, at an out of the way station in his state, and had a long talk with him on taxation. He was stumping his state, working up a sentiment in favor of making the corporations pay their share of taxes, particularly on their coal lands. He is not a Single Taxer, but is on the right road.

Single Taxers generally will rejoice to know that Mayor McClellan, of New York city, has appointed Lawson Purdy as head of the tax board of that city, at a fine salary. Mr. Purdy is recognized as one of the strongest men in the movement in the United States, and the position is one in which he can exert a very great influence for the only just and scentific system of taxation.

The new steamer left the dock to-day for a little run, to test her machinery and steaming gear, all of which worked admirably. As usual, however, the finishing up takes longer than was anticipated and it will probably be at least ten days yet before she is ready for regular service. The people all around are eagerly awaiting her and, as far as possible, putting off their traveling and holding their shipments for her.

"The increase of size of the paper pleased me; and I try to read all of it, that I may acquire familiarity with the principles and the residents of your little town; in which I feel a deep interest." M. E Lilyquist, Boston.

Death of P. C. McIlrath.

P. C. McIlrath, who came to us a few months since from Tennessee in very poor health, succumbed on Tuesday, the 27th, to the complication of infirmities which had long afflicted him. The remains were on Wednesday taken to Mobile and prepared for shipment to the former home of the deceased at Newcastle, Indiana. Owing to the absenc of his son, T. J. McIlrath, from town as we write, we are unable to give the facts about the deceased which we should like to give.

He was formerly a resident of Cleveland, O., where he was a warm supporter of mayor Tom L. Johnson in his fights in behalf of the people against the public-service corporations of that city. With his wife he spent a winter in Fairhope about three years ago, and had ever since had such pleasant recollections of the place that he came back again this fall, though not accompanied by his wife, who had passed on before him since he was here before. He and his son built a nice little cottage here, and we think and hope the son will remain with us.

E. E. Revenaugh, of Detroit, Mich., has sent to this office a number of copies of the Southern Cultivator containing an article by E. McIver Williamson, of South Carolina, explaining the method employed by him to increase the yield of corn on light sandy uplands of the south, of which the COURIER made some mention several months ago. We shall be glad to distribute these copies among those who may desire them.

The COURIER looks very nice indeed iu its new form, and I asure you that I am greatly pleased to see this evidence of prosperity: you certainly deserve it. E. E. REVENAUGH.

When people get interested in the Fairhope experiment, they will soon be Single Taxers.

House and Lot in Memphis, Tenn., to Exchange for Fairhope Improvements.

I have about two acres of ground and a good two-room house, solid brick chimney from the ground up through center; well that furnishes cold sparkling clear water in the yard. It is situated in "Chelsea addition," North Memphis, in sight of and only a few minutes walk of both the street car lines, and Belt line that reaches every part of Memphis. I will trade it for property of like value anywhere upon the Eastern Shore, "Fairhope improvements" preferred. Here is a chance for someone to live where the land shark flourishes like the proverbial "green bay tree." The property ought to be traded at a valuation of about $700. Correspondence solicited. Address

JOHN BOWEN, Hurricane, Ala.

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A Fine Suburban Home

with the best location we know of to enjoy the advantages of both the town and country. It is just three-eighths of a mile from the heart of the town, a trifle over twice that from the bay. There are nearly seven acres of land, three cleared and the rest in pasture; two story house, well finished, with four rooms and hall on first floor, beside detached kitchen; up stairs undivided. Good barn, chicken houses, two cisterns, cemented cellar; vineyard of fine varieties, in full bearing, large scuppernong arbor, peaches, plums, figs, mulberries, 75 persimmon trees, a loquat and orange trees, strawberries, dewberries, raspberries, fine shade trees, roses, etc., etc. Rent on the ground this year, only $9.70. Only reason for selling "too many doctors at Fairhope." Price $1,350.

Ten Acre Home Close in

within less than a quarter of a mile of the school-house, 5 acres good level land cleared; whole place divided into 5 chicken runs, with 4 chicken houses; small dwelling; 60 peach trees, (elberta) 4 large figs, 20 grape vines, scuppernong arbor, all in bearing; fine well. A first-class place for a chicken farm.
$500 cash will take it.

Two Story Town House

and other improvements on two lots on Fairhope ave., in heart of town. First class location for a home and business together. House has 4 rooms below and 3 rooms above, beside halls and kitchen. Large cistern, barn, fruit. Owner is non-resident, anxious to realize and place can be bought for $750. cash. Now rented at $12 50 a month.

Other bargains at various prices. Write for particulars.

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Montreal Single Taxers
Reply to Council Committee.

The standing secured by Single Taxers in Montreal is indicated by the fact that the Montreal Single Tax Association was formally requested by a special committee of the city council to "suggest the best means in your (its) opinion, of increasing the civic revenue."

Responding to the request, the Single Tax Association (Montreal League for Taxation of Land Values) submitted the following, which is well worthy of reproduction here, as a clean presentation of the question of taxation from the Single Taxer's standpoint:

MONTREAL, Sept. 20, 1906.

RENE BAUSET, ESQ.,
Assistant City Clerk, Montreal.

Dear Sir—With further reference to your letter of the 13th inst., after a conference with our president and some of the members of our executive committee, I have pleasure in stating in writing several alternative recommendations we would urge to assist the city at this juncture in securing the much needed additional revenue. We are not clear from your communication whether it was the wish of the committee that our recommendation should be placed before them in writing or by means of an interview, but we have pleasure in submitting our views in this form, and shall gladly follow the matter up in a personal interview, if your committee should so desire it.

Leaving aside for the moment consideration of the limitations that are imposed upon the committee by the terms of the city's charter, and having in mind that any disabilities of this order could speedily be removed if there should be a unanimity of sentiment in that direction we would recommend—

That in place of the present unscientific, ineffective and hampering methods, one general tax should be levied in a manner that would make it—

(a) Absolutely equitable by falling on all according to public benefits received.

(b) Certain and economical in collection.

(c) In a way that will hamper no industry and discourage no improvement.

With these three different considerations in mind, our first proposal, and our proposals are being made in the order of our choice, would be to substitute for the present methods an assessment on the value of land alone. We are all users of land. The merchant princes, manufacturers and the humblest citizen would on this basis be called upon to contribute to the public revenue in exact and scientific proportions. The merchant prince would pay according to the value of the land on which he might have his extensive warehouses located, and also on the choice site in the residential portion of the city where his home is situated; his employee would bear his fair share as owner or tenant of the less pretentious house in a less desirable quarter of the city, while in still other cases the humbler employee, who is not a home owner, but resident in a lodging or boarding house, would, through the medium of his landlord or landlady, contribute to the public revenue on terms commensurate with the value of the site on which he may be domiciled. We are all users of land in some form or other, and by raising revenue on the basis of taxation of the land according to its value, either as owner of it or as tenant or user of it, all would be obliged to make an equitable contribution to the public revenues. And in addition to insuring that all would contribute, the proposal would also establish with absolute fairness the amount of the contribution. In the center of the city, where the great commercial, financial, manufacturing and transportation enterprises are occupying important locations, the value of the land is many times greater than in the outlying sections of the city where the dwellings of the less wealthy are as a general thing found.

Certainty and economy of collection would be guaranteed by our plan. The same area exists to day as when Maisonneve founded the city, although the limits may from time to time change. The extent, the ownership and the value of each particular block within the city's confines is most easily ascertained. There can be no evasions or mis statements if the assessment be levied on the basis of the value of the land, as is invariably the case when personal property, bonds, securities or bank stocks are the subject of taxation. In Chicago some few years ago there was an assessment levied on diamonds, the assessor, in his report, showed the total value of diamonds within the limits of the city to be some $25,000. Within a week or two of the issue of the document burglars broke into the home of one of the fashionable residents, and the following morning the newspapers announced that they had carried off $40,000 worth of diamonds! This instance is just mentioned to illustrate the ineffectiveness and impracticability of any attempt to raise revenue by such methods, to say nothing of the dishonesty and misrepresentation engendered by them. In addition to being exceedingly unreliable sources of revenue, taxes of that order are found to be very expensive in collection. The proposal we make would be absolutely certain, and the money could be collected with a minimum expense.

The third chief consideration is that in raising our revenues we should avoid anything that will hamper industry or discourage improvements. The tax on the manufacturers, machinery, motors and expensive buildings is a very important factor in determining the location of an industry, and the

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system prevailing in this city is a serious deterrent to such enterprises. Again, when a building is torn down and rebuilt or improved, the owner finds himself presented with an increased tax bill. We are surely all agreed that we wish old buildings replaced with modern ones, and all possible improvements made to existing structures. This being the case, it is surely only reasonable that we should discontinue a system under which progress and enterprise is paralyzed. Our proposal would hamper no industry and would discourage no improvement.

Our idea when the basis of taxation has been changed from the present irrational and expensive methods to the basis of land value alone, would be to make the rate sufficiently full to afford the city efficient services and needed improvements without piling up the city's debt.

Our second choice, if the first should prove incapable of immediate realization, would be to raise the additional revenues now required, by a special assessment on the values of the land as a special tax. While this would not have the advantage of removing the crudities and anomalies and ineffectiveness now existent, it would afford additional revenue as a contribution coming from all measured by public benefit received; it would have the virtue of certainty and economy in collection, and would discourage no industry or improvement.

If this, too, should prove incapable of immediate adoption, then we would strongly recommend that whatever additional revenue is required should be raised by increasing the assessment on real estate. While this latter plan involves the undesirable factor of discouraging the builders and improvers, it carries with it the advantage of certainty and economy in collection, and would not hamper industry and tend to drive it away, as would some suggested taxes on machinery, business, banks or other financial institutions.

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A Card from Bro. Bellangee.

EDITOR COURIER:

In your reply to my letter in your last you bring up some points that would bear discussion, but I am too busy to carry them out fully at this time.

The really important thing is the one you so gracefully admit, to the effect, that outside readers should understand your editorials as representing your individual opinion.

While there is far from unanimity on these matters among the people of Fairhope, they are studying them from close range and in the light of developing facts, and will doubtless reach a just conclusion.

Later, when I have more leisure and the water-works matter and the wharf rebuilding have further matured, if you and I should find ourselves disagreeing I would be pleased to take these subjects up with you on their merits for the benefit of non-resident readers.

We learn wisdom by our failures, and courage by our successes; and, while I am sure that the experiences of 1906 will bring us many much needed lessons, I hope they will not be wholly devoid of encouraging inspiration.

J. BELLANGEE.

Miss Millie Beckner entertained a number of young friends last Saturday evening, Nov. 24. Music, games and light refreshments were in vogue. Those present were Misses Effie Mershon, Goldie Tiffany, Irene Bell, Hazel Pilcher, Grace Williams, Mamie Zurhorst, Bessie Littlefield, Messrs. Arthur and Will Dealy, Dr. Sheldon, Ernest Baldwin, Emmet Shepherd, Otto Manteuffel, and an out of town guest, Miss Rose Jung of Chicago. All report a delightful time, as usual at Belview: only wish they could meet there more often.

Chairman Greeno of the wharf Company, while inspecting the work of pile-setting near the pier-head on Tuesday, stepped on the unsupported end of a plank and went down into the water. He went clear under, but the plank which went down with him was within easy reach when he came up, and helped to sustain him until assistance came. Despite his years, the Doctor sustained no damage by the fall or the ducking, and was out to a committee meeting in the evening, treating the matter as a good joke.

A number of families are expected to arrive for the winter during the next week. Among them are our friends, the Stevenses, Lewises and Sumners, who are regular winter residents, Mrs. Clara T. White and children, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who have been here before, but not for several years, and a Chicago family, friends of the Strombergs, for whom it will be the first visit.

Rev. W. C. Gibbons will conduct services at The Gables on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Every one will be welcome.

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A new stock of coats and jackets just in and Christmas goods will be arriving very soon, at Call's.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page were over to spend Thanksgiving with their children, grandchildren, and many friends.

Miss Carrie Betts, who is now in Mobile working at dress-making, was over for Thanksgiving and a few days' visit.

From the number of inquiries received by the editor and others, we shall have a large list of winter visitors this season.

Mrs. Captain Roberts has heard recently from some of her Michigan friends who have been going to Magnolia Springs to winter heretofore, and whom she is going to try to get to come to Fairhope this winter.

Will Stimpson has put in a nice new woven wire fence across the front of his premises, and has also fenced along the west side, throwing out the street planned by the Council between him and Keller, Shepherd and Bell.

J. M. Franklin, sheriff of Baldwin county, was in our town from Wednesday evening to Friday morning, executing some legal processes, and had the opportunity of meeting a number of our people at the Thanksgiving dinner, which he attended.

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Dr. Gibbon's class in Mental Science will meet regularly at the Gables on Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a. m. This class is free to everybody, but those intending to join are requested to be present at the next meeting. Dr. Gibbons will conduct service at the Gables on Sunday at 11 a. m.

The Gibson family, who were burned out in the burning of Dr. Atkinson's house, have pitched a tent on the beach near the magnolia platform, where they are now living. They have a good floor under it, to which the walls are fastened tightly, and a heater in, as well as a cook stove; and it is quite comfortable.

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The Arts and Crafts Society will hold an all day and evening sale and exhibit at the Studio on Friday, December 14. This will be a good opportunity to buy Christmas novelties at reasonable prices.

Misses Hazel Pilcher and Grace Williams, who have been attending business college in Mobile, are spending this week at home. Miss Vera Mershon spent Thanksgiving with Miss Helen Bowman, at Citronelle.

S. E. Gooding goes up to Vinegar Bend, Alabama, on Monday, to take a position as bookkeeper for the Vinegar Bend Lumber Co., one of the largest lumber companies in the south. This will be only eight miles from Mr. Gooding's former home at Fruitdale, where he still has interests.

The Henry George Club will hold the first of a series of evening meetings with Mrs. C. L. Coleman, on Tuesday evening, December 4th. There will be an address by R. F. Powell on the subject of "direct taxation", music, refreshments and a collection. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis arrived from Iowa on Tuesday evening for the winter. Their friends, the Stevenses, were to start last evening. As usual, Mr. Lewis constituted himself an active immigration agent for Fairhope en route, and secured the promise of several southward bound fellow passengers to at least visit Fairhope. One family moving south promised to investigate Fairhope before finally deciding upon a location.

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There have been some sad experiences among tree planters in this vicinity with trees which did not come true to name, but after years of waiting upon them proved to be of inferior varieties. No such unpleasant experiences however have resulted from plantings of trees purchased of the Glen St. Mary Nurseries. The proprietor, Col. G. L. Taber, is not only one of the first authorities in the country on all matters relating to fruit culture, but is a gentleman "whose word is as good as his bond," literally, and who takes the greatest pride in the quality of his stock and its trueness to name. Everybody interested in fruit or ornamental trees and shrubs should write for a copy of the Glen St. Mary catalogue.

Arts and Crafts.

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Work for the exhibit and sale on Friday, Dec. 10, is progressing finely. There will be a variety of articles on sale suitable for Christmas presents.

The Fifth Thursday Club

will meet with Mrs. Comings on Thursday, December 6, at 3 p. m. Miss Gooding will review The Resurrection of Cynthia. Mrs. Page will recite The Blind Girl of Castel Cuille. Mrs. Pilcher will give a piano recital. Everybody is welcome.

Notice.

Under and by virtue of judgment having been issued out of Justice Court of F. W. Herrman, a Justice of the Peace in and for Mobile county, Ala., on the 13th day of September, 1906, against Luella Williams, defendant, in favor of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation, for $32.06 and costs, I have this day levied on the following improvements of defendant, situated and being on the 10 acres of land in the nw ¼ of the se ¼ of the sw ¼ of sec. 17, 6s-2e, in Baldwin county, at Fairhope, Ala., leased by defendant of the plaintiff, to wit: All clearing, fruit trees, fencing, fence posts, lumber, and all improvements thereon.

I will proceed to sell said improvements to the highest, best and last bidder, for cash, at the court house door, at Bay Minette, Baldwin county, Ala., on the 10th day of December, 1906, between the legal hours of sale.

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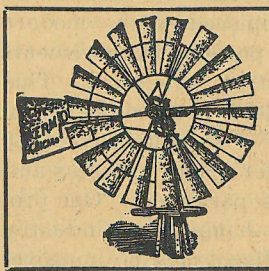
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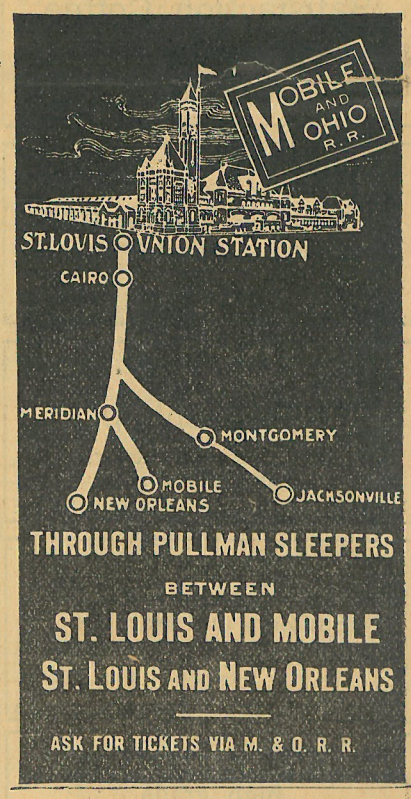
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Railroaod Accidents.

There was an appalling death list of the railroads of the United States for the year 1905. Twenty-six persons were killed each day in the year and 238 injured, making a total of 9,703 killed and 86,008 injured. Such a record as this testifies in eloquent terms to the carelessness and also to foolhardiness of employes and passengers on railroads, and to the need of additional protection in the way of couplings and other appliances to secure the safety of train hands. If such a number of human beings were wiped out by an earthquake, a great battle or some other such cause, the world would shudder and the kindly disposed persons would come forward and assist the destitute families of sufferers, says Cooperation. Yet here are hundreds of families left without wage earners and thrown upon the charitable world as a result of accidents which are occurring daily and hourly, and which are in so many cases entirely preventable.

The fire losses for the United States and Canada in September was $10,852,550, which was the smallest for any single month this year except August, which reported $9,641,600. The total for the nine months ended with September was $400,587,750, against $131,436,000 in 1905 and $208,560,500 in 1904. The enormous increase this year is to be attributed to the conflagration in San Francisco in April, which is chargeable for most of the $292,501,000 loss of that month. Deducting the exceptional amount due to the California disaster it will be seen that the ordinary fire loss of the year thus far has been much below that of the two immediately preceding periods.

Dr. Forbes Winslow, of London, says that before long there will be more lunatics in the world than sane people. He is too moderate; a census of those alive to-day who think they can run theaters, hotels or newspapers; who believe they can write poetry or beat the ponies, who want political office or desire to get married, or try to perform music, would show a majority of the population right now.

England's big new battleship Dreadnought, about which so much has been said, has just had a speed trial and is reported to have proved herself a fast craft. The British consider her about the biggest and most terrible fighting machine afloat, but she is an expensive proposition, and even a great naval power like England cannot afford to construct many such floating forts.

Deer are reported to be unusually plentiful in the Maine woods this year. Unfortunately, however, a good many of the people who go to hunt in the Maine woods are unable to tell the difference between a deer and a guide at 20 paces.

A master in chancery has decided that chickens are hatched, not born. That is where poets have the advantake of chickens.

New York City's Fire Losses.

New York city has to bear about one-third of the entire fire loss of the United States and Canada.

Fine Plate of British Peer.

The marquis of Breadalbane possesses the finest service of gold plate in Great Britain.

Bee Culture in Europe.

Germany is now the premier bee country of Europe—1,910,000 hives, 20,000 tons of honey per year. Spain comes next, 1,690,000 hives, 19,000 tons of honey. Austria-Hungary has third place, 1,550,000 hives, 18,000 tons of honey. It is rather surprising to learn that France's annual production of honey is only 10,000 tons. From 30,000 bee hives Greece gets yearly 1,400 tons of honey; from 111,000 hives Russia gets but 900 tons.

Dimensions of Raindrops.

A meteorologist has undertaken the laborious task of measuring the dimensions of raindrops. He finds that the largest are about one-sixth of an inch and the smallest one-seven hundredth of an inch in diameter. They are larger in summer than in winter and larger in hot than in cold climates. The size of the drop when it reaches the earth depends on the height from which it has fallen.

Use for Disused Tunnels.

That disused railway tunnels need not be a drug in the market is evidenced by the extensive and highly successful culture of mushrooms carried on in one of those somber passages in the vicinity of Edinburgh.

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FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX COLONY

Fairhope, to outward appearance, as other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the most casual observer, is yet unique among the towns of this or any land.

It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, libraries, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owned and operated the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yielded annually a very substantial addition to the public revenue, until the same was practically destroyed by the great storm of September 27, 1906. It is now being rebuilt by a company of citizens under contract by which they will manage it until the obligations incurred by them in the rebuilding are satisfied, when it will be turned back to the Corporation.

It owns a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; and a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

November 24th, 11 p. m. Tonight the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Trenholme and Mrs. Curtis accepted the kind invitation of the Roses to meet there for a modest ovation to the departing citizens. Eloquent speeches were made, to which Mr. Trenholme eloquently replied, and in his speech foretold that Fairhope, in his opinion, was on the threshold of more significant progress than she had ever known. We were so hilarious at the last as to whirl around the sitting room in a polka— some of us did; and we argued with the Trenholmes that while they had a right to leave the colony, they had no right to take baby Kingsley, who was a native and a citizen! He is so bright and sweet a child that almost any of us would be glad to adopt him.— Mr. Lyon and Mrs. Graham furnished the music on violin and organ at first, and at the last there was good singing. One of the comrades in his address confessed that he had "always loved Mrs. Curtis." That was being a little frank, but he knew, doubtless, we were in sympathy with him. x x x

Nov. 26. Went to see the Trenholmes off. The Carney was even more tardy than usual, and our friends had a dismal wait on the remnant of the old wharf, sitting on trunks and boxes, and pretending to be indifferent to the situation!

I had been taken out in Mr. Powell's boat and had the pleasure of seeing all parts of the new steamer Fairhope, and of having them explained by Mr. Powell. Words fail to convey my satisfaction that in a few days we are to have another larger, and in every way better steamer Fairhope. The impression she gave me, a layman, was that she is of beautiful design and built in a true workmanlike manner. You know, D. D., that the Corporation does not own this steamer directly, but indirectly, through the Fairhope Improvement Co., whose president is Mr. Powell, its secretary Mr. Bancroft, and its treasurer Mr. Pilcher. These are all members of the Corporation, staunch single-taxers, and wholly devoted to the up-building of the colony. In the hands of these members, we can be assured of good public service; and from the time we first hear the welcome whistle of her engine, we may feel that we are entering upon a second and nobler phase of our development.

* * * Nov. 27. A friend has just been in the library and we talked of the departure of the Trenholmes, and especially of the karma of unrest that seems to pursue Mrs. Curtis. Twice before she has gone back north. Once she took her piano with her. The last time she returned she brought her furniture and built a second house on the front of the first. This was almost entirely the work of herself and her son Rolland. I remember in these letters giving a description of it, and of her efficiency in doing all kinds of carpenter work, painting, etc., and of her own paintings in oil, of which there were enough, I believe, to cover all the walls. This new house, "Red Roof," she called it, was given up soon after her daughter's marriage and she, at the instance of the Fairhope Improvement Co., opened the new Curtis restaurant and bakery. That venture, she herself told me, was a pecuniary success, and she gave it up reluctantly to move into the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Trenholme. That new home, you must know, is the old Red Roof house, taken down piece by piece by Mr. Trenholme and rebuilt here in front of his little cottage. It was an arduous task and a long one, but he accomplished it ably, even to the setting of the big white pillars. Well, it was finally all finished, with the exception of setting the enameled bath tub ordered from Chicago. And then, to my speechless surprise I learned that the whole family, except Rolland, were on the point of departure for Montreal. To have made such effort to complete a home and then leave it before getting fairly moved into it, must seem regettable to their friends. Red Roof, I should say, was a wedding present from Mrs. Curtis to Mr. and Mrs. Trenholme. I was delighted to see it moved down into my neighborhood, and with the prospect of having such pleasant neighbors. Mrs. Curtis and I had already commenced to plan for mutual delight in our gardens, for she loves flowers, as her Red Roof home proved. She is, moreover, a sincere friend of our cause, and I "live in hopes" that she will "work out" her karma of unrest and settle down for good in her much loved Fairhope. And, for all of them, they have been too active, too useful and too happy here, to not desire to return, and I think Fortune will yet shape their destiny to that consummation.

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Protect the Shrubs and Trees.

In the Council proceedings last week appeared reference to the matter of protecting the beautiful ornamental trees and shrubs in our beach park or along the gullies from destruction or mutilation. The matter was brought to the attention of the Council by means of a letter addressed to the ladies of the Village Improvement Club, by a writer to us unknown.

The secretary was instructed to bring the matter to the attention of the public, through the COURIER, and knows of no better way than to publish this letter, which is as follows:

To the Ladies of the Village Improvement Club.

Will you kindly allow a suggestion from an outsider, who is an admirer and well-wisher of Fairhope?

It is, that you take some steps to preserve the beautiful native plants about our beach and parks. The yupon, holly, magnolia and cedar are largely used for decorating at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and the dog-wood and yellow jessamine are ruthlessly broken in the spring. These beautiful trees and vines, which grow on the beach and in the parks, are in easiest reach: and they will in a few years be ruined and disappear, if some steps are not soon taken to save them. With Thanksgiving and Christmas just before us, the danger is imminent that many other yupons will become a mere pitiful rag of a shrub, like that yupon bush at the water-works engine-house, which before last Christmas was a thing of perfect beauty!

Persons desiring decorations should get them out in the woods; and even there they should leave some for other people and for the growth of the tree for future use. These plants cannot be replaced like garden flowers, but once gone, they are lost. Saved now, they will always decorate our parks and be one of their greatest beauties even among the improvements we shall be able to add in the future.

The ladies will doubtless know how best to carry out this suggestion, if they approve of it: I merely suggest that notices might be posted on the beach, perhaps one in the center of town; also that Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet, who, I am sure, would be in sympathy with the idea, be requested to mention it to their pupils And decorators might be given the hint that they might take all the Spanish moss they want, as that injures the trees when it is thick upon them. Very Respectfully,

A LOVER OF PLANTS AND FLOWERS.

Natural Taxation, by Thomas G. Shearman

A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE FIRST TWO CHAPTERS.
M. HOWLAND.

Mr. Shearman opens his introductory by the question: "Is there any natural taxation?" He quotes the dictum of Professor Perry: "There can be no science of taxation", and of Prof. Sumner: "There are no natural laws of taxation"; and his comment is that if these gentlemen are correct, then nature can have nothing to say about government, and that "all talk about the science of government is folly." In Mr. Shearman's philosophy, "government implies taxation as truly as the existence of animated nature implies food."

Taxation is the indispensable condition of all government. It is the food on which it lives. To infer that there is no natural basis of principle for taxation because no one has discovered what it is, is as absurd as to maintain that the law of gravity did not exist until Newton invented it. "Gravitation in the universe is not more inevitable than taxation in civilized society. We may be sure that there is a science of taxation, and that nature has much to say about it." Nature teaches her lessons by the stern pressure of necessity. She drives us forward where every path except the right one is hedged up with difficulties and penalties constituting an invisible wall against which we blindly dash ourselves again and again, until we learn the lesson and grope our way to the only open door. Even so nature shuts the door in our faces as we try one method of taxation after another, until at last we find the right one, the one with door wide open.

In the second section of the introductory, Mr. Shearman shows the evil effects of the present system of taxation: an unhealthy state of society— wealth unequally and unjustly distributed; idle people rich, industrious people poor; gambling encouraged, healthy enterprise discouraged; squalid poverty side by side with excessive and wasted wealth.

A wise physician being called to treat a case of chronic indigestion, first ascertains the patient's habits of diet. Why do we not in the case of sick governments ascertain what food they have been living on? taxation being the food upon which all governments live.

The human body can for a time sustain life upon a bad system of diet; but ultimately it breaks down, unless a proper system be substituted: so a government may continue to exist for a time upon bad systems of taxation; systems unjust, oppressive, difficult to collect; but they menace the health and the very life of the state. The fall of the Roman empire was due no less to bad taxation than to slavery.

All taxation is bad which bears most heavily upon those least able to pay; which robs the poor to swell the coffers of those already rich. Any taxation is bad which can be readily evaded; which can be collected only by offensive and degrading methods that corrupt the morals of the people; which promotes wastefulness and extravagance in public affairs; and, finally, any tax is bad which compels the real taxpayer to pay twice over, while the government receives it but once.

CROOKED TAXATION is the heading of the second chapter. It shows that the system of taxation in most civilized countries has all of the faults enumerated in the introduction. "The taxes are always paid to the government by persons authorized and expected to recover the amount from some one else with interest and a profit upon which the law places no limit." The showing made by the author in this second chapter is appalling, if one half of his statements can be substantiated— and he seems to understand his subject well— for it means that nearly all civilized governments are rotten at the core, and must be doomed to decay if justice reigns in the universe. He declares that of all the amounts collected through taxation, no one can tell how much goes to the support of the government, or how much to private individuals; "in many cases nine tenths, and even nineteen twentieths are thus perverted"; that "the amount of the taxes has only a remote connection with the actual needs or expenses of the government"; that the system of taxation has little or no effect in "educating the people to demand or to appreciate good government"; that "the more wisely and honestly such a system is administered, the more popular does it make public extravagance and the more unpopular public economy."

Of the profits of crooked taxation, he says that "a few persons make large profits, and that they easily concentrate their power to perpetuate and expend it in such ways as more and more to diminish the proportion of revenue that goes to the public use, and to increase the proportion of it which is diverted to private use." Those who profit upon what all courts of justice call "robbery under the forms of law", acquire vested interests interference with which is regarded by multitudes of honest and unselfish men as positively wicked. The inevitable effect of this is that the right to live by robbery "grows to be not merely equal to the right to live by labor, but even superior; for the right of labor is not recognized by law or public opinion, while the right of robbery is."

The whole burden of such taxation rests upon consumption and not at all upon wealth. "The system absolutely exempts property from the support of government." As the necessary expenses of the very poor are a hundred times as large in proportion to their wealth, as the necessary expenses of the very rich, "these taxes bear with a hundred-fold severity upon them." Calculating upon the basis of the average, the poor pay ten times their proper share of taxes, the rich men less than one tenth of theirs.

Summing up the crookedness of the system, the author declares that it is "crooked in form", in aims, in its motives, in effects, and, as "fits a system inherently crooked, it is especially crooked in its effects upon the well-being of society." And he justifies this assertion by reasoning which is too elaborate for this brief review, and proves his deductions by an aston-

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Radical Recommendations by Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The interstate commerce commission, in a special report to President Roosevelt direct, recommends a permanent withdrawal of all public coal lands from entry, with a view to their ultimate development under the control and direction of the United States government. This recommendation is one of the results of the investigation the commission has been making into the fraudulent methods by which the public domain has been pilfered of valuable lands for the last quarter of a century.

The plans which the administration is said to be now considering, if carried out, will have an effect upon the future administration of the government affairs, the importance of which cannot be over-estimated. According to both the commission and Attorney Burch, there are still unoccupied between 50,000,000 and 60,000,000 acres of valuable coal lands still belonging to the government.

Of this amount, possibly not more than 5,000,000 or 10,000,000 acres will produce bituminous coal of the finest quality, but every acre of the entire coal field is of great value. Attorney Burch has informed the department of justice that sufficient revenue could be obtained by the government from an operation of these coal lands under lease, upon a royalty basis, to pay the expenses of running the entire machinery of the government, including payment of interest on the national debt, for years to come.

The interstate commerce commission, in its report, has given the president facts that it is possible for the government to obtain from $600 to $1,000 an acre in the way of revenue from the lands, and to still have the lands.

The plan which has been proposed to President Roosevelt would make it impossible for any individual or corporation hereafter to secure an acre of public coal lands in the United States. In a general way it would necessitate the leasing of the lands or their development and operation upon a royalty basis.

Hurrah for the interstate commerce commission! President Roosevelt also expressed himself along the same lines several months ago. The leaven is at work. Can the commission, or any one, point out any fundamental reason why lands valuable for agricultural or business purposes should not also be treated as recommended for coal lands?

Wharf Notes.

The members of the "Fairhope Wharf Company" (for such those undertaking the rebuilding of the wharf have decided to designate themselves) met out at the pierhead on last Saturday evening by moonlight, and continued in session until nearly 11 o'clock, considering important details of the work in hand.

Among other things decided upon were to extend the wharf 20 feet on the front, to give a better berth to the new steamer and make an easier landing for the mail steamer, as well as make more room for the growing business; to make the floor of the new outer warehouse on a level with the platform of wharf cars; to put in a six inch reinforced concrete bulkhead on the inside of shore warehouse, to fill against; to make the roadway on hill 16 feet wide, with gutters five feet on either side, and to put Mr. N. Mershon in charge of grading work.

Mr. Newton Corbett, of Chicago, representing the Fairbanks-Morse Company, was in town this week, endeavoring to secure an order for a gasoline motor car, for use on the wharf in place of the mule. His company manufactures a very practical motor for such purpose at a moderate price, and the wharf company is seriously considering if such a motor would not be an economy over the present mule power.

The piling are set to the pierhead and many of the new piling in the pierhead set. Early next week the stringers will be in and planking laid to the pierhead, and we will be able to do business over the wharf, though it will, of course, be a good while yet before the work is completed as planned.

The only new subscription to the wharf fund received since last issue is another of $10.40 from "X. M.," who has made several previous remittances. Some other subscriptions are "in sight," but not yet in hand. The company is in need of more funds and we hope to have several good sized subscriptions to report in next issue.

RADICAL DEMOCRATS IN HAWAII.

We are indebted to an unknown friend for a copy of the Hawaiian-Japanese Daily Chronicle, a six-page sheet, with a half page in English, the balance in Japanese. We regret inability to read the Japanese text, but we enjoyed the distinctly Japanese "flavor" of the English. With the paper was enclosed a copy of the platform of the Democratic party of Hawaii. This was in English and full of genuine democratic sentiment. It vigorously condemns the Republican policy "whereby large areas of land and valuable water rights are still being alienated from the public domain for the sole use of corporations or persons already possessed of large tracts of land and privileges"; favors "limiting sources of taxation to land values and a graduated income tax"; and declares for the initiative and referendum and recall, among other democratic measures.

How It Works.

In the opening of the new street through from Fairhope to Magnolia avenues a 66 foot lot will be left between the editor's lot and the street. Someone suggested to us that we ought to have it to add to ours. We told him: "Not much; we understand the Fairhope plan too well for that." We are hardly half using our present lot, 104½x220. We suspect some scientific gardeners would say, hardly using it to one-tenth its capacity—and if we can find any more time for work at home will put it on what we have and not increase our rent. We would like to raise oats on the lot, if the Council would let us have it at oat land price, but they won't do it, and we are glad to say there is a prospect of getting a good neighbor to build upon it. A rent that is prohibitory for oat growing is a bagatelle for one wanting the lot to build upon, which is its best present use.

The Irish land purchase act, ostensibly designed to get the land into the hands of the tenant farmers, has forced up the price of land, it is claimed, fifty per cent. and it is still rapidly advancing. Opinions are divided as to whether the legislators blundered, or whether they deliberately planned to thus put money into the pockets of the landlords while pretending to legislate for the people. A tax on land values would have tended to bring down the price of land instead of stimulating it, and would at the same time have lightened the burden of taxation on industry.

Most of the complaints against the Fairhope policy can be traced to the fact that it does just what it is intended to do—makes it unprofitable to hold land idle or poorly used.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

* * * I am in correspondence with a very interesting woman, a Mrs. K. B. of St. Louis. She is thinking strongly of coming to Fairhope, and will no doubt do so, if she becomes satisfied that she can support herself and child here. As she has a business or calling (stenographer and type writer) is a good housekeeper etc., it would seem that it would not be unwise to encourage her to come. But my experience is such that I would not dare encourage the angel Gabriel to do so, for fear fear he would turn out a "kicker"! There are some very nice people who can do lots of useful work, yet who, thrown on their own resources, make their lives a failure; and that failure is a distress to others, and doubly so to those who are in any way responsible for the change they have made. There are many people who are not adapted to taking initiatives. They do well only when working under the guidance of others, and invariably fail when striking out for themselves. Not appreciating this fact, for it does not flatter one's vanity to admit it as applying to himself, they see the cause of their failure in the bad conduct of others; in the soil; the climate; the lack of markets—in everything except themselves, where the true cause lies, whether they are "to blame" or not. Here we trench upon the occult: upon questions relating to free will and predestination. Of one thing only are we absolutely certain: that action and re-action are absolutely equal; that what we sow, that also shall we reap; that is, in the language of the Theosophist, *karma*, though more than one incarnation is involved in the adjustment.

* * * I am sending you to-day, dear Chidester, one of the "Local Nature Notes" of my neighbor, Frederick W. Chapman. You will appreciate its keen satire no less than its philosophic thought and its polished English. I have always enjoyed his writings and his conversation, indeed, when he is not in a mood pessimistic.

* * * To-morrow it will be December. and here we are in a garden of flowers! Such a long stretch of ideal weather is rare even for southern Alabama. It is as if Nature were ashamed of her late unseemly "cutting up", and were on her best company behavior.

December 5. The regular evening meeting of the Henry George Club was held last evening at the home of the Colemans. I had the pleasure of driving out there with Mrs. Gaston, "our genial Mr. Pilcher" joining us. As we approached the Coleman domain the big rising moon presented a most singular and unmoon-like appearance, as seen through a grove of young pines. In the first place it was not round as any well-couducted moon ought to be; and then its color was of so peculiar a dull red that I thought it was a Chinese lantern decorating the grounds; I never saw such a looking moon, but later as we drove home, it assumed its usual magnificence.

Mrs. Minnie Brown, who is a very charming and able president, called the meeting to order, explained the nature and objects of the Club, and introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Powell, who gave a short, but very interesting talk upon direct taxation. He modestly apologized for not having had time to devote to the preparation of the discourse, but he made it bright and instructive

Several friends followed; notably, Mr. Horn-

ing, who is a new colonist, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Paton. Conversation followed and then a most acceptable collation of dainty sandwiches, dainty cakes, and most excellent chocolate. The trays were decorated with bunches of the kumquat, a fruit growing in estimation here. It is a tiny, enlongated orange, eaten entire like a strawberry, its brilliant golden skin being the sweetest part. It is very fine for preserving, and as a mere ornament to the flower garden, is a lovely object. As we left, Mrs. Coleman presented each of us with a small bunch of this beautiful, golden fruit.

The next of these meetings will be at Mrs. Powell's, February 22.

A riddle: "Why does any one hold land in Fairhope which he doesn't want for use?"

F. O. White, of Chicago, who spent a little while here last spring, expects to arrive with his family about the 20th, for the winter and perhaps longer. He says, "I certainly take an interest in your colony and believe in its establishment. Think you will succeed in the long run."

Government reports disclose the startling fact that over 25,000,000 out of 56,800,000 acres in Great Britain are lying idle or labor starved. At the same time about one-tenth of England's population lives its life out in chronic destitution and ends in the potter's field.. There is a direct connection between these facts.

When making up your list of friends to be remembered at Christmas, don't forget the COURIER. To send the paper a year to some of your Single Tax friends would not only be a very acceptable Christmas gift to them, but to the COURIER as well. With the first number we would also send a copy of the Fairhope Booklet.

The Daphne people are becoming thoroughly aroused overt the proposed state normal school at that place. All elements of the community are working together for the desired end and it is reported that over $4500 has already been secured in and about Daphne. We are glad to see this manifestation of public spirit in the people of our sister shore town, and wish them success in their effort.

Mr. Corbett, who visited Fairhope this week representing the Fairbanks-Morse Company, is very much interested in economic reforms, and was glad of the opportunity to visit Fairhope, of which he had, of course, heard frequently. While not an active Single Taxer, he is much in sympathy with the principle, and used to be a regular attendant at the meetings of the Single Tax Club in Chicago, when at home there.

We presume there are few, if any, who really intend to seriously mutilate any of our trees or shrubs, but there are so many decoration-seekers that, each taking but a little, the trees are denuded almost before it is known. We hope that all residents will feel, as they should, a sense of proprietorship in these natural beauties, and will care for them as if they were their own and protect them from the trespassing of others.

Rev. H. G. Sedinger, of Athens, Alabama, is expected to arrive on Saturday evening, and to preach at the usual hours Sunday morning and afternoon at the Christian Church. His visit is with a view to taking the pastorate of the local congregation.

MISSION.

by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

If you are sighing for a lofty work,
  If great ambitions dominate your mind,
Just watch yourself and see you do not shirk
  The common, little ways of being kind.

If you are dreaming of a future goal,
  When, crowned with glory, men shall own your power,
Be careful that you let no struggling soul
  Go by unaided in the present hour.

If you are moved to pity for the earth,
  And long to aid it, do not look so high
You pass some poor, dumb creature faint with thirst,
  All life is equal in the Eternal eye.

If you would help to make the wrong things right,
  Begin at home; there lies a life-time's toil,
Weed your own garden fair for all men's sight
  Before you plan to fill another's toil.

God chooses his own leaders in the world,
  And from the rest he asks but willing hands;
As mighty mountains into place are hurled,
  While patient tides may only shape the sands.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Dr. Mershon has a new buggy.

A. J. Wolf is painting his cottages.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stapleton on Saturday morning, December 1.

T. J. McIlrath was not long in finding a purchaser for his improvements. When property is attractive and is priced right it moves.

Mr. Staples and Mr. Barber co-operated with the superintendent of lands and highways in improving the street in front of their new improvements.

Dr. H. S. Greeno left on Monday morning for Montgomery, to attend a meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Alabama. He returned on Thursday evening, and reports an elegant time and a very large attendance of delegates from throughout the state.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. Albright was duly christened on Monday evening according to the rites of the Catholic church. Rev. Father Carri, of Mobile, officiated, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Zurhorst. "Brent Jerome" were the names bestowed upon the little one.

Mrs. C. S. Whipple and Mr. E. P. Kinne, of "Bayside," Magnolia Springs, were both visitors at the COURIER office last Saturday. Mr. Kinne came over to attend Masonic Lodge, and Mrs. Whipple embraced the opportunity to accompany him and do some trading with our local merchants, and to renew her subscription to the COURIER. They have a very friendly feeling toward Fairhope and we are not without hope of getting them here to live, some day.

Mr. T. W. Andrus, who will be remembered as a Fairhope resident for several months a few years ago, writes us of the death of his wife at Saraland, Mobile County, on the first. "During her illness," he says, "we had it well emphasized that we made a mistake when we came to this God-forsaken place! I could hardly get help to assist me in caring for her either for love or money." Mr. Andrus has several times expressed to the writer his appreciation of Fairhope, enhanced by his experience elsewhere. He has our sincere sympathy in the loss of his wife.

A. Robac has sold his improvements to Mr. and Mrs. Rathje. The stock of goods is not included in the sale, but will be moved into the east room of the Brown building, where Mr. Robac will continue his closing-out sale. The Robacs will return to France in the spring. Mr. Robac feels that the summer climate here does not agree with him. Mr. and Mrs. Rathje, the purchasers, have been here since early in the spring and their decision to remain was made after ample experience and consideration. They are excellent, useful people, and we are glad to have them remain with us.

Two deaths have occurred in Des Moines recently, the announcement of which will be heard with regret and sympathy in Fairhope. Wm. H. Gaston, eldest brother of the editor, died on November 19, and was buried on the following day beside his father. Miss Caroline Gilcrest died on the 13th of December and was laid to rest in the same cemetery on the day following. Both were somewhat advanced in years and had been in feeble health for some time. They will be pleasantly remembered by many Fairhope friends, both having spent a part of last winter here, guests of Dr. Atkinson.

House and Lot in Memphis, Tenn., to Exchange for Fairhope Improvements.

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A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these meetings

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held its regular meeting with the newly elected president, Mrs. H. N. Brown. After the usual preliminaries, the speaker of the afternoon being unavoidably detained by professional duties, the president read from the Union Signal an account of the world's W. C. T. U. convention recently held in Boston, at the close, urging upon all members the value and use of having their own copy of our world and national organ in order to keep in touch with the work.

At the next meeting Mrs. De Coudres will read a paper on "The Moral Influence of the Child," and the president will present the course of study as outlined in the Union Signal. At the meeting of the

HENRY GEORGE CLUB

Mrs. Howland read the following paper—the first one in the course of study on Taxation as outlined in programme.

[Mrs. Howland's paper appears on first page. Ed.]

The society expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the Year Book—and it certainly does great credit to the Courier office—and the committee appointed by the different societies to prepare the same recommended that 15 copies be sent to each society with the understanding that more would be supplied as needed.

THE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT CLUB

held a number of meetings during the month, all culminating in the Thanksgiving dinner—which was such a success and so well noticed in the last Courier. The entire proceeds of the dinner were about $57 and the expenses for the turkeys, etc. $17, nearly everything else having been donated.

For some time there has been great need for more dishes, and this occasion seemed to make it imperative that the society buy. This they did, using $9.33 for that purpose. These, with the dishes already owned by the Ladies Aid of the Christian church and the new silver knives, forks and spoons recently bought by the two societies at an expense of $31, make it possible to prepare the tables for a large number of people, and we feel sure the greatly improved appearance of the tables was greatly enjoyed by those who ate the dinner as much as the greater convenience was appreciated by those who served. Altogether it was a most enjoyable affair and will add at least $30 to the fund for rebuilding the hall.

THE ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

are preparing for the exhibit and sale to be held on Friday, Dec. 14, at the Studio. There will be many articles suitable for Christmas presents and we bespeak a liberal patronage.

Council Proceedings.

Council met in regular session on Monday evening, third.

All members present: vice-president Stimpson in the chair.

Minutes of 26th October read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

E. B. Gaston, postage (6wks.) 3 32
" " Printing wharf agreement and circular letter....6 00
H. Rathje, work on water works 2 20
J. Patterson, chgs. on water-wrks. mat'rls....2 90

Moved and carried that Secretary and Mr. Stimpson be appointed to look after Corporation's interests in the matter of sale of Williams improvements under execution by sheriff on 10th.

Moved and carried that parties on Magnolia Ave. and School street be notified to fence their properties on said avenue within 30 days, as Council desires to open same.

Motion prevailed to reconsider valuation of land east of Section street and north of Fairhope avenue.

Moved that lots 1, 2, 3 and part of 4 (of block 20, div. 4) not included in Stimpson's Fairhope Ave. front, be appraised at $3 a lot.

Moved, that as soon as secretary gets lists of assessments ready, lessees be called, with not less than 3 days' notice to consider same.

The committee on proposition of Home Telephone Co., to furnish switchboard service, reported, recommending acceptance of proposition, the Corporation to pay half the charges per telephone and the phone users to pay the other half, and the Council by motion accepted the report and approved the committee's recommendations, with understanding that the matter would be referred to the lessees at the time the rent appraisement was submitted to them.

Moved and carried that secretary notify Mr. Carlson not to put any more shavings in the streets and to remove any that now endanger adjacent property.

Moved and carried that secretary consult Corporation's attorney, Mr. Webb, regarding refusal of assessor to accept tax returns of Messrs. Rose and Patterson, acting as agents for Corporation lessees.

Adjourned.

To the Ladies of Baldwin County.

At the meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary, held at Daphne Nov. 22, in the interest of the county committee which is working to secure for this county a State Normal School to be established at Daphne, it was moved and carried that the ladies of Baldwin county be requested to form branch auxiliaries in their respective localities, to aid in this work, and that a notice to this effect be sent to all the county papers, with a request for publication. For further information please address Mrs. A. E. Strong, corresponding secretary, Daphne, Ala.

The following are the officers of the Daphne auxiliary: Mrs. E. Q. Norton, president; Mrs. Mary Palmer, vice-president; Mrs. W. J. Mason, recording secretary; Mrs. A. E. Strong, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Lea, treasurer.

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BAD ACCIDENT.

W. P. Hoopes Breaks a Leg.

W. P. Hoopes fell from the roof of Frank Brown's new barn on Monday and sustained a very severe fracture of both bones of the leg just above the ankle.

It was just at the noon hour and Mr. Hoopes was coming down for dinner. He was very fearless and sure-footed on the roof, and had slid from near the comb down to a toe-hold about half way up, alarming Mr. Call, who was at work with him, and who called him not to do it; but he repeated the action, sliding on to the next toe-hold near the edge of the roof. But when he brought up against this it gave way with him. He struck on the scaffolding just beneath the eaves, but was unable to recover his balance, and jumped so as to alight on his feet instead of going head first.

So great was the force with which he struck the ground, that not only were the leg bones broken but they were driven through the flesh and badly splintered on the ground.

Mr. Call drove to town with all speed and secured a physician, Dr. Sheldon, who gave him the needed surgical attention, and he is getting along as well as the seriousness of the injury would give any reason to hope.

Mr. Hoopes is one of our very best young men, whose numerous instances of kindness and thoughtfulness toward others, assure him a general sympathy in his own affliction. He is at Mr. Brown's and Mrs. Graham has gone out to assist in caring for him.

Henry George's New Novel.

We have read with much interest and pleasure the new novel by Henry George, Jr., "The Romance of John Bainbridge." This is "a story with a purpose," but with the story so well and interestingly told, that the reader who begins it is certain to continue whether he sympathizes with the author's underlying purpose or not.

"The Romance of John Bainbridge" is the romance of a young lawyer of high, strong character, who enters politics with a burning belief that private ownership of privileges in the public highways robs the public and corrupts its official servants. It is not long before things begin to happen—rapid, stirring, momentous things, in court room and council chamber, on the street, in offices of railway corporations, and in parlors and studios where ladies old and young weave subtle strands into the web of finance and politics.

The volume is published in very attractive style by the MacMillan Co., New York. the price, $1.50.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

Rev. W. C. Gibbons will conduct services at The Gables on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Every one will be welcome.

The School Gardens.

T. N. Freeman has prepared the gardens at the Fairhope Public School where he teaches the subject of gardening and agriculture.

Planting will not begin in earnest until January, when spring gardening begins in this part of the country. It is intended, however, to plant some flower bulbs in December. There are forty plots, in all, twenty for boys and twenty for girls. This, however, was not sufficient to supply the demand. Mr. Freeman tried hard to get more land for other plots, but was unsuccessful. The objection seems to be that more land for gardens means less land for play-grounds, and the latter is more important; at least, so say the "city fathers." Mr. Freeman has made the subject of gardening popular with the school children, and they have taken it up with some interest. Last year was the first time it was taught here, and quite a number of the boys and girls sold the products of their farms. The plots are four by twenty feet—not very large, but large enough.

New Church Service.

The New Church reading circle meets every first and third Sunday in the month, 11 a. m., at Mrs. Towner's, second house north of Mr. Mogg's. All truth-seekers are cordially invited to these meetings. Literature free.

Another Single Taxer.

J. E. E. Ruge, of Dunkirk, N. Y., an old time Single Taxer and long interested in Fairhope, arrived on Saturday evening to make his home with us. Mr. Ruge has been looking forward to coming for several years and had made several investments here, including the purchase of the Molyneux place and taking quite a block of stock in both the Mershon Merchandising Co. and the Fairhope Improvement Co. Since his arrival he has purchased the new Mc.Ilrath cottage, corner Fairhope avenue and School street. This he will occupy, as the Molyneux cottage is too large and is profitably rented. He was accompanied by a son, who came along with his father to see him comfortably settled but will not remain.

Christmas Bazaar at Daphne.

The ladies of the Daphne Auxiliary committee will hold a bazaar at the court house on the afternoon and evening of December 21, in the interest of the proposed State Normal School for south Alabama, to be located at Daphne. The ladies request that all friends of the movement throughout the county and in Mobile show their appreciation of the work by helping to make the bazaar a success. That they aid by their presence on the 21, and by contributing articles to the various booths. There will be booths for fancy work, and the more substantial kinds, also dolls, toys, refreshments of all kinds, a bakery, grab bag, and all the things that Santa is generally supposed to bestow. The time is short, and prompt contributions will be highly appreciated. The ladies do not hesitate to ask for assistance, as this is a movement not for the benefit of Daphne alone, but for all of southern Alabama, and it is hoped that its benefits may reach even beyond the limits of this state.

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S. S. Mann is away, and we understand is on the Texas coast, where some of his children think of locating.

There will be a cake and candy sale in connection with the Arts and Crafts exhibit and sale, Friday, Dec. 14.

Will Stimpson has a good stock of dry flooring and ceiling. Call on him if you want anything in the building line.

Lettuce, radishes, onions and mustard "greens" from the editor's garden make a very acceptable addition to the family table.

Dr. Gibbon's subject on Sunday morning, at The Gables, will be "The Song of Life." All are welcome to this service.

A. Robac having sold his improvements, will remove next Thursday to the Brown block and close out his stock regardless of cost.

Coming, coming! A big line of holiday goods. Don't buy away from home, but keep your money in your own town and county. M. M. Co.

Dr. Hail has been in town this week. The Item's Fairhope correspondent stated last Sunday that he would locate and practice in Mobile.

Our popular dry-goods merchant, Mrs. Call, has been quite ill this week with a sort of lagrippe, complicated with neuralgia. She is, however, improving.

Just received, baby caps, at Call's.

Are you going to subscribe for a new paper or magazine, or going to renew? Why not do so through the Post Office News Stand? Subscriptions taken at publishers' prices here, saving you the worry and extra expense. Special clubbing rates given.

Dr. Gibbon's class in Mental Science will meet regularly at the Gables on Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a. m. This class is free to everybody, but those intending to join are requested to be present at the next meeting. Dr. Gibbons will conduct service at the Gables on Sunday at 11 a. m.

New skirts, banner brand, Call's.

Fall hats and caps, at Call's.

Genuine fruit cakes at M. M. Co.

The Farmers' Union has been receiving and distributing this week under direction of W. S. Baldwin a car load of fertilizer. It was handled over Volanta wharf.

The Arts and Crafts Society will hold an all day and evening sale and exhibit at the Studio on Friday, December 14. This will be a good opportunity to buy Christmas novelties at reasonable prices.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. M. Stevens arrived on Saturday evening and went at once into their own cosy cottage on Bay View ave. They seem glad to get back and their friends are all glad to have them here again.

Will Dealy, while working for Mr. Massey on the wharf, on Wednesday, got quite painfully hurt by the end of a heavy plank flying up and striking him on the chin, cutting a gash in it and loosening several of his teeth.

Rev. D. M. Breckenridge, of the Congregational church, continues his regular services Sunday morning and evening, in Brown's hall, lower floor. On next Sunday evening there will be a special hymn service at 7:30. All invited.

In many respects the fall garden is the most satisfactory in this latitude. The range of crops is not so great, but the cool weather doesn't agree so well with the bugs and worms that are such a nuisance in the warmer weather.

There will be a meeting of the Library Association at The Gables, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p. m., to consider affilliation with the state association, and any other business that may come before the association. Please note the hour, 7 p. m., which will be just after you get your mail.

Profiting by the happy time had with the union Thanksgiving dinner and evening service following, the two religious bodies, the Church of Christ and the Congregationalists, will join in a union Christmas eve entertainment, to be held at the church.

In this day of souvenir post cards why don't you have some printed with a nice view of your home, or the daughter, or baby, which is the "family pride." If you have the picture we can get you a cut and print you the cards at a price which will surprise you.

A new stock of Fairhope souvenir postal cards came from the Courier press this week, and they are now on sale at the post office news stand and the Courier office. These are superior to any before issued, our new press recently installed being particularly adapted for such work.

Captain George Lawrence is home again from Bay Minette for awhile, after getting about all the electricity and massaging from Dr. Campbell that he could stand at one time. He brought back a couple of new names for the Courier, and says that Dr. Campbell is now a full fledged Single Taxer.

The local camp of Woodmen of the World met in regular monthly session on Tuesday evening, and elected officers for the ensuing term. The next meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in January, and it is planned to invite in the wives and friends of the members and have a social time, and perhaps some refreshments.

Over stocked. Come in and get my prices. I guarantee prices. Remember my terms are cash, hence the discount. M. V. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mershon's little daughter, Mildred May, entertained a party of her little friends on Monday, the occasion being her fourth birthday. The little folks had a delightful afternoon with games, and delicious refreshments following. They played out of doors on the pleasant lawn all afternoon, some of them with low-necked and short sleeved summer dresses. (Think of it, Dec. 3!) Those present were: Lavigne and Myrtle Berglin, Ronald and Ruth M. Mershon, Lyman Page, Virginia Toft, Marjorie Pilcher, Miriam, Gladys and Clarence Turner, Lulu Lawrence, brothers Ralph and Arthur C., and the little hostess.

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Otto R. Manteuffel and Miss Mamie Zurhorst Married.

In accordance with an almost established custom of Fairhope young people, two of our young folks, Mr. Otto R. Manteuffel and Miss Mamie E. Zurhorst, took the steamer Carney at Volanta, last Monday morning, and proceeded to Mobile, where they were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Father Turner performed the ceremony in the cathedral in the presence of witnesses, and the young couple returned to the home

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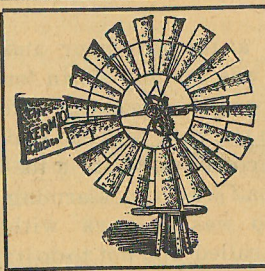
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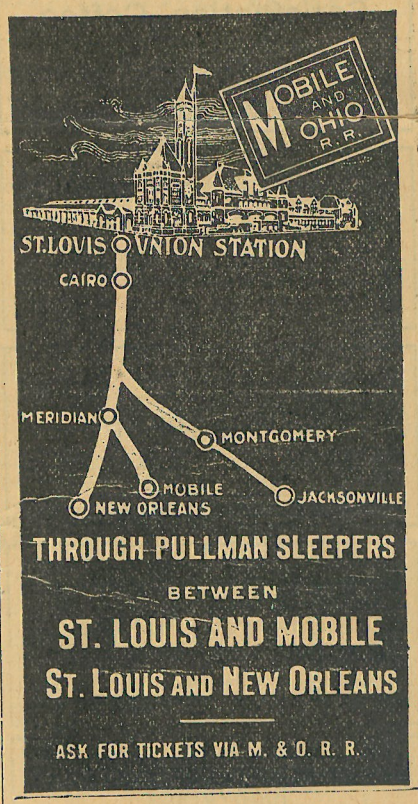
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American Pauperism.

The special report on pauperism in the United States which the census bureau has issued affords some interesting information, the general impression gained being that the number of people living in almshouses is not increasing with the development of the population. Like most government reports the material is two years old, and yet it gives a basis for consideration and deduction. The report indicates that at the close of the year 1903 there were 81,764 paupers in the almshouses, that during the year 1904 there were admitted 81,412, making a total of 163,176 persons who were in these homes during some part of that year. Of this total 51,359 were women, of whom it is said that, once admitted, they are more liable to remain permanently than the men, who leave during the summer and return when the cold weather comes on. This percentage of "regulars" is so great that the majority of those who were admitted during 1904 had been in the almshouse before. Of course, says the Chicago Tribune, it would be wrong to assume that this comparatively small number of people, less than 200,000 in a population of 85,000,000, represents all the abject poverty in the United States. For there has been a wonderful advance in this country in the methods for handling the improvident members of society. Institutions have been established for the special care of different classes of unfortunates who once made up much of the almshouse constituency. Great efforts have been put forth to make former dependents now partly self-supporting, and many a child has been saved to society and made an honest, industrious citizen through the instrumentality of home finding organizations. In fact, the figures which are given in the report tell in themselves the marked gain which society has made under the sympathetic and intelligent direction of earnest students of social problems.

"Bad" Air Not So Bad.

Foul air—which has for its accepted meaning, air heavy with the gases and odors of decay—is not, in itself, poisonous, or even unhealthful. Unless it contains such a large proportion of foreign gases that it is noticeably lacking in oxygen, its chief effect is psychic. Some persons, in brief, cannot abide a stench. It sets their nerves on edge and excites their imaginations, and the result is that they grow pallid and, at times, seasick. Thus, indirectly, it may weaken them and make them an easy prey to wandering microbes. But, of itself, it produces little direct harm. Medical students, breathing the unspeakable gases and odors of the dissecting room, manage to eat vast dinners and to grow fat. Tanners, garbage men, korkers in fertilizer factories and other persons who are habitually surrounded by hair-raising aromas, are ordinarily just as healthy as other folk. That foul air is usually laden with rather more germs and germ-bearing insects than air which seems (to the nose) to be pure, is beside the point. Experience shows, says the American Magazine, that pure air often contains as many of these enemies to health as the most foul exudations from a sewer outlet. The Stegomyia fasciata, which carries the germs of yellow fever, would be just as deadly on a mountain top as along the shore of a Louisiana bayou. Hence, the absurdity of shotgun quarantines and of all the other medicinal manifestations of alarm that appear when yellow jack rages on the gulf coast."

One of the small glaciers in Montana is of especial interest on account of the fact thata in the mass of ice there are imbedded two strata of grasshoppers, each about a foot thick. There are literally tons of grasshoppers in the ice, and the question naturally arises as to where they came from. The most obvious explanation, says Country Life in America, is that centuries ago two enormous swarms in course of migration were caught in a snowstorm, chilled and buried in the snow, where they have remained till now in a perfect state of preservation. In the accounts of the early western explorers a few instances are related of meeting large swarms of locusts on the mountain tops in the Rockies. It is a very fortunate circumstance that the great extension of agriculture in the west has broken up the breeding grounds of these insects.

Expert Carleton, who says this country can produce 1,500,000,000 bushels of wheat, admits that he has made only a rough estimate. It is possible, therefore, that he is a few bushels out of the way on one side or the other.

The exclusion of a sailor in the navy from a dancing pavilion at Narragansett bay is especially inexcusable when it is remembered that naval men are universally conceded to be the best dancers that society can boast.

Mr. Higinbotham's advice to young men, "Let the clock take care of itself," sounds very good, and even wise, but it only holds good after the young men get down in the morning.

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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, library, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owned and operated the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yielded annually a very substantial addition to the public revenue, until the same was practically destroyed by the great storm of September 27, 1906. It is now being rebuilt by a company of citizens under contract by which they will manage it until the obligations incurred by them in the rebuilding are satisfied, when it will be turned back to the Corporation.

It owns a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; and a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection.

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Natural Taxation, by Thomas G. Shearman

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ishing array of statistics. He is aware that his figures and inferences—on the taxes on sugar and whisky especially—will be "vehemently disputed", but that "none of the disputants will be able to furnish figures more correct." The Sugar Trust is "another instance of unqualified robbery under the forms of law, without a shred of pretence of government revenue."

"The only justification which any honest, intelligent man has ever offered for indirect taxation is, either that the government must be maintained, and that the people will not submit to straightforward taxation for its maintenance; or that every form of taxation is equally oppressive and demoralizing in its effects."

The author asks if the payment of indirect taxes has the smallest tendency to excite in the real taxpayer an interest in honest and economical government; and his reply is that such taxes are devised for the precise and avowed purpose of preventing the mass of voters from feeling the burden and from becoming restive under it. The motive is to blind the people to the cost of government and to obtain money from them without their real consent.

Again, under the crooked or indirect system of taxing, economic government is not possible. Such taxes invariably produce a great deal too much or a great deal too little, with the sure result: "extravagance, waste and corruption." The method of taxation as shown by this author must make every patriotic person blush with shame!

What are called internal-revenue taxes, more correctly termed excise taxes, cannot be imposed without the aid of spies; the searching of private premises; seizures of property upon the slightest pretext; continual arrests upon the slightest suspicion, and enormous penalties for slight offenses. The "exciseman" in England is an object of hatred and contempt. In England "thousands of brutes have dashed their wives and daughters against walls and tables, breaking several ribs; not one of whom was ever punished with one fourth of the severity shown to the maker of illicit candles."

In the collection of tariff duties in this country, ladies' dresses and underclothing are dragged out and spread upon the wharf for the inspection of a coarse crowd, and carefully searched to see if they are sufficiently dirty to warrant the belief that they are in actual use! "The late Mrs. William Waldorf Astor was the first woman to rebel against this abominable practice, and refused to pay a tax upon cleanliness. She appealed successfully to the Supreme Court against this disgusting standard. But the outrage is still repeated ten thousand times a year by officers who peer and pry into women's clothing, and insist that it must be new because it is not filthy." On any slight suspicion that a passenger "has concealed dutiable goods, the law gives absolute power to the customs officers to strip the suspected person naked, and the power is habitually exercised." Petty and contemptible extortions are common. One poor immigrant woman who had but one pair of stockings (which she kept clean for landing, going barefoot on the ship) was taxed eighty per cent on this pair. Of course men of refinement and honor could not administer such regulations.

On the working of the *ad valorem* system the government is compelled to employ an army of spies, and to resort to all kinds of low tricks to ascertain prices, to treat all merchants as thieves and rogues; to require detailed statements about which the declarants cannot possibly know anything; to impose enormous fines and penalties for errors which may be fraudulent, or may be perfectly innocent; to put valuations upon goods which the officers know and admit to be utterly false and excessive, and, in general, to adopt methods of dealing with honest taxpayers which no business man could use without being expelled from decent society. Blackmail, swindling, and enforced lying, are regular methods of collecting the tariff revenues of the United States, not through the fault of the administrative officers, but as the necessary result of deliberate provisions of statute law. These do but express in plain English what both Republican and Democratic Secretaries of the Treasury have stated in the decent obscurity of many-syllabled words.

Technical analysis, tables of statistics &c. must be omitted in a brief paper like this: comparisons between this and other countries in methods of taxation also. According to the official statistics of 1880 (the last completed when Mr. Shearman's book was published), the burden of taxes and profits was $1,354,600,000.

Out of what fund, he asks, can these taxes and profits be paid? He replies that it is out of the fund that the people would save but for these exactions, since it cannot be out of what they spend in living.

The inome tax returns in this country are put down as less than one half of what they should be, the administration of the law being everywhere corrupt, "and in most of the western and southern states, a mere farce." Concentration of wealth is inevitable under our system of taxation which bears twenty times as heavily upon the average poor man as it does upon the average rich man.

The second chapter closes with the reiterated statement that "indirect taxes are maintained for the very purpose of convincing the vast majority that they are *not* taxed and that they have no interest in economical and prudent government. It is beyond contradiction that this is the design and effect of such taxation."

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The Parable of Peoples.

Behold, in the "Land of the Free" there dwelt a man namer Al Peoples, whose natural sight was abated through his habit of never looking far beyond his stomach.

In those days there were in the land a few men with large pockets in their togas, who told Al what to do, and often joshed about things out of sight to him. They put him wise that the Creator had fixed everything O. K., and intended him not to question affairs. And when uneasiness came over Peoples, they would give him crumbs of bread, and daily get out large sheets of papyri, with big red letters thereon, showing how wrong and foolish it would be for anyone to try to foretell what would surely come to pass, or want to change the way "the Lord had made things," or the established order of precedent. And if Al persisted, they called him "anarchist," "socialist," "single taxer," and "disturber of (their) peace," which names so struck terror to his heart that he would retire within himself. They further gave him their colored goggles to look through, and thus did he see things as they wished.

And it came to pass one day, while Al was upholding the "dignity of labor," he was held up by a licensed and respectable robber named Water (Monopoly), for whom he coughed up a little. The next day Gas, a brother of Water, relieved him of more of his "root of all," and each day their brother Street Car would catch him "gwine and comin."

When Al or his wife or children did overtime enough so they thought he could buy a little extra stuffing or cover, the other brothers, who lived elsewhere—Patent, Tariff and Special Legal Privilege, would touch him for their share at the store where he bought, as they fixed the prices on goods.

Having a strong imagination, Al could see the "great prosperity" (of a few) and "full dinner pail" all about him, and he was withal quite cheerful. These evidently respectable robbers were doing a lawful and recognized standard business that only took a part of what he made, and he thought it necessary to the good of the community.

On the first of each month, however, old father Monopoly, whose front name was Land, would come to Al, finding that the boys had only taken one quarter of what he made, Al and his family using another quarter, saving one-half. which Father Land appropriated, and told him to be more saving next month.

Now in the course of time it came to pass that some of Al's neighbors got to reading exciting literature, or had lovely pipe dreams, and they said one to another; "We can spout gas, carry our own water, and ride in some home-made carettes; and as for Tariff, Privilege and Patent—what good are they to us? We will cut them out, thus saving one-fourth of what we produce."

The move was carried with a whoop; and, of course, the place became so popular that people flocked there to roost, the demand for lots arose, and old Father Land Monopoly prepared to cut some real cream cheese, for he would now take three-fourths instead of one-half of what Al and his family made—all that was left when it got to him—the same as before.

Moral: First drop the big robber, who takes all over a bare living, then it will do some good to lop off the boys.

GEO. W. PATTERSON.

Parliament Temporises.

The English Liberal party pledged to a reform in the matter of land-value taxation, has let most of a regular and extra session go by, and not only has nothing been done, but says the Middleton Guardian: "No effort has been made to put this reform into practice." The Guardian also says:

"Things are looking bad for the winter. The government returns show an abnormal increase in unemployment, and we already have evidence of hardening prices in food and other commodities. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find work, and money will not go nearly so far in purchasing the necessaries of life as it did a little while ago. We trust history is not about to repeat itself. The short-lived government that went into office in 1892 and came out in 1895 was also pledged to a measure for the taxation of land values. They failed to introduce it, although much pressure was brought to bear on them from outside. That led to ten years' exile from office. Another failure now will deservedly lead to the banishment of our present rulers for a much longer period, for we feel confident that there is nothing that will more incense the people against a political party in these days of awakened social interest than neglect of the material requirements of the nation."

G. W. Wood holds the Fairhope record, we believe, as a pedestrian. He walked in from Robertsdale in about four hours, and was surprised to know that it is called fifteen miles. Most men would have thought it at least twice that after walking it.

Santa Claus Visits Fairhope

Was Actually Seen Here This Week, Spying out the Land for His Flying Trip Christmas Eve.

The other night, as we were going home at rather a late hour and thinking about the merry Christmas time now so near at hand, it seemed as though some one was walking along with us. We had to look very hard to see him, and then we could hardly make out who it was, he was such a quaint figure with his long white whiskers and flowing garments.

We could hardly believe our eyes, but finally said

"HELLO, SANTA CLAUS!"



Imagine our surprise when a silvery voice, full of cheery good nature, replied

"HELLO, FRIEND!"

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Of course we asked Santa Claus what he was doing in Fairhope, and he laughed and told us that he was everywhere all the time, being one of those spirits of kindness and love whose mission it is to make life worth living for the poor blind people of this world.

He told us it was only when people were very kind, and thoughtful, and unselfish, that they could see him at all, so that most people never caught a glimpse of him except when their hearts were full of the thoughts of Christmas and the desire to make all children, big and little, rich and poor, very happy. But Santa Claus is watching us all the time, and he knows whether a child has been good all the

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year, or is just making a big bluff the last few days of the year.

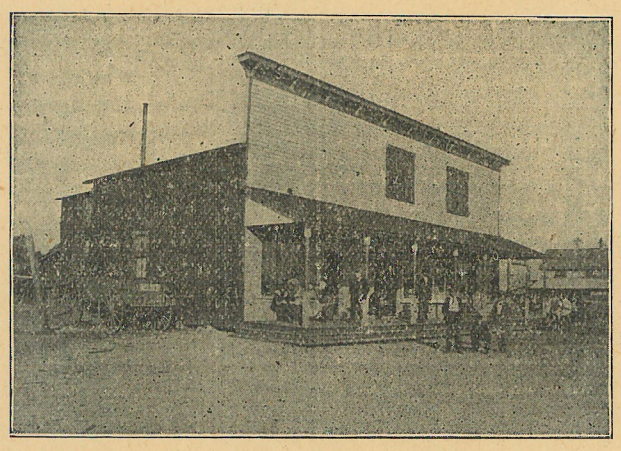
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Visits the Big Store.

Do you want to go with me and see what I am up to?" asked Santa Claus.

"We surely do," we answered him, and quick as a wink we were right in the big store of the Mershon Merchandising Co., and Santa Claus was busy looking around with a cute little lantern, seeing everything all in a minute.

"Yes sir, they have a fine lot of



toys," said Santa Claus. "I won't have to bring many with me to Fairhope. I'll just pop in here Christmas eve and load up, and won't the little fellows be happy when they see their socks the next morning!"

"Yes, I know the very kid who is going to get that little automobile!" exclaimed Santa Claus, "and I know a little boy who wants that train of cars, but he isn't a very good little boy—he must brace up and mind his mamma better if he gets that train of cars from me."

"Yes, that is a good line of toys," continued Santa Claus. "See the clever mechanical toys, and the engines, and the boats! I hope every child living in lower Baldwin county will be brought in here to see the pretty things. I think they will all try to be good children then, and I'll try to get a toy into every stocking. Big job that, but more and more good people are helping me every year, for they find it is so easy to make a child happy, and that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

"Now let's see what they have for the bigger children," said Santa Claus, walking down one of the aisles of the big store. "Keep your eyes open, for there is lots to see."

After we had looked at everything we sat down in Mr. Arthur's office and smoked with great satisfaction some of those nice Havana cigars just in for the holiday trade, and Santa said: "Do you think they have forgotten anything?"

"Well," we replied, "they certainly have enough good things to eat."

"That's all right," said Santa. "The stomach is the biggest organ in the human body, and it needs attention three times every day and all day Christmas. Now if I was to send an order for Christmas dinner here, do you know what I'd get?"

"Tell us," we said.

"Well, here's the list:"

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Fruits—preserved figs and pears in fancy glass jars, Honeysuckle brand California canned goods, raisins, figs, dates, oranges, apples and Malaga grapes.

Heinz Goods—sweet and sour pickles, dill pickles, mixed sweet pickles, catsups, olive oil and mustard dressing.

"A good cook could make quite a feast out of that, Santa Claus," we remarked.

"Very good indeed, and plenty of it for me and my children," replied Santa, "and for the rest of Christmas week I want some of those famous hams, Yorkshire backs, bacon, boneless ham, little pig sausage, sauer kraut, National Biscuit Co's dainties, Fox River Creamery butter, etc. It takes lots of good things to keep a fellow like me going."

Santa Claus spoke well of the big stock of shoes, men's furnishings, boys' clothing, etc., and said he knew some men folks who had wives who needed a set of China such as he saw in the big store—dinner sets, breakfast sets, chocolate sets, etc.

Then we left the big store and started walking down Section street toward H. C. Oswalt's residence.

SANTA CLAUS APPOINTS H. C. OSWALT AGENT.

"I must leave these cards with Mr. Oswalt," said Santa, handing me one. It had the following printed on it:

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This is to notify you that Santa Claus has arranged with the Post Office News Stand, Fairhope, Ala., to send you

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With best wishes from

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"What is the idea?" we asked. "Well," replied Santa Claus, "there is just one kind of gift besides good looks that I couldn't put in your best girl's stocking, and that kind of a gift is so sensible a one and brings so much pleasure that I have to appoint an agent to help me. The papers and magazines for 1907 are not printed yet, so I cannot deliver them myself. But Mr. Oswalt at the Post Office News Stand will send any paper or magazine in the world to anybody in the world that I think ought to get such a gift. I leave one of these neat cards in the stocking, and then the lucky person knows that the favorite paper or magazine will come for the whole year. Mr. Oswalt tends to that. Great scheme, isn't it?"

We looked in at the Post Office news stand as we came back to town and saw there the best display of cigars in the county, plenty of fine candy, books, magazines, papers, fancy stationery, souvenir post cards, souvenir stationery, all of which Santa Claus said he would use to make people happy on Christmas Day.

Call's Store a Holiday Bazaar.

The next place Santa Claus flashed his lantern proved to be Mrs. Call's store, which was so tastefully arranged and full of so many new and pretty things that we hardly knew the place at first.

"This is the prettiest display I ever saw in Fairhope," said Santa Claus' "Look at these pretty things in sterling silver—see the pretty hat pins the boys are going to give their best girls—and see those pen-holders and cigar cutters in pure silver—aren't they pretty?"

We had to agree that the pretty and useful silver novelties would make many Fairhopers happy on Christmas morning, and then we called Santa Claus to see what we thought the most striking display—a fine lot of decorated china inported from Japan. Santa Claus laughed and said, "This shows how the whole world works to help me. Those clever Japanese are among the best workmen I have. These things are real Japanese work, all right, and those cups, saucers, and other things will be a source of pleasure to whole families for years to come."

Then we found some beautiful velvet belts—new and nobby, also a handsome array of handkerchiefs in various designs.

"O Santa!" we exclaimed, "look at those swell dog collars!" "Those are called 'dog collars,' all right," he laughed, "but they are for ladies' wear; they are one of my newest creations in pearl, turquoise and amethyst. I hope every pretty girl in Fairhope gets one of those." There were other collars, too—silk and linen, in great variety.

Then we went into another part of the store and found some handsome bags, some of leather and some of beaded work. Then Santa Claus called my attention to the big lot of dolls. "I give more pleasure with dolls than any one thing," he told me, "and I must say the prices on this lot are very low. I am sure they will make much joy. See what a fine variety—some dressed and some waiting for some good friend of mine to fix up all ready for the Christmas stocking."

"Here is something that will please the mothers," said Santa Claus, pointing to a lot of Windsor ties for little boys' suits. I like to see all my people, big and little, nicely dressed on Christmas day, and I see here we have most everything a lady could desire. Look at those fine coats: skirts, waists and petticoats. Just the thing for a Christmas costume, and I think I can arrange it so as to make many a mother quite happy on Christmas, and some of the big daughters, too, with this fine lot of clothing."

We spent a few minutes admiring a nice little collection of imported Oriental goods, and Santa Claus told us where they were made and what manner of people made them, and who he thought ought to find them in their socks on Christmas morning.

"How do you arrange to get all these things into the stockings, Santa Claus?" we asked.

"I'd like to tell you, my friend," he replied, "but that is my great secret. If I told you I am afraid you would quit the newspaper business and try to play Santa Claus yourself—and that would never do.

Santa Claus Stops at "The Gables."

The next stop surprised us, for the lantern flashes showed us that we were in "The Gables," and we asked Santa Claus for an explanation.

"Well," said he, "one of the chicest gifts I am going to give certain people up North is the privilege of spending a winter in the South. It will be better than medicine for a lot of people I know up there, and I am going to send some of them to Fairhope right away. Now I am looking for an ideal place in which these friends may regain health and strength, and I have found it in "The Gables." There are plenty of nice rooms here, you see; in fact it is a sort of family hotel, where children are welcome and all may feel at home. And the hygenic cooking is a good feature. Yes, sir, I have good use for such places as 'The Gables'" said Santa Claus, as we flew out through the big fire-place.

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It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, library, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owned and operated the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yielded annually a very substantial addition to the public revenue, until the same was practically destroyed by the great storm of September 27, 1906. It is now being rebuilt by a company of citizens under contract by which they will manage it until the obligations incurred by them in the rebuilding are satisfied, when it will be turned back to the Corporation.

It owns a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; and a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection.

The Fairhope policy eliminates the land speculator entirely, and for those who WANT LAND FOR USE, whether for residence, business, manufacturing or farming, it can be readily demonstrated to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores, schools, blacksmith and butcher shops, doctors, churches, fine bathing and fishing, and exceptionally intelligent and sociable people.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

American. Forestry Association.

We have received from Thos. E. Will, Secretary, an invitation to become a member of the American Forestry Association. Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, is the president of this organization, which, as its name implies, is devoted to the protection of the forest wealth of the United States.

We quote from Mr. Will's letter as follows:

Our forests constitute one of our chief resources. but, under private exploitation, insect ravages and fire, they are disappearing like snow in springtime.

The consequences are most grave. Prices of wood products are mounting, and streamflow is disturbed, causing alternate floods and droughts, with vast destruction and waste.

The situation demands organization, agitation, education, and legislation culminating in wiser use by private owners and, especially, in public ownership and administration through "forest reserves."

The one voluntary organization, national in scope, which exists to do this work, is the American Forestry Association. Established in 1882, and incorporated in 1897, with a membership now exceeding 5,000, it has, from the first, been an active force for saving and extending the forests. The great work immediately before it is the establishment of the Southern Appalachian and White Mountain Reserves, —objects of far-reaching importance, both to the sections involved, and to the entire country.

The association has chosen an important work, and the COURIER sympathises with it fully, though unable to assist further.

Through Mr. Will we learn that Miss Herring is in Chicago and has told him much of Fairhope. He is also acquainted with R. F. Powell, and C. F. Nesbit, of Washington.

While upon the subject of forest preservation and reforestation, it will be interesting to note that Mr. John P. Brown, publisher of "Arboriculture," at Connersville, Ind., and an enthusiast upon catalpa growing, has been in this vicinity within a few days, inspecting catalpa forests set out by the L. & N. R. R. near Carney Station, this county, and near Ocean Springs, Miss., the same having been planted for ties.

Drive Across the U. S. to Fairhope.

Dewey Wheeler and wife and son Frank arrived in Fairhope, Sunday, in a covered wagon, having driven all the way from Conneaut, Ohio, in the extreme north-east corner of the state. They were eleven weeks making the trip, having good weather most of the way, having many pleasant experiences and some rough ones.

The Wheelers have been taking the COURIER, and are here to make their home if the climate agrees with them, as they think it will. They are temporarily in the Getty cottage, and are looking for a permanent location.

A number of workmen have been engaged this week, under direction of Mr. Comings, in salvaging the wreck of the hall. Most of the material is being saved in good shape, and will be available for rebuilding in whatever style is decided upon. Of course, the cheapest plan would be to rebuild the building in size and style as it was before. A suggestion has been made, which seems to the COURIER a good one, to use the material in adding a large room to the west side of the school-house, where it would answer pretty well both as a hall and a school-room.

The "Henry George Blade" is a Swedish Single Tax paper which is new to our exchange table.

Have you friends who want the COURIER?

SOME OCCULT PHILOSOPHY.

An Explanation wanted that will Explain.

When we saw another 'possum in a trap hanging from a tree in our neighbor Comings' yard this week, we were led to ponder on what sort of psychological philosophy or clairvoyant illumination it was, that has led so many of these predatory little animals to know that in Bro. Comings' yard they could find the fat, well-fed chickens desired for their feasts; so as to induce them to come up in the center of town, instead of taking their chances at the roosts in the outskirts of the village, at less risk of meeting dogs and things in their midnight prowlings. And we also wonder why the illumination that guided them to the well-stocked yard did not at the same time warn them of the skill as a trapper of our friend which was to result in the undoing of the otherwise well-posted 'possums.

We would like an explanatian that will explain.

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Rent Appraisement Considered by Council and Lessees.

Only two members of the Council, Messrs. Bancroft and Patterson, were present on Monday evening at the meeting called to hear objections to the Council's appraisement of land rentals for 1907, and the attendance of lessees was not large. Only three lessees made specific objections to their appraisement, Mr. Creswell (on the Jacobs valuation), Mr. C. K. Brown and Mrs. Mann. Others participated in the discussion in a more or less criticising mood, and several supported the Colony policy warmly and defended the appraisement. There were even those to contend that the rents were all too low.

As usual on such occasions objectors showed a lack of appreciation of and sympathy with the Colony's fundamental policy, and occasion was taken to assert the same strongly and utilize the facts brought out to show its justice and wisdom.

Mr. Creswell contended that the Jacobs lease stated the purpose for which the land should be used as "for agricultural and horticultural purposes." Mr. Gaston explained that this however only affected the lessee in the use he might make of the land under the lease; that a prior condition of the lease was that the lessee should pay every value attaching to the land not due to his efforts and expenditures, and if a value attached to it because of a demand for building lots the Corporation was entitled to fix the rent accordingly.

Mr. Creswell admitted a sale of improvements (consisting of clearing and fence on less than an acre) to Mr. Mathews, at $90, and Mr. Bancroft contended that this was much more than the real value of the improvements, which showed that the purchaser was paying land value to Mr. Creswell. This was corroborated by another, who said that Mr. Mathews complained at the time that he paid more than the improvements were worth, but did it to get possession.

Mr. Brown complained particularly of the advance in rent on his "Smit tract" opposite the school lots, and asked some members of the Council to explain upon what basis the Council acted. It was explained that the Council had sought, as was its duty, to equalize values, and had compared values along that street with values, say, on Fels avenue, where lots no nearer to the business center of town and on a little-traveled street were being rapidly taken up at $4 and $5. Mr. Gaston also stated that his experience with people seeking locations showed him that there was and had been for years a demand the Corporation was unable to supply for tracts of 2, 3 to 5 acres close in, suitable for gardening purposes yet convenient to stores, school and church. Mr. Brown stated in the course of his talk that he could only get $8 a month for his place there, while if he had it down town he could get $12 for it. This was made the basis later for one of the most effective points of the discussion. When Mrs. Mann was objecting to the advance of $5 a lot on her lots at the top of the hill, and several were asserting that it was the most desirable site in town and showing how constantly her cottages were kept under rent Chairman Frank Brown asked Mr. C. K. Brown how much he thought he could get for his improvement opposite the school-lot if it were on Mrs. Mann's lot, and he said he could get $15 a month for it there. "And you can only get $8 for it where it is?" said Chairman Brown. "Yes," was the reply. "Well," said Chairman Brown, "that difference is all ground value: and twelve times $7 is $84, the difference in ground value of the two sites; while we only propose to charge Mrs. Mann $35 for her two lots there, upon which she has two cottages under rent constantly."

Mr. Stimpson warmly defended the slight advances that had been made, and he was one who had been affected by the opening of a new street and the assessment of frontage on the new street at lot values.

"Why," said he, "I have a snap! and we all have snaps in Fairhope who use our ground. This year I only paid $35 on my place, with my home and a place to do business right close to the center of town, and nine acres on which to raise feed for my mules and cows. They have cut off a part of my land, and propose to charge me next year $6 more than last; but it's worth it, and worth more. I don't think the Council or the members ought to think of cutting down the appraisement."

Mr. Albright made a stirring speech, declaring the Colony was not getting anything like the value of its land. "You have been letting yourselves be bluffed out," he declared, "from taking the land values which your principles and your lease contracts provide that you should take. You should pay no attention to the complaints of these people who evidently do not understand your policy. The courts have declared your right to fix your rents, and you should go ahead and fix them at what you think the ground is worth." He cited his own case, and said he was not paying nearly enough and none of his neighbors were. He gave fig-

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Mrs. Howland's Letters

In a day of great unrest, not to say of illness, I came across the following paragraph in some of my (voluminous) rejected MSS. It is from a character in a novel giving her opinion of letter writing. She says: "Don't write long letters unless you want to fill up the time and are certain that whatever you write will be read with delight. Devote your attentions, your tender words, your helpful advice, your service—your life, indeed, to those close to you. You will generally find that your interesting letter writers are not greatly popular in their immediate neighborhoods, nor are they loved in their families as the highest type of human being invariably is." This quotation greatly interested me, for I could not believe but for the chirography that I had written it. Think this over Emma P., and find your excuse in it for your reputation as a bad correspondent!

Dec. 11. * * * Dear L.—Coming from the post office the other day, I saw a "great big" Maltese cat in the middle of the street. I was so certain that it was Hazel's old pet that she used to dress up in a regular suit of clothes that she had made for him and nurse him by the hour—in the old days, of course, when she was a child, or little more. He would not come at my call, and I went into Mrs. Toft's new bakery—yours but a few days ago, you know—and obtained much information about your beloved cats. Coming out, I met on the broad front steps one of Mopsey's last little brood, and I sat down and petted it for a few minutes. An Angora kitten is about the prettiest animal on earth, I think. But all this is introductory to what will surprise you as it did me. Mopsey herself, in person, came to my west door soon after you had left. She never came before save with you on the occasion of our "last supper" here in the library. I did not invite her in, for Mrs. Toft had told me she had been given to a neighbor by you; but I could not resist making some kind of response to her appeal; so I went out and her welcome to my caresses was touching. Who shall say that in her humble cat mind she did not associate her memory of you with this room and hope to find you by coming here? Anyway I thought she wanted to say: "Where, O, where is my friend?" There is something so touching in the mute appeals of these lower creatures!

x x x Dear Mr. Traubel, are you still reserving for this library the books you so kindly gave through Mr. Fels? You know I wrote you at the time telling you how pressed we are for room here, and asking you if you could keep them till we have our new library. You must answer anew, for we are delayed in building the library by the hurricane and other misfortunes beyond our control. Our town hall was utterly wrecked and most of the citizens thought we had better first rebuild

Marie Howland

that, so we obtained permission from the principal donor, Mr. Fels, to lend to the Corporation (on good security, of course,) for that purpose, the part of the fund contributed by him. The matter is not yet settled. After the wharf and the steamer—the loss of which almost ruined us—there is nothing we so miss as we do the town hall; and, anxious as I am for a good library building in Fairhope, I am willing to wait, so far as I am concerned, though a little tired of answering the query: "When are you going to commence the new library?" Not so tired as Mr. Powell is with answering "When will the steamer be finished?" for he is in danger, I am told, of going "stark, staring mad."

x x x A valued old friend of Worcester, England, writes for the second or third time: "Don't forget to mention to Mr. Gaston about sending two issues of the Courier at a time, and so saving 26 cts. a year in postage." Now I have mentioned this to Mr. Gaston, and do so again in this manner. He wishes also to know when we "shall build a fence around the colony lands to keep out hogs. The U. S." he adds, would do well to have the same law as in Australia where hogs are outlaws and anybody may shoot one found trespassing.—I see you have the same leniency of the law in the U. S. as in England towards offenses aginst the person. Property is first." Again he says:—"Garden City, the English Fairhope, is exceedingly prosperous; its success surpassing all expectations. This is all through its policy of encouraging b(usines)s.* Indeed, the difficulty now is rather to get agriculturists than manufacturers. It is absolutely necessary to have manufacturing interests at Fairhope or it will always be poor and struggling. Why not at least a fruit cannery or hog packing works?" meaning, perhaps, to advise our utilizing the "outlaws" that bother us!!

*My correspondent is fond of a play upon a word. "*Usines*" is French for a big workshop. —M. H.

Rev. H. G. Sedinger, who was reported in last issue as preaching at the Christian church, on Thursday and Friday evenings, delivered two addresses on Sunday to appreciative audiences, and spoke again on Monday evening. He has accepted a call from the congregation to act as its pastor, and left on Tuesday morning for his present home at Athens, Ala., to prepare for the removal of his family here. He hopes to be here to take up the work regularly by the first of the new year. Mr. Sedinger is a very agreeable gentleman, who favorably impressed all who had the pleasure of making his acquaintance. He seems a true "man of the people."

New Steamer Christened Christmas.

The new steamer went to Mobile under her own steam on Monday, where she is having a steam drum put on her boiler, and some other plumbing and machine work which could not be done here.

A note from Purser Pilcher instructs us to announce that the christening will take place on Christmas afternoon at 3 o'clock. The steamer may be back to Fairhope on Saturday, but it will probably be Monday or Tuesday morning.

The very clever write-up of "Santa Claus' Visit to Fairhope" in the last issue of the Courier was by Mr. Dougherty of the Courier force.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL MEETING

Called for Friday, Dec. 28, to Consider Increased School Facilities.

The imperative need of increased school facilities at Fairhope is well set forth in the following letter by our devoted and efficient teachers to Mr. Oswalt.

In obedience to the request contained in same Mr. Oswalt requests us to announce a school meeting to be held at the school house on Friday evening, Dec. 28, at 7:30. All interested in Fairhope's school, whether parents or not, are urged to attend this meeting.

The letter referred to is as follows:

Mr Oswalt, Trustee:

We have to report to you that our school is now full, excepting two seats still vacant in Miss Clement's room, with an enrollment of 102 pupils.

It seems best to us to let this state of affairs be known in time, so that some arrangement may be made by January 1, 1907.

We are doing our best with the numbers we have, and by alternating studies have managed to get in all the lessons; but in some grades this is a great disadvantage, and we are realizing that a re-arrangement will be necessary. We have been obliged to combine two grades in some studies, much to the detriment of both; and we have not the proper time to give to the recitations.

We hope that the Trustees and Council will be able to give us assistance. We feel sure that some wise plan will be thought out for the good of the children.

Respectfully,
N. Clements,
Ora A. Sweet.

Rent Appraisement Considered by Council and Lessees.

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ures to show the profits derived by owners of rented property in Fairhope, and declared they were far beyond what could be realized by parties owning the land in other parts of the country. Mr. Abright is neither a member of the Council nor of the Corporation.

Mr. W. S. Baldwin took a hand in the discussion "on general principles," not particularly complaining about his own assessment (which had not been raised), and, replying to Mr. Albright, said that in the other places cited by him the landlord got in addition to the rent of his place, the increasing value of his land, while here the Corporation was the landlord and collected the increasing land value. The tenant got none of it.

President Brown took Mr. Baldwin up on this proposition. "Do you say," said he, "that the lessees do not get the increasing land value?" "Yes," said Mr. Baldwin. "Who does get it?" said Mr. Brown. "Well, I don't know," said Mr. Baldwin; "I never got any of it." "Are you not mistaken?" said Mr. Brown: "I remember signing a number of orders on the treasury for you, Mr. Baldwin, and some of them pretty good-sized ones." "Yes, but I worked for all I got," said Mr. Baldwin. "Who did you work for, Mr. Baldwin? Did you work for me, or for Mr. Bancroft, or Mr. Stimpson? No, you worked for the commuity; and after you got your pay for your services you shared in the results of your work just the same as any member of the Corporation did. The lessee don't, it is true, get the increasing value of the land he may happen to have under lease; but he shares with all other lessees in the increasing value of the land of all lessees, and it is to his interest to see that the community gets all the land values." To another speaker, who intimated that "we need more of the 'brotherly love' spoken of by the speaker of Sunday in the same place," Mr. Brown said: "We do need 'more brotherly love;' but it is the kind that is concerned about the rights and interests of the community and to see that it gets all that it is entitled to, and is less concerned about its possessor's own individual pocket-book."

The meeting was conducted in very good spirit, no unpleasant personalities being indulged in. Where personal references were made they were simply to make more forcible the points the speaker sought to make, and it was for this purpose the writer has reported the meeting in this somewhat personal style.

Only one motion was put before the meeting, and that was that Mr. C. K. Brown's assessment on his "Smit" place be left the same as last year. This carried by a vote of 8 to 6, the force of the motion being only to express the sense of the meeting, and even this was hardly done by the small vote which was recorded.

Council Proceedings.

Council met on Tuesday evening and transacted considerable business. Minutes of Dec. 3d and 13th were read and approved.

Bill of J. W. Braam for $6 for work on telephone system allowed.

Geo. Bancroft reported on deduction of rent to Wm. Stimpson for 1906, on account of ground taken for street, clearing, etc., recommending allowance of $7.91, which was allowed.

It was moved and carried that the Council, after careful consideration of the objections made to the rent appraisement, does not deem the same well founded, and reaffirms its appraisement as that of 1907.

It was also moved and carried that a special election be called for December 22, to vote upon the proposition: "Shall the rent appraisement as made by the Council stand as the appraisement for 1907"; the ballot box to be open from 1 to 3 and from 5 to 7 p. m.

It was decided to call a meeting of the members for Wednesday evening, December 26, at 7:30, at the school-house, to hear and consider report of the committee on amendment of the Constitution, and consider the matter of contract with Home Telephone Company to do switching service.

Secretary instructed to write Mr. Fels regarding use of his contribution toward library building in making provision for the library in connection with rebuilding of hall.

Committee on salvage of hall was requested to present plans for rebuilding of same in connection with library building, and with a view to proceeding with same at earliest moment

F. W. Rose instructed to order of N. O, Nelson Co., at cost of $5, guage to show at pumping station stage of water in tank.

An order ordered drawn in favor of Bay Steamship Co,, for $25 on account of waterworks.

Water rates revised.

Action of water clerk in securing services of J. J. Mogg to take care of pipe, put in door and window at pump house, etc., approved.

Relinquishment by R. S. Hutchinson of lot 8, blk. 5, div. 3, granted.

Plan of securing an additional teacher for school and advancing incidental fee to 50 cents a month, per pupil, was approved by motion and willingness of Council to pay same for pupils residing on Corporation land.

Mr. Bancroft authorized to dispose of down timber in town to best advantage.

If you have received notice of expiration of subscription, your remittance before January first w ill be greatly appreciated.

FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX COLONY

Fairhope, to outward appearance, as other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the most casual observer, is yet unique among the towns of this or any land.

It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, library, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owned and operated the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yielded annually a very substantial addition to the public revenue, until the same was practically destroyed by the great storm of September 27, 1906. It is now being rebuilt by a company of citizens under contract by which they will manage it until the obligations incurred by them in the rebuilding are satisfied, when it will be turned back to the Corporation.

It owns a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; and a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

Please don't forget the COURIER in making up your Christmas lists. Send it to some of your friends and thus make two Christmas gifts in one—one to the recipient of the paper and one to the COURIER.

Mr. Nesbit left on Tuesdav morning, after a visit which was most pleasing to us and seemed greatly enjoyed by him. He is a royal soul, and we are greatly pleased over the prospect of seeing more of him. He has promised the COURIER a letter telling something of his impressions of Fairhope.

January first is not only New Year's day, but is celebrated by the Corporation as its anniversary day. An interesting program is being prepared and we will be glad to have as many of our friends with us on the occasion as can find it possible to attend. The year has been one of the most eventful in the Colony's history.

The editor and wife acknowledge receipt from Mr. C. L. Coleman of a nice lot of the delicious little "kumquats." Mr. Coleman says the tree from which they came had 2,000 fruits upon it. At even five cents a dozen, at which they ought to sell readily, this would be $8.00 worth on the one tree. They are a beautiful little fruit and as good as they are pretty.

The COURIER hopes that the appraisement of rents for 1907, as made by the Council, will be approved by the members on Saturday afternoon by a good majority. The appraisement may not be perfect in the opinion of individuals —certainly is not—but much more thought has been given the matter by the Council than any others are likely to give it. The advances are not many, and believed by the Council to be justified by conditions which they have fully considered. The Council, in taking the initiative in referring the matter to the members, has shown its desire to have the will of the majority done. Let the Council's appraisement be approved, the list be in the hands of the treasurer before January first, so that the much needed public revenue may be collected, and we can then take up other pressing matters.

President Roosevelt has again, in a message to Congress, condemned the present methods whereby valuable mineral lands are being alienated from the public, and advocates some provision for leasing rights to develope and utilize mineral deposits.

On the 17th he sent a message to Congress from which we quote as follows:

I am gravely concerned at the extremely unsatisfactory condition of the public land laws and at the prevalence of fraud under their present provisions, For much of this fraud the present laws are chiefly responsible. There is but one way by which the fraudulent acquisition of these lands can be definitely stopped and therefore I have directed the secretary of the interior to allow no patent to be issued to public lands until by an examination on the ground actual complance with that law has been found to exist. For this purpose, an increase of special agents in the general land office is urgently required. Further, the secrecretary of the interior should be enabled to employ enough mining experts to examine the validity of all mineral land claims and to undertake the supervision and control of the use of the mineral fuels still belonging to the United States. The present coal law limiting the individual entry to 160 acres puts a premium on fraud by making it impossible to develop types of coal fields and yet comply with the law. It is a scandal to make laws which sound well but which make fraud the key without which great natural resources must remain closed. My own belief is that there should be provision for leasing coal, oil and gas rights under proper restrictions.

We are glad to see the president becoming aroused to the evils of our present land laws, but regret his failure to see that the root of the evil lies in the general policy whereby all the value of land, whether from advantages of location or natural deposits, accrues to *mere ownership*.

Failing to see this, he fails, of course, to perceive the simple sovereign remedy, and proposes a multiplication of government officials (through whose collusion and participation in profits previous frauds have been consummated), in an effort to prevent further frauds which this fundamentally wrong policy inevitably tempts men into.

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House and Lot in Memphis, Tenn., to Exchange for Fairhope Improvements.

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EDITOR COURIER:

I have just read a advertisement in the COURIER of the fine suburban home which is for sale at Fairhope for $1,350, which of course buys only the improvements since the land does not have to be bought, and I note also that the rent of the seven acres of land which this home occupies is only $9.70 a year. This rent, as I understand it, includes also the payment for the occupant of his state and county taxes, and pays for municipal expenses.

I have to pay next week a bill of $5.35 for personal property taxes. I am also paying, as I figure it, about $96 a year for the ground rent of the 50x150 plot upon which stands the house that I rent. I calculate that from this gross land rent, about $16 is paid in taxes, and that out of what I pay for the house about $22 goes in taxes.

Of course we have many local advantages and improvements that you do not possess at Fairhope, but if in my town the ground was administered on the Fairhope plan instead of being privately owned, I would have my rent reduced by at least the amount of the building tax of $22, which of course is shifted onto the tenant. I would also be saved the $5.35 of personal taxes, since the ground rent would be used to pay all of these taxes. And certainly if land speculation were eliminated and the hundreds of vacant lots in the town put to use, even my ground rent would not be so high as now.

Some of your correspondents have been trying to show that a grave injustice is done to the Fairhope resident whose ground rent is used for the payment of local taxes. I am quite sure that I would rejoice if from the ground rent I pay I were relieved of some $27 of taxes, and I would have no objection to using for the purchase of Christmas presents that $5.35 which I will hand to the tax collector on the 20th.

A. C. PLEYDELL.
North Plainfield, N. J.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

Rev. W. C. Gibbons will conduct services at The Gables on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Every one will be welcome.

Christmas Bazaar at Daphne.

The ladies of the Daphne Auxiliary committee will hold a bazaar at the court house on the afternoon and evening of December 21, in the interest of the proposed State Normal School for south Alabama, to be located at Daphne. The ladies request that all friends of the movement throughout the county and in Mobile show their appreciation of the work by helping to make the bazaar a success. That they aid by their presence on the 21, and by contributing articles to the various booths. There will be booths for fancy work, and the more substantial kinds, also dolls, toys, refreshments of all kinds, a bakery, grab bag, and all the things that Santa is generally supposed to bestow. The time is short, and prompt contributions will be highly appreciated. The ladies do not hesitate to ask for assistance, as this is a movement not for the benefit of Daphne alone, but for all of southern Alabama, and it is hoped that its benefits may reach even beyond the limits of this state.

MRS. A. E. STRONG,
(17) Corresponding Sec.

An Illustration.

The Chicago Tribune unwittingly serves up to the Henry George land taxers a most impressive practical illustration. It years ago selected for the site of its publication building a corner lot belonging to the school fund of the city and now says of the performance:

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And had the school land been sold to it then, the Tribune's additional riches from the "unearned increment" would have been gained at the expense of the public schools.—Star.

Mr. F. L. Horning went to Bay Minette on the 17th and bid in the improvements of Mrs. Williams, which were sold by the sheriff on execution of judgment given on behalf of the Corporation by Justice Hermann, of Mobile.

To the Ladies of Baldwin County.

At the meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary, held at Daphne Nov. 22, in the interest of the county committee which is working to secure for this county a State Normal School to be established at Daphne, it was moved and carried that the ladies of Baldwin county be requested to form branch auxiliaries in their respective localities, to aid in this work, and that a notice to this effect be sent to all the county papers, with a request for publication. For further information please address Mrs. A. E. Strong, corresponding secretary, Daphne, Ala.

The following are the officers of the Daphne auxiliary: Mrs. E. Q. Norton, president; Mrs. Mary Palmer, vice-president; Mrs. W. J. Mason, recording secretary; Mrs. A. E. Strong, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Lea, treasurer.

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C. L. COLEMAN,
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Notice to Creditors.

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Ancestral Silver.

Among people of conservative habits—and in this class must be placed the old families both of New England and of the south—the wedding silver is still regarded as the most important of wedding presents. The choice of it usually falls to the parents of the bride or of the groom, or to some other near relative, and is rightly regarded as a delicate task. For years silver bullion—the raw material of the family silver—has been very cheap. Three years ago manufacturers were able to buy it for less than 50 cents an ounce. Since then there has been a slow but steady advance, and the recent resumption of the purchase of silver bullion by the United States government has been followed by the raising of the price to 67 cents. The general belief is that it will go still higher. The immediate result of this advance is an increasing tendency to revert to the old custom of making silver the principal wedding gift, a custom which has suffered somewhat of late years from the growing competition of attraction in other fields. It is a rule of human nature that what is cheap is never valued at its real worth; and cut glass, furniture, pictures and rugs have won a large share of the honor that once belonged to silver alone. The reversion to the older fashion is not unpleasing. Silver is beautiful in itself, and it is durable. Neither time nor use have any deleterious effect upon it. Like every other human thing, it shows the effect of wear; but if it was well designed and has been put to no ignoble use, age serves only to give it an added charm. The good old family silver, like those who owned it takes on new grace and dignity with the passing years. And yet, says the Youth's Companion, there is family silver which makes the owner wish that the donor had chosen glass or china instead, for that might have got broken. Things cheap and tawdry in design—concessions to some passing fashion—become burdens because of their very durability. Those who choose what is to become family silver for others should remember Napoleon's remark: "Ancestors? I have none, but I myself am an ancestor."

A Windy Country.

Recent storms have shown what devastation may be wrought by a wind blowing little more than 60 miles an hour. But in a paper lately read by Sir Henry McMahon before the Royal Geographical society, mention is made of a region in which a 60-mile wind is the rule rather than the exception. In the Seistan country in Central Asia a gale begins about the end of May and continues until the early autumn. Its ordinary force is 70 miles an hour. While it mitigates the heat which would be otherwise unbearable, and banishes typhus and smallpox, it buries many structures in the sand, and wears away the northern walls of the houses, as its direction is north-northwest. In winter the conditions are far worse, for at times a speed of 120 miles an hour is reached and for a whole day it will blow at an average rate of 80 miles an hour. Immense excavations are made by it, some of which become lakes of considerable extent. The presence of many ruins shows that the country was once more thickly peopled, but it is now left to a partly nomadic race of less than 100,000. Mobile and Pensacola may at least indulge in the pious exercise of thanking Heaven that others are worse off than they.

Americans are slowly awking to the commercial value of preserving natural wonders and objects of historic interest. An important factor in the prosperity of Italy and other nations of the old world is the tourist trade. It has been estimated that the money spent by tourists in Italy constitutes a third income of that country. Entry of the United States into the galaxy of world powers has greatly increased its value from the standpoint of the tourists, remarks the Boston Transcript, and steamship companies report a marked increase in the last few years in the number of foreign visitors to this country. Hitherto Americans have not been quick to realize the necessity of preserving and marking the points of interest in the various parts of the country which will attract visitors.

A college professor has written a magazine article in which he insists that men of his profession should be paid $15,000 a year each. There can be no such thing as uniformity in the deserts of college professors. A few of them may be worth more than $15,000. The large majority of them are worth nothing.

All sufferers from insomnia will sympathize with their fellow victim whose sad case is reported in "The Hog Wallow Kentuckian:" "Jefferson Potlocks has been complaining to the deputy constable on account of his being kept awake at night by the lightning bugs."

Americans are bringing thousands of automobiles home from Europe, which may relieve the situation somewhat, though the automobile famine in this country has not caused widespread suffering.

Give Up Indigo Cultivation.

In Java the planting of indigo is steadily decreasing by reason of the great increase in production of the synthetic article. Much of the land on which indigo has heretofore been cultivated has now been turned into sugar plantations.

Banana Coffee.

Another use for bananas is that of making what is called banana coffee. A firm in New York manufactures banana flour and also banana coffee, but they complain that they find very little sale for the flour.

Coat Made of Rabbits' Ears.

A coat which has been placed on exhibition in a London furrier's shop is made out of 1,200 rabbit ears, which have been sewed together in such a manner as to make a serviceable waterproof coat.

Government Elephants Dying.

An outbreak of anthrax has spread death among the government elephants in Katha district. Nearly 250 elephants, most of them highly trained and valuable, died within a few days of the outbreak, the loss being over £50,000.—Rangoon Cor. London Express.

Primitive Chinese Plows.

In northern China a perambulating village blacksmith goes about in the early spring making implements for the farmers. The plows differ in design in the various localities, and are only sufficient to scratch the surface of the soil.

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LOSS OF LIFE BY ACCIDENT HAS BEEN BELITTLED.

Recently Published Statistics Prove That Claim to Greater Safety There Is Not Supported by Facts.

More people were killed on English railways last year than at any period during the last 16 years. This startling fact—just brought to light in a government report—makes no reference to the terrible Salisbury accident which happened on July 2, this year; and added another monumental holocaust to the category of English railway fatalities. England has always made a point of emphasizing and advertising the "reckless disregard of human life," exhibited by American railway management. Since the awful Salisbury disaster, however, in which so many Americans lost their lives, there has been significant silence; and now that the board of trade report is published, it reveals another case of stone-throwing from glass houses.

As a matter of fact, during the past three years, there have been so many serious disasters on English railways, the conclusion is justified that, taking the total mileage of the two countries, England has no reason whatever to boast of its immunity from accident. Considering that America has more miles of railway than all the other nations of the earth put together, the statistics of fatal accidents compare very favorably with those of other countries. When it is borne in mind that England only has 38,431 miles of track, and that the greater portion of this is a "double," and often "four-track" system—greatly reducing the element of natural danger—and considering that, even with this double and four-track system, some of the accidents in England are quite as terrible as those on the worst American single-track lines, the United States has cause almost for gratulation rather than otherwise.

When, again, inquiry is made into the cause of accidents on English railways, the fact is revealed that many mishaps are due to the crass negligence of underpaid, overworked officials; or else to defects in the construction of the much-bragged-about "English roadbed," costing $200,000 a mile. It will be remembered that the cause of the disaster at Salisbury was the sharpness of the curve at the station—a clear case of miscalculation on the part of the engineers responsible for the construction of this section. Without accusing government officials—who are certainly above such practices—of deliberately juggling with accident statistics, it must be pointed out that the figures in the board of trade report exhibit certain peculiarities which, to say the least, do not set forth the full facts. For instance, it is pointed out that while, in 1905, 1,099 persons were killed and 6,459 injured by accidents due to the running of trains, or the movement of railway vehicles, strong emphasis is given to the fact that only 39 passengers were killed. It is almost implied by the report that the other 1,066 deaths "didn't count."

At the same time, it must be remembered that many of these "other deaths," not included in the fatal 39, were caused directly by peculiarities of English railways. Certain of these accidents could not possibly have happened on American trains. For instance, 33 deaths were due to persons falling out of carriages during the running of trains, while 46 persons were injured from the same cause. These fatalities are directly attributable to the fact that nearly all English railway carriages open by a number of doors on each side of the train. These doors are often fastened by old fashioned spring-locks which fail to "catch," or by other crude devices. As a consequence, passengers are liable, while a train is moving rapidly—especially on local lines—to lean up against these doors, which are not locked. In many instances, doors fly open and passengers get killed. And yet, in the board of trade report such fatalities are not included under the head of "accidents;" but are set down as carelessness on the part of travelers.

Safest Place in Trains.

"I have one rule for my family when they travel," said the conductor of the suburban train, "and that is for them never to ride in the rear coach or the first one, and, preferably, not in the coach next to the last or first. The reason for it is so obvious that I should think the foremost and last cars of a train would have scant patronage from anybody who reads of railroad accidents. If there is a smash up those are the coaches that suffer.

"It seems strange that some kind of a buffer is not put behind the locomotive tender and at the rear of the train. How many lives would be saved by a device of the kind one has only to study the statistics of railroad accidents to figure out for himself."

Ingenious French Swindlers.

There are under arest in Paris eight men who formed a society for swindling accident insurance companies All were insured in different companies and took turns at being knocked down and injured by carriages, carts and street cars. Two or three members of the society were always present, so that they might give evidence of the reality of the accident. The men have confessed that they each made $6,000 out of the companies during the last two years.

Origin of Bride Cake.

Bride cake is a relic of the Roman confarreates, a mode of marriage practiced by the highest class in Rome. In confarreation the bride was led to the altar by bachelors, but conducted home by married men, and the ceremony took place in the presence of ten witnesses by the Pontifex Maximus, whereupon the contracting parties mutually partook of a cake made of salt, water and flour.

Siberian Bridal Custom.

In some parts of Siberia a bridegroom, on arriving home, commands his wife to take off his boots. In one is a whip and in the other a purse. The contents of the boot she first selects for removal presage whether he is to be generous or the reverse to her. A very kind husband will put a purse in each boot, and omit the whip, to make her believe that her choice is auspicious.

Mommsen and Bacon.

Trinity college, Cambridge, posseses a famous portrait of Bacon. The other day when a party of visiting German editors viewed it, they were told how Dr. Mommsen, when it was pointed out to him, stood with folded arms in front of it, and observed: "So, it is you who gave us Lady Macbeth and Falstaff."

Odd Monument.

Perhaps one of the very oddest monuments is the tablet in a Berkshire church in memory of a soldier who had his left leg taken off "by the above ball," the actual cannon ball being inserted at the top.

Taber's Trees

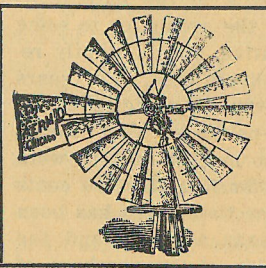
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SAND.

I watched a locomotive strong climb up a hill one day—
It was shrieking, charging, panting along the rugged way;
It was scheduled for the summit—majestic seemed and grand,
And yet it could not make its base without the use of sand.

It seems that locomotives cannot always get a grip
On the burnished, polished runners—their wheels are apt to slip;
And when they strike an upward grade the freight they'd never land
Unless upon the track is spilt a box or two of sand.

It's about the same with travel on life's uneven track—
If your load is rather heavy you're always slipping back;
But if the moral of these lines you rightly understand,
You'll fix yourself beforehand with a full supply of sand.

If the road is steep and orn'ry and you strike a heavy grade,
And you find that time and trouble your path have slippery made,
You'll never reach the level of the upper table land
Unless you "lubricate" the track with more or less of sand.

—Davis Evans, in Baltimore Sun.

INJURY AND DEATH BY RAIL.

A New Book Tells the Cause and Cure of Railway Accidents.

"Railroad Accidents, Their Cause and Prevention," is the subject of a book recently issued under the order of the Association of Railway Claim Agents. R. C. Richards of Chicago is the author.

Mr. Richards says in his book that the first and highest duty of a railroad is to its passengers, to carry them safely and speedily; next to take care of the property intrusted to it for transportation.

Accidents fall into one of four classes. The accidents that are unavoidable, those caused by the act of God, the public enemy, or by some persons who take up a rail, misplace a switch or put an obstruction on the track; accidents to passengers, outsiders trespassing or not trespassing, caused by the carelessness or wantonness of the injured or some other person for whose act the railroad is not liable, or by the failure of necessary laws; those caused by the want of care, foresight or supervision of the company, and those caused by the carelessness, thoughtlessness or neglect of employes.

Accidents may be reduced or minimized by a number of things which may be summarized as follows:

Employment of careful, competent, sober men, together with the cooperation of labor organizations and the employes to competency and care.

Next to good competent men what is needed is good track and equipment and sufficient and intelligent inspection and repair.

Good rules and instruction carefully and rigidly enforced.

Last and by no means least sufficient and efficient supervision.

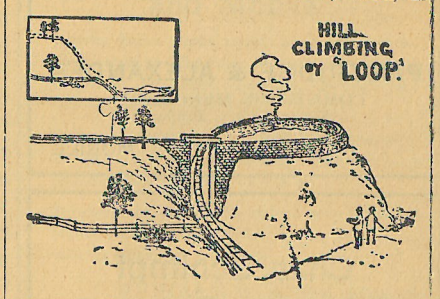
The report of the interstate commerce commission shows that for the year ending in June there were 441 paessngers killed, 3,632 employes killed, 839 not trespassers killed, 9,111 passengers injured, 67,067 employes injured, 2,449 not trespassers injured and 5,194 trespassers injured, making 10,017 killed and 83,,871 injured.

Taking into consideration the safety appliances installed by the railroads since 1898, the improvement in track and equipment, and the increase in wages paid, with even the same degree of care on the part of employes, the number of accidents should have decreased, but on the contrary they show an actual percentage of increase higher than that of earnings.

NUT CRACKED BY ENGINEERS.

How Knotty Problem in Railroad Building Was Solved.

In the smaller diagram seen, a short, but high hill is depicted which, we will take it, lies directly in the path of a proposed railway—dotted lines; and the latter also is there required to take a right-angeled turn. The hill is too steep for any locomotive to climb, even if a railway track up it was constructed. How, then, is



the track to take a right-angled turn to cross the summit of the hill?

The larger diagram shows the problem solved by constructing a "loop." An artificial hill is made. The line is taken under a bridge that connects the two hills; up a long, but gradual, slope that forms half of the loop, and then, on the level, across the bridge and over the hill. And the lengths of line before and after the loop are thus at right angles to each other.

Such "loops" remove many difficulties of railway engineering; and, in addition to being useful, they are, as "sights," a great attraction to travelers.

Corporation Not Soulless.

The Furness Railway company, England, is a corporation with a soul. Not long ago High Cocken Cottage, near Barrow, where the artist Romney lived from 1744 to 1755, passed into the hands of a builder, and it was feared that it would be destroyed, whereupon the Furness Railway company bought the cottage and have resolved to keep it intact.

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Mrs. Smith of Meridian, who spent last summer here, writes that she expects to come again next summer, and her brother's family is coming also.

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Mr. Dewey Wheeler's brother, Lyndon Wheeler, of Massachusetts, arrived on Sunday evening, and will probably decide to remain. He is a jeweler and, we believe, would find considerable work to do here.

For the present, all services of the Congregational church will be held in C. K. Brown's unoccupied house on Fairhope avenue. Meetings at the usual hours, and to these all will be made welcome.

D. M. BRECKENRIDGE, Pastor.

Man and wife wish to rent for the winter a small furnished cottage, or a few furnished rooms suitable for light housekeeping, in a small village away from the usual run of tourists. Possession wanted at once. Write particulars and terms.

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Dr. C. A. Cary, of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, who is quite well known to our people, and W. P. Ellenberger, in the employ of the U. S. Agricultural Department, have been in this section this week, on a mission of much importance to stock-growing interests, of which more will be known later.

Miss Ivy Powell came home from attendance at Columbus, Miss., Industrial School last week for the holdays. Misses Ola Powell and Frances Gaston, who are attending the same school, and Mr. James Gaston, who is attending the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, at Auburn, are expected home in a day or two.

Mr. A. A. Corbett left on Monday morning for his former home at Towanda, N. Y., much to the regret of the many friends he made during his stay here, but bearing their best wishes for his success wherever he may go. Mr. Corbett liked Fairhope, but it will be remembered, he lost his wife here in the spring, and his feeling of loneliness was doubtless accentuated by the approach of the Christmas season and he got genuinely homesick for former scenes and associations. We shall hope and believe that Fairhope has gained such a hold upon him that he will come back.

Dr. Greeno has been suffering from quite a severe attack of the "grippe" during the past week.

Christmas services at Congregational church Sunday morning and evening, Dec. 23, at the usual hours. Meetings held in C. K. Brown's unoccupied house, Fairhope avenue. All are made welcome.

Religious Teachings at the Progressive League.

GOOD THINGS OUT OF NAZARETH.

The last two Sabbaths have justified our claim that from the Progressive League comes often a higher religious teaching than from any of the conventional sources.

Last Sabbath Charles F. Nesbit from Washington was the speaker, and he gave us a feast of good things from a lofty viewpoint. Comrade Nesbit is one of the early members, and most devoted workers for the progress and prosperity of the Colony. He is also widely known for his wide business acquaintances, and as an indefatigable worker for all broadguage reform movements, has been a prominent worker in the Y. M. C. A. work in Washington city and a highly appreciated speaker on its platforms, as well as in other cities. He was an early student along all lines of economic reform, and has been claimed as "belonging" to all schools, but is too broad a mind not to see the truths in all the democratic uplifts of human effort to gain better conditions. He has been an acceptable writer for some of the prominent religious papers, and in these writings he does not fail to plead for social justice as an essential of any true religion. His talk Sabbath was on the spiritual basis of economic reform, and it won the warmest applause from all who heard its stirring passages conveying the thought as he did, that the social reformer should be esteemed as the true religious teacher, and the religious teacher who is not a social reformer, is not, cannot be, a Scriptural teacher. He called attention to the fact that the prophets of the Old Testament and the apostles of the New Testament were not the priests, but men who came up from the people, as Henry George did, to protest against social wrongs and demand justice, which is righteousness.

The speaker referred forcibly to the fact that the leading books of both Old and New Testaments were mainly concerned with social and economic precepts, with our relations with each other. But the theologians and the schools had nearly eliminated these practical teachings, and supplied their places with dogmas, creeds, and fine spun theories that have little to do with character and conduct, and nothing with the tyrranies and injustices by which the strong and cunning oppress the weak and simple; or just the reverse of the teachings of The Christ.

The grand talk seemed like an echo or a continuation of the meeting the week before, when Mrs. Comings read a synopsis instead of a review of Henry D. Lloyd's last or posthumous work, and gave his own exalted religious ideals as applied to economic and social rightness. This reading of terse extracts took up the whole half-hour of the speaker's time and was a succession of epigrammatic sentences, which as one thouhtful lady speaker who followed said: "Might any one of them furnish food for long contemplation or discussion, to fully comprehend their far reaching significance, and not at all food for mental babes."

We quote the following from among the many selected by Mrs. Comings from this book, the title to which is so suggestive of its telling import: "Man a Social Creator."

"Society is organised love and the Golden Rule its law. The law of love is not good owners, but free men, not good kings but enfranchised citizens, not good employers but self-employing workingmen. These are the terms by which social love settles the problems of slavery, monarchy and monopoly. Love is the fulfilling of the law."

"Four hundred years before the workingman of Nazareth came to deliver His message of love, a new conscience stirred some obscure heart in Greece to speak for liberty for the laborer. Lincoln signed only a chapter in the emancipation which had been proclaimed, and that not the last chapter. Ceaseless growth means ceaseless emancipation. The symphony Lincoln heard plays on. The cries of the imprisoned and the imprisoner blend into the strains of a widening freedom."

The discussion that followed Comrade Nesbit's talk was earnest and appreciative, and for once there was not a discordant note heard.

Comrade Nesbit promises to return to us, and he will be a teacher of rightness to whom it will always be a pleasure and profit to listen. And our Progressive League will become still more widely known as a teacher of Justice and the higher religious concepts.

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New Church Service.

The New Church reading circle meets every first and third Sunday in the month, 11 a. m., at Mrs. Towner's, second house north of Mr. Mogg's. All truth-seekers are cordially invited to these meetings. Literature free.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hicks and two children, of Brooklyn, Iowa, arrived last evening and are visiting Dr. and Mrs. Mershon. Mrs. Hicks, who is Mrs. Mershon's sister, and the children, will spend the winter here. Mr. Hicks will remain a few weeks only.

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Business Men Consider Amusements.

The last issue of the Citronelle Call reports a meeting of the "Business Men's Association" considering various matters of public importance. Several committees were due to be appointed; but the only one upon which immediate action was taken, was that upon *sports*, and its first work will be to repair the damage done by the storm to the golf links.

The Call says the committee will "make the usual canvass soon for funds for keeping up the links this winter" and adds: "It has been said a good many times that Citronelle spends money in no way which yields as great returns in the entertainment it affords guests as that spent on the golf links, and the statement is no doubt true."

You see those Citronelle "business men" realize the importance from a business standpoint of providing for the entertainment of their winter visitors. In this respect they set an example which Fairhope business men—which includes every man who works for a living—would do well to carefully consider.

Few men during a like term of residence here have enjoyed visits from more of their friends than Eber Jefferson, which speaks very well indeed for his ability to attract friends and for his standing in his former home. The latest is Mr. Ward, who called on him on Tuesday last week. We are glad to say that Mr. Jefferson always has a good word to say to his friends about his home town.

The Courier erred last week in mentioning the "Binghams" as expecting to come again. It should have been the "Burnhams," who were here last winter and occupied the cottage [illegible] by Mr. Rose.

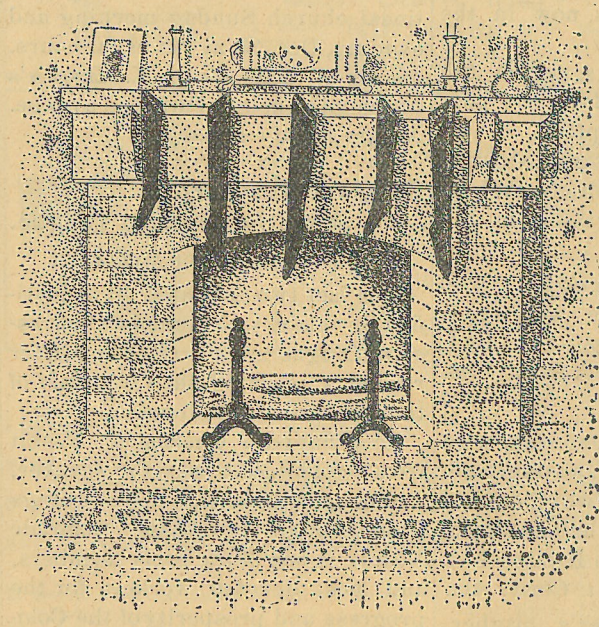
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CHRISTMAS AT FAIRHOPE.

Entertainment at the Church—Christening of the Steamer Fairhope.

Fairhope was pretty well given over to enjoyment of Christmas. The stores, of course, were busy to a late hour on Christmas eve and until 11 a. m. on Christmas morning, and the cooks were busy. Otherwise work was quite generally suspended.

An interesting Christmas eve entertainment was given at the church, in which the Christian and Congregational Sunday schools joined, and at which the number of pretty, healthy and bright children, which are the greatest wealth of Fairhope, was made strikingly apparent.

On Christmas day, the new steamer Fairhope, according to announcement, left the wharf about 1 p. m. and steamed down to Zundel's, Point Clear and Battles, and thence back past Fairhope, without stopping at the wharf, to Volanta and Montrose, picking up those who wished to attend the christening, which took place immediately after her return to Fairhope wharf.

No elaborate program was attempted in connection with the interesting event. Rev, G. W. Wood, in appropriate words, invoked the Divine blessing upon the craft and upon those who had contributed to her securing and rebuilding.

Mr. E. B. Gaston spoke briefly of the former Fairhope; of her building, vicissitudes, the service she had rendered to the community, and her untimely end. Closing, he expressed the heartfelt thanks due from the community, to Messrs. Powell and Pilcher particularly, for the handsome new boat now ready to resume the direct service inaugurated by the ill-fated Fairhope First.

When Mr, Powell came forward to speak of the new steamer Fairhope, he was greeted with three rousing cheers, proposed by Mr. A. H. Mershon, president of the Mershon Merchandising Company, and heartily joined in by the assembled crowd. Mr. Powell talked interestingly of the fortunate securing of the steamer, with her staunch iron hull and splendid engines; of how an entirely new upper works had been put upon her here at Fairhope wharf by Fairhope workmen, directed by Mr. P. A. Olsen, who had designed the first Fairhope; of how highly complimented this work had been by inspectors and boat men at Mobile, and how it had led to Mr. Olsen securing a contract at once for a like job upon a boat at Mobile.

He said that the new steamer was not in any sense an "opposition" boat; that she was primarily intended for the service of the people of Fairhope, and vicinity who could conveniently patronize her from Fairhope wharf: that the time had passed when any steamer, however good, could satisfactorily serve all the Eastern shore towns, but that each of the more important points should have its own direct service and Fairhope was merely setting an example to the others.

He said the new boat would run on the same schedule and charge the rates formerly charged by the Fairhope First and bespoke for her the patronage of all the people in whose interest she was to be run.

When Mr. Powell concluded, a number of Fairhope's handsome young ladies were lined up on the bow of the beautiful vessel; and as soon as photographer Mrs. Rathje announced her readiness, Miss Hazel Pilcher, the beautiful daughter of Purser Pilcher, who had been selected at the voting contest terminating on Thanksgiving day for the purpose, christened the beautiful craft "Fairhope," and as the word left her lips, broke the traditional bottle of wine over her bow, while the whistle shrieked and the crowd cheered.

After the ceremony the boat took a little turn out into the bay, giving an opportunity for those on board to admire her workmanship and the smooth action of her machinery, and those on the wharf and on shore, her graceful proportions.

The only circumstances to at all mar the pleasure of the occasion were the cold northwest wind which swept across the bay, and the mishap to young Edwin Robac, who in some unexplained--to us—way, fell off the wharf just before the exercises, and got a thorough soaking, but was promptly rescued.

Surprised at Fairhope's Growth.

Mr. Philbrook of Nebraska was a caller at the COURIER office one day last week, renewing a pleasant acquaintance with the editor. He owns forty acres of land out in River Park, and had been here before. It had been six years since he was here last, and he expressed great appreciation of the improvement which had taken place at Fairhope. Out his way he declared the movement had been backward rather than forward. There had been a number of improvements made, but many of them were unoccupied, and he really thought there were fewer residents in the vicinity than when he left six years ago. He finds the Nebraska climate does not agree with him, and may be compelled to remain south for his health. He talked quite favorably of locating in Fairhope.

Good News from Parliament.

Dissatisfied with the failure of the ministry to act promptly in the presentation of a general bill for the taxation of land values, a municipal bill for Scotland, designed to confer upon Scottish municipalities the option of levying local taxes upon land values, was brought forward by the active contingent of land reformers. This was referred to a select committee, which, as reported in the Edinburg Evening News, (a copy of which has reached us by the kindness of a Scottish friend) agreed upon its report on the 14th inst.

The report, while criticising the bill in several particulars and recommending that it be not now proceeded with, heartily approved its general principle and purpose, and recommended that "a bill be introduced making provision for a valuation of land, in both burghs and counties of Scotland, apart from the buildings and erections upon it, and that no assessment be determined upon until the amount of that valuation is known and considered."

The committee, in approving the main principle of the bill, makes so clear and forcible a statement of the principle upon which the taxation of land values rests and of the results that may be expected to follow it, that we take pleasure in quoting from it.

The main principle which; in the opinion of the Committee, underlies the proposals to tax land values is the setting up of a standard of rating whereby the ratepayer's contributions to the rates is determined by the yearly value of the land which he owns or occupies apart from the buildings and improvements upon it, the object being to measure the ratepayer's contributios, not by the value of the improvements on the land to any extent, but solely by the yearly value of the land itself. A justification given for the adoption of the new standard is that land owes the creation and maintenance of its value to the presence, enterprise and expenditure of the surrounding community. The value of the land is not created or maintained by the expenditure or exertion of its owner except in so far as he is a member of the community. It is well, therefore, the Committee think to select a standard of rating which will not have the effect of placing a burden upon industry. Hence the proposal to exclude from the standard the value of buildings and erections of all kinds and fixed machinery. To include these in the standard tends to discourage industry and enterprise; to exclude them has the opposite effect. If, then, the bare value of the land apart from improvements be chosen as the measure by which to fix contributions to the burgh expenditure, the ratepayer will, it is alleged, be merely restoring to the exchequer of the Local Authority part of that which he has derived from it. Of the principle and of the reasoning on which it rests, the Committee approve. The direct effect of its adoption will apparently be to effect a complete redistribution of the burden of rating. The indirect effect will be to stimulate buildings and improvements, to bring more building land into the market, to lower rents, and to diminish overcrowding.

So full a recognition of the righteousness of land values taxation by a committee of the English Parliament, is far more cause for congratulation than the temporary holding up of the bill is for discouragement.

Monopoly of Supply or Transportation, the Foundation of Trusts.

An item regarding the "American Ice Company", of New York,—commonly known as the "ice trust" and against which the attorney-general of the state has begun proceedings, discloses some interesting facts. The most interesting is that principal features of the scheme, by which the company secured a practical monopoly of the natural and artificial ice output, especially in greater New York, were the securing control of the Maine ice field and of the "ice bridges" or landing depots through which ice was received into the city.

By securing possession of the Maine ice field, the trust reduced its output from a normal 1,500,000 tons, to one-third that amount; and by the limitation of the supply and the further control of the landing facilities in the city, the price was put up from $1.20 a ton to wholesalers, to $5 and $6, and to small consumers as high as $10 to $14 a ton.

Thus, at the bottom of this, as every other trust which at all oppresses the people, lies monopoly of the source of supply or means of distribution.

Probably the ice trust pursued unlawful means to secure this control and to prevent the people from obtaining ice except through them and at their price, and for this it may be punished, but the grabbing of the source of supply of ice and everything else necessary to the satisfaction of material human wants is still generally recognized as one of basic, legitimate —indeed, most honorable and sacred business. The distinction between its ordinary activities and results and that of an ice trust or coal trust, which fairly drives the people to desperation, is only a difference of degree,—not at all of principle.

Prominent Philosophical Anarchist Joins Single Tax Ranks.

In the Autumn number of the Single Tax Review James F. Morton, Jr., one of the most earnest and able reformers of the school of philosophical anarchists, announces his determination to join hands with the Single Taxers in working for their reform as "that which opens the door to the largest forward movement that the race is ready to take."

It is interesting to note that while many Socialists are turning to the Single Tax, or at any rate, showing an increased disposition to work with Single Taxers for the overthrow of land monopoly by the socialization not of *land* but of *rent*, this philosophical anarchist, who looks upon socialism as but a doubtful improvement upon present conditions and a distinct menace of the future, should also announce his intention of working in the Single Tax ranks.

Single Taxers may well welcome support from such diverse sources. More and more is their reform being recognized as the next step toward economic liberty. Nor need we be at all afraid that accessions from either of these extreme wings of the reform forces will increase the danger of carrying the movement, when under way, to unsound and dangerous lengths.

If the Single Tax applied will bring anything like the results we believe it will, its success will be the surest safeguard against the foolish and harmful policies of extremists, while at the same time making it easier to take other steps which are manifestly wise and desirable.

We pay the readers of the Courier the compliment of assuming that there is no need of explaining the difference between "anarchism" of the Morton and Tolstoy school and that which is associated in the popular mind with bombs and daggers.

Lawson Purdy's Advancement.

The exact position to which Lawson Purdy was appointed by Mayor McClellan is that of "President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments of the City of New York." Mr. Purdy and his friends have great reason for gratification over this deserved recognition of his work in behalf of tax reform, and over the flattering comments upon the same by the leading newspapers of New York. The New York Times of November 10 said:

Mayor McClellan's choice of Lawson Purdy for President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments is quite out of the ordinary line of executive appointments in this and other American cities, and has manifestly been dictated by considerations not of a political nature. The mayor justly says that Mr. Purdy is an expert on tax problems. There is probably no more highly qualified expert in the state.

Mr. Purdy is an advocate and expositor of sound theories of taxation. His publications upon the subject have been written with remarkable clearness and convincing force. They have been reinforced by illustrations drawn from his long study of the subject. As secretary of the New York Tax Reform Association Mr. Purdy has labored with industry and diligence to get it into the heads of the people of New York that their present tax laws are outworn, defective and unjust. The reputation he has won naturally led to his appointment by Governor Higgins as a member of the State Special Tax Commission appointed to revise our tax laws.

It may be said not only that Mayor McClellan was wisely guided in appointing Mr. Purdy, but that, granted Mr. Purdy's willingness to accept the office, it was almost of obligation that he should be named, because of his eminent fitness for the place.

A. C. Pleydell succeeds Mr. Purdy as secretary of the New York Tax Reform Association, for which position he is eminently qualified. Mr. Pleydell is one of the most earnest and capable young men in the tax reform movement in the United States. Both he and Mr. Purdy are warm friends of Fairhope.

A Visit Increases Interest.

In an interesting letter from Mr. Perry of Naugatuck, Conn., a recent visitor, he says: "It wouldn't have seemed possible that a visit to Fairhope could have made the place and its people so much closer to us--and all their doings of such increased interest. We can hardly wait a moment when the Courier arrives, so eager are we to know what all our new acquaintances are doing, and if the wharf is finished and the steamer running." It is pleasant to know that throughout the country there are those—and Mr. and Mrs. Perry are but two among hundreds—who are so deeply interested in what we are doing here. To realize it must give us added incentive to so conduct ourselves and our community that their interest and regard will be increased and their hopes for our future be realized.

Without the First Reform Others Avail Nothing.

The Middleton, England, Guardian speaks thus instructively on the old age pension measure, one of the reforms(?) pending in the English parliament:

Undoubtely also one of the reforms promised has been old-age pensions. We have accepted the principle of this fore-shadowed measure because we believe that in order to carry it out the government will have to resort to the other great reform that they have promised—the taxation of land values. One is the complement of the other. In our view, without the taxation of land values, the system of old age pensions will fail of effect. It will go the way of all other palliatives. That is to say, people being placed in the position of ability to pay more rent, more rent will have to be paid. But the land monopoly broken down by the taxation of land values, holders of land will no longer be able to grab all the revenue that labor produces. To-day, if you free a river bridge, rents rise; if you construct a tramway or a railway, rents rise; if you spend national money on finding work for the unemployed, in farm colonies, on reafforestation, or in any of the many ways now suggested—rents rise. The man who holds the land stands by and does nothing, whilst the community toil at adding value to his land. The other day we saw them putting the finishing touches to the Rochdale road, Middleton. There has lately been laid along there a main sewer. By that means the land has been much increased in value. We shall not be surprised to see newly painted boards put up there on both sides—"This valuable building land to let; sewerage already done."

Meeting to Consider Amendment of Constitution.

The members of the Corporation met at the school-house on Wednesday evening to hear the report of the committee on amendment of the constitution and to consider the matter of acceptance or rejection of the proposition of the Home Telephone Company.

By motion the telephone matter was first taken up, and a motion prevailed that it was the sense of the meeting that the proposition should be accepted.

Mr. Rose then read the report of the committee on amendment of the constitution. Same was discussed at length, and a motion then prvailed to have 200 copies of the revision printed, and that every member and lessee be given a copy, and that another meeting for its further consideration should be called at a future date.

Santa Claus Write-up Complimented.

The Courier's Santa Claus write-up has been complimented by several of our readers. Mr. Geo. W. Christian writes: "I want to compliment you on your Santa Claus write-up. It was fine."

Mr. F. K. Perry, our late visitor from Connecticut, writes: "Your Christmas article, Dec. 14, running on several pages, was the most readable of anything of the kind I have ever seen, interesting from beginning to end."

Mr. Dougherty of the Courier force was wholly responsible for the article referred to, which was undoubtedly a gem of its kind. It was not only a first-class advertisement for the town in general and the parties mentioned in the article in particular, and profitable to the paper, but was heartily enjoyed by the paper's readers—a combination of good features not often realized.

Members Sustain Council.

At the special election on Saturday afternoon, at which the Council submitted its appraisement of rentals for 1907 to the members, the Council was sustained by a vote of seventeen to seven. There was not sufficient strife over the matter to call out a full vote; or the affirmative majority would, doubtless, have been larger, two members of the Council which made the appraisement, and their wives, even, failing to turn out and vote for the ratification of their own action.

We had about Christmas several days of unusually cool weather to come before New Years. On two mornings the thermometer dropped to 20. It has warmed up again now and is comfortable in the office without fire as we write.

Anniversary Celebration.

Fairhope's eleventh anniversary—the twelfth of the organization of the Colony corporation—will be celebrated with an appropriate program on New Year's evening, at the church.

As we go to press we are not able to give positively the full program; for not all who have been invited by the committee to participate have signified their willingness to do so.

President F. L. Brown will preside, and make a short address of welcome. The secretary will read the usual annual history. Mr. Powell will speak of the new steamer. Mr. Mogg will speak of "Fairhope as a Winter Resort." Rev. C. E. Hill has been invited to speak upon "Fairhope as a Summer Resort."

Addresses are also expected from Frank S. Stone, Esq. of Bay Minette and B. F. Bates, of Daphne.

Among the musical numbers will be instrumental selections by Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink, who are such favorites at Fairhope, violin solos by Mr. Vredenburg, vocal duos by the Van Bavel brothers, and a vocal solo by P. Y. Albright.

The endeavor will be to begin the program at 7:30 and conclude it in time for a little social enjoyment afterward.

All friends of Fairhope are cordially invited to meet with us on the occasion.

Many Arrivals.

We do not ordinarily expect many of our winter visitors to arrive until after the holidays, as they usually prefer to spend that season at home; but arrivals here have been numerous the past few days. Among those not before mentioned, are the following.

Mr. and Mrs F. O. White and children, of Chicago, who will stay several months, and may decide to make their home here. They were here a few days last spring. They have rooms in the Mogg house.

Mrs. McCulloch and daughter, Mrs. Christian, of Chicago, making their first visit here and expecting to remain until about April first. They are at the Gables.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnham, of Rogers, Arkansas, who were here last winter and are back for this winter. They have rooms with the Roses.

A. G. Vredenberg, who arrived on Saturday evening from Bristol, Virginia, to spend the holidays with his wife and daughter.

Jacob Kalff of Paterson, New Jersey, who came here a few years ago, with Mr. Koopman we believe, and got back again on Friday evening.

David Tusing, who arrived on Sunday evening from Chipley, Florida. Mr. Tusing has been a reader of the COURIER for some time, and may remain if he finds employment.

E. D. Currier, wife and four children, of Albion, Nebraska, who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ames, and will remain a few weeks. Mrs. Currier is a sister of Mrs. Ames.

Guy Johnson, a former acquaintance of the Curriers in Nebraska, now located at Scranton, Mississippi, arrived on Monday evening, and is visiting the Curriers and Ames for a few days.

A. O. Berglin and family are enjoying the presence of Mr. Berglin's mother and two sisters, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and his brother, O. H. Berglin of Shawano, Wis. They expect to spend the winter here.

Miss Nelle Lee of Des Moines, who arrived on Saturday evening, and says she will stay six months. Miss Lee has a nice cottage on the bay front, and is quite at home among us. Miss Lee was accompanied by her friend, Miss Julia De Long, of Colfax, Iowa. We understand Mr. Lee will be along later.

C. E. Boston, of Pendleton, Indiana, arrived on Monday evening and will remain for some time, perhaps throughout the winter.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Christmas Eve. At the church this evening the two principal congregations united for the Christmas-tree celebration. The church was crowded, the program long, and the children happy, even before they commenced to unload the tree. Mrs. Grace Kennedy Page was the general stage manager, and she filled the role not only with *grace* but with ease and ability, especially as her own little tot, Lyman, clung to her skirts much of the time. He brought down the house by a recitation about what he wanted for Christmas presents: a watch, for example, "just like papa's, that would tell the time of day." He enuciated his words with an ease and distinctness that promise oratorical ability hereafter. One general criticism is surely deserved: the failure of every one to come to the middle and the front of the stage, the place of honor that all "born" actors and elocutionists contend for. Miss Laura Barnhart "took the stage" more perfectly than any of the throng of children; and by the way, she recited well, and has talent worthy of development. Even the best songs were given too near the "wings" for good effect; and the charming little violinist, Miss Vredenberg, whom every one strained eye and ear to see and hear, failed in this respect, though she played remarkably well for a child, and showed that she had had good training.

Dec. 26. Yesterday was a most memorable day for the colony. You will read elsewhere of the christening of our new steamer, the Fairhope; and I need only say that a great crowd stood patiently on the pier in the cold while speeches were made by Mr. Powell and Mr. Gaston; while the christening group of our fairest young maidens were posed and re-posed for Mrs. Rathje, our photographer, and until, at a signal, Miss Pilcher raised high the Champagne bottle filled with native, unfermented Scuppernong wine, and with the words, "I CHRISTEN THEE THE FAIRHOPE", brought it down forcibly on the prow of the steamer. At that moment the air was rent with loud cheers and hurrahs, and then with yells of every kind that our youngsters could invent.

In the evening a few invited guests and friends who dropped in to the Fairhope house had a rare musical treat in the masterly violin playing of Mr. Vredenberg, ably accompanied on the piano by his wife. He is the kind of soloist whose music charms just in proportion to its lack of accompaniment by any fixed-note instrument. I give this, of course, as the opinion of one who loves the violin "out of reason" perhaps, but it is very sincere.

IMPORTANT ACCESSION.

Fraternal Homemakers' Association Begins Settlement.

Dr. Chambers Wilson, of the Fraternal Home-Makers' Association, of Chicago, who visited Fairhope last summer and was much pleased with our advantages of location and policy, returned on Thursday of last week, with a party of several to locate upon Colony land. The party included, besides Dr. Wilson, Mr. and Ms. E. Julius Raetz and son, of Chicago, and Messrs. Jos. Christopher and Albert Oldfield, late of England. Others are expected soon.

They have secured the late A. L. Thrall 20 acres leasehold and improvements and have bargained for one or two adjoining tracts, and are already hard at work.

They seem to be people who know how and are not afraid to work, and we hope are destined to become an important addition to our community.

H. S. Lighthall, who recently left his home near Marlow and returned to Chicago, where he formerly resided, writes the editor a characteristic letter, and sends his regards to "all the folks in Fairhope." Mr. and Mrs. Lighthall are making their home with a son there, but we infer from the old gentleman's letter that he is not without regrets for his late home in the sunny south. He met a gentleman there who is interested in the single tax, and whom he told about Fairhope, and at Mr. Lighthall's request we are sending the party literature regarding the colony.

We neglected to note in last issue the departure of Mr. Arthur Dealy, who left about ten days ago for the east—to Philadelphia, we believe. Mr. Dealy was one of our most popular and proper young men, who will be greatly missed from our social circles and the ranks of our local entertainers. The COURIER regrets his departure and wishes him success in all his undertakings.

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Daphne Normal School Progress.

Daphne, Ala., Dec. 12, 1906.

Pursuant to a call, the Normal School committee met last night at the old court house at Daphne, to arrange for furthering the Normal School proposition, elect a board of trustees, and select representatives to appear before the Educational Committee of the coming legislature, and to consider the report of the committee on subscription.

Dr. J. W. Mason, Chairman, presiding.

Report on Subscription, by Dr. Lovett, in brief as follows:

Daphne,	$4555 00
Bay Minette,	625 00
Fairhope and Battles,	220 00
Total,	$5400 00

with about $2000 promised by parties not yet visited.

Further work by the committee to be taken up after the holidays.

By advice of E. M. Robinson and J. H. Webb, of Mobile, the canvass of that city is deferred until after January 1st.

Board of trustees elected as follows:

Dr. J. W. Mason, Daphne.
A. E. Strong, Daphne.
B. F. Bates, Daphne.
Judge J. H. H. Smith, Bay Minette.
Dr. H. S. Greeno, Fairhope.
A. A. Moog, Battles.
Hon. J. H. Webb, Mobile.

In addition to afore-named trustees, the following named gentlemen were selected to represent the Normal School project before the legislature:

Dr. J. A. B. Lovett.
Maj. E. M. Robinson, Mobile.
Mr. Inge, Mobile.
Chas. Hall, Bay Minette.
Mr. Blackburn, Bay Minette.
W. D. Randall, Daphne.
W. C. Dinwiddie, Bay Minette.

B. F. Bates.

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Notice to Creditors.

All persons having claims against the estate of Alfred L. Thrall, deceased, will please file their bills with C. L. Coleman, agent for the administratrix. tf

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The "Weaker Sex."

Old women and new woman, it makes no difference. This cry about the feminine lack of courage and strength is out of date. A few months ago Evelyn Walsh, daughter of the Colorado multimillionaire, was almost killed in a motor accident. Her life hung by a thread for weeks and she was taken to her old home in Colorado as a last resort. There the bracing air cured her, and one day last week she stepped into her motor car and reeled off 15 miles in 20 minutes. No fear there. And as for strength. Mary Wheatland, aged 72, is giving exhibitions in England of fancy swimming and diving in the sea. She has been an expert swimmer for 57 years. But why go so far afield? Consider the average woman how she shops and the society woman how she dances. And what daring of mere man, demands the Cleveland Leader, matches the hardihood of woman in defying the weather lest she be false to fashion? As for the touch and stamp of the age, when did woman ever refuse risks for what she greatly desired? It's nothing new for her to be venturesome. Courage is an old story—as old as her fortitude. Has she not been compelled to make the best and most of man, the most destructive and dangerous of animals?

China's Reform.

The issuance of an edict by the Chinese government prohibiting opium smoking, and even the cultivation of the poppy, must be classed among the important events of modern times. One of the main charges against British influence in China has been the introduction and promotion of the use of opium by the people. It was a species of immoral commercialism of which other nations have been guilty and which forms a strong count in the indictment against so-called civilized peoples. Doubtless the use of opium has had much to do with reducing the energies of the people, and, in the long run, with shaping the national character. The question, says the Indianapolis News, is whether it can be eradicated. The Chinese government has very arbitrary power, but in dealing with opium it has tackled a very large problem. It is a question of prohibition on a much larger scale than has ever been attempted of personal habits in any other country. It will be interesting to watch whether the government can enforce it. If it succeeds in doing so, perhaps other nationalities had better go there and take lessons in the enforcement of law.

The following is a copy of the epitaph of a watachmaker, written by himself, in which he is compared to a watch that has run down: 'Here lies, in horizontal position, the outside case of George Ritter, whose abiding place in that line was an honor to his profession. Integrity was is mainspring, and prudence the regulator of all the actions of his life. Humane, generous, and liberal, his hand never stopped till he had relieved distress. He never went wrong, except when set agoing by people who did not know his key. Even then he was easily set right again. He had the art of dispensing of his time so well that his hours glided by in one continual round of pleasure and delight, till an unlucky minute put an end to his existence. His case rests and molders and de-

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Some of the people of England are criticising the London Times for being "too American" in its make-up. We feel it our duty to say for the benefit of those who do not get the Times regularly that it has not as yet begun to use red ink in its headlines.

French dealers are putting American labels on their shoes to insure their sale. They are repaying us for sardines and cottolene with a little our practice of branding our wines, French before raising the price.

It is said that the sultan of Turkey's illness was due to a shot fired by one of his jealous wives. The sultan should make his wives take a civil service examination on the subject of jealousy before marrying them.

A big insurance company is about to abandon business in Russia. Every one who really needs life insurance in the czar's domains is pretty sure to cash in on the policy before the company's profits begin to grow.

The second fatal football accident of the year has come. Considering the short time the new rules have been in use, they are almost as efficient as a mauser.

The latest strange accident was to a man in Connecticut "sent to fix the furnace." He's the newest variant of the fake meter inspector.

Every little while a Count Tolstoi is banished from Russia. They are almost as plentiful over there as are the John Smiths in this country.

The grand lama of Thibet can no longer be considered slow. He has bought an automobile.

Cupidity and Commercialism.

Some one down in West Virginia has plowed up a tomahawk which evidently had been carried to that locality away back in the seventeen hundreds by savages who went there from other localities and cleaned out their aborigiral enemy. The point of interest in the matter is that the weapon was not of Indian origin, but was of steel, and of such finished workmanship that it came from England, at that time the world's center of steel working. It goes to prove that the red man, even in that early day, obtained much of his material from the white man. But this, remarks the Troy Times, is not a specially surprising revelation. When was there a time when cupidity did not overcome occasionally the impulses of humanity? There is more than a suspicion that many an Indian war in the wild west was made possible because unscrupulous white men supplied the warriors with rifles and ammunition. As to turning an honest penny out of the heathen, did not Massachusetts ship Medford rum in the same vessels that carried missionaries and Bibles to Africa, and do not British manufacturers turn out big invoices of little pagan gods for the Hindoo market?

The Art of Pleasing.

Somebody said it is better to be beautiful than to be good. But it is certainly better to be good than to be ugly. It is better to be charming. A woman cannot charm because she wants to. A man is not agreeable because he sets out to be. Quite the reverse. In effort is failure. The proper effect must, like repartee, be spontaneous and unpremeditated. It must be radiated naturally, like light and love. Books there are that pretend to tell how it is done. They do quite as competently as grasshoppers teach entomology, Edgar Salters declares in the Delineator, that the ability to charm, to be agreeable, to entertain perfectly, and to be perfectly entertaining, is an art apprehensible only through influences generally prenatal but always prolonged. The mere technique is so volatile that it must be inhaled. Like the Mayfair intonation, little by little, it must be absorbed. Kings and thugs may abash the amateur in the art of pleasing, but the artist is at home with them. He puts himself in harmony with them. In the ability to do that is the whole secret of the art of pleasing.

Oriental Picturesqueness Doomed.

Picturesqueness in costume is doomed. Cheap ready-made clothing will be its undoing. The British representative at Dar-al-Baida says the Moors of Morocco are taking more and more to wearing European clothes in preference to their national dress, and that as a consequence there is a fine opening for ready-made clothes for men and women, provided the colors be bright. It is possible that adherence to the taste for vivid hues may save the situation, but there is danger that the drummer, in his anxiety to increase trade, will knock out the tourist business, says the San Francisco Chronicle. Nine-tenths of the attraction that a visit to oriental countries has for the average traveler is the picturesque costumes of the inhabitants. If they are supplanted by European togs, and nothing but the dirt is left, it is doubtful whether the latter will prove a powerful magnet to draw the tourist.

The senate is larger now than formerly, consisting of 90 members, so that the individual does not have as much opportunity to shine as did the individual of half a century ago. Again, the average of ability in the senate is higher now than it was then. Instead of having in it only a few geniuses to tower amid their fellows, practically every senator is a man of such ability as would have marked him a great leader in former years. The daily newspapers have done much to destroy the old form of hero worship that was common in the days of Calhoun and Webster, says the Savannah (Ga.) News. Yet Senator Wythe asserts that the standards of oratory and statesmanship in the senate today will compare with those of any other period of that body's history.

A book recently published declares that "Man is the most unchaste, the most drunken, the most selfish and conceited, the most miserly, the most hypocritical and the most bloodthirsty of terrestrial creatures." But he is also the only one that has invented a way to punish himself with such criticism.

Under the present rules anyone who is killed or injured in playing football is guilty of a plain violation of the ethics of the game.

The Jersey genius who went hunting a collar button and discovered a bride must have found a lady of the dachshundess type.

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Personal and Local

Ernest Swift spent Christmas with his parents.

Mr. Ferguson was home from Mobile for Christmas.

Mrs. Ahrens is enjoying a visit from her mother and sister.

Rienzi Bell has a position as motorman for the Mobile Street Railroad Company.

The Fairhope correspondent of the Item had a very newsy letter last Sunday.

The finest home made bread, cake and pies at Mrs. Toft's, now in the restaurant building.

Leave orders for wood for prompt delivery, at Mershon Merchandising Co. Reimer Poortstra.

Leo Fredericks went to Mobile on Sunday evening to spend Christmas with his father there.

Miss Carrie Betts is home for Christmas week, and will remain until after New Year's.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

Paris Fredericks, a Fairhope boy, is finding steady employment at his trade—that of a carpenter—at Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Landes, of Hurricane, spent Christmas here, with Mrs. Landes' people, the Lawrences.

Will Stir[illegible] has a good stock of dry [illegible] ceiling. Call on him if you want anything in the building line.

Eber Jefferson has found the finest varieties of strawberries for Fairhope. Give him your order now. Inspected stock from Continental Plant Co., strawberry specialists.

Misses Vera Mershon and Grace Williams returned on Wednesday morning to their classes at the Mobile Business College. Miss Pilcher will not return until Monday.

N. A. Landes and his wife, who was Miss Almira Lawrence, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs. George A. R. Lawrence, are spending the holiday season with relatives in this vicinity.

New Year's service at Congregational church in C. K. Brown's unoccupied house, Fairhope avenue, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. In the evening, a program of singing, readings and short address.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Needs left the morning after Christmas, returning to their home in Iowa. Before leaving, Mr. Needs dropped in and renewed his subscription to the Courier, which has been going to him for years.

The F. L. Browns and E. L. Pages spent Christmas with Father and Mother Page in Mobile. Mr. Brown returned on Christmas evening, so as to save his mill from damage by freezing, the remainder not returning until Wednesday evening.

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For the present, all services of the Congregational church will be held in C. K. Brown's unoccupied house on Fairhope avenue. Meetings at the usual hours, and to these all will be made welcome.

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Man and wife wish to rent for the winter a small furnished cottage, or a few furnished rooms suitable for light housekeeping, in a small village away from the usual run of tourists. Possession wanted at once. Write particulars and terms.

W. B. Dobson, Alpena, Mich.

Captain George A. R. Lawrence and family had, as visitors over Christmas, the Captain's sister, Mrs. C. O. B. Wilson and son Lawrence, of Pensacola. They left for home on Wednesday morning. The Captain, we learn with regret, is confined to his bed.

Mr. Thomas Wilson has re-opened the meat market in the Berglin building and is ready to serve his old customers and he hopes many new ones, with the best the market affords in the line of meats. He also plans to handle vegetables, oysters and fish in season.

The chicken incubator people will please take notice that the kerosene oil we are handling and selling for 15cents per gallon is the same grade and test that you get in the 5-gallon sealed cans and pay from 18 to 20 cents for. Why pay this extra 3 or 5 cents when we can save you this amount? M. M. Co.

M. M. Cope has returned to Flatwood, Ala., greatly improved in health, thanks to the efficient attentions of Dr. Mershon and the good nursing of friends. We are sorry not to have him with us regularly, but, we understand, he had a position offered there more satisfactory than any now open to him here.

T. J. Lowell and Son opened up their new meat market in the Rathje—late Robac—building, last week, and have been doing a thriving business. Mr. T. J. Lowell, the father, has had long experience in the meat business, and Mr. Tom Lowell, in charge of the market, is a very polite and agreeable young man, and knows how to cut up and handle meats in most approved style.

We are authorized to state that northern men are preparing to open a banking office that will be somewhat out of the usual order of banks. The parties do not wish their names used at present, but we know them to be such men as Fairhope will be proud to number among her business men, and who will be a great help to the town.

The Pleasure Bay had a large list of Fairhope passengers Sunday morning, including many coming "home" for Christmas. Among those noted were C. E. and Archie Littlefield, M. Dyson and A. R. Howarth of the Littlefield Concrete Company's force; C. E. Stersic and his father-in-law, Mr. Rosemeyer; Ernest Baldwin, Captain John Foster, Mrs. Luella Williams, and S. E. Gooding.

Dan Shepherd, Jr., one of the excellent young men whom Fairhope has reluctantly contributed to the working force of Mobile, was over with his parents, brothers and sisters, from Sunday morning to Wednesday morning. Dan, who was one of Mershon Brothers' most faithful clerks for a long time, is now receiving clerk for the Southern railway, a position in which his efficiency and faithfulness are very likely to bring deserved promotion.

Misses Ola Powell and Frances Gaston returned on Saturday evening from Columbus, Mississippi, where they have been in attendance at the great Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, one of the largest institutions of learning in the south, about eight hundred young ladies being housed in the dormitories and the total enrollment reaching over nine hundred. Both of the young ladies are looking exceedingly well. They expect to return to Columbus on Saturday.

A silver medal contest will be held to-night, the speakers,—Miss Grace Hutchings, of Battles; Miss Fannie Slocum, of Barnwell; George Smith, of Euclid; Misses Viola Scanlan, Irene Bell, Irene Lawrence, Goldie Tiffany and Louise Barnhardt. The Legion will sing choruses, and several solos will be sung. The object is temperance work and to secure another silver medalist to compete for another gold medal to have another contestant at the Citronelle Chautauqua in April in a class to compete for a grand gold medal. The admission will be, as usual, 10 and 15 cents.

A congenial party which gathered at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Stimpson for Christmas dinner, included most of the former Englishmen now resident in our community. Besides the Stimpsons, there were the Howarths, Dysons, Stradlings, Wm. Gray, Mr. Cristopher and Mr. Oldfield (the latter two late arrivals in Dr. Wilson's party). Herman Stemerdink was also present. After a first-class Xmas dinner, to which Mrs. Stradling contributed a genuine English plum-pudding, the party attended the christening of the new steamer and then returned to the Stimpson home and had supper; after which they spent the evening in social enjoyment and listening to sweet music from Herman Stemerdink's big guitar and Mr. Lyon's violin.

Taber's Trees

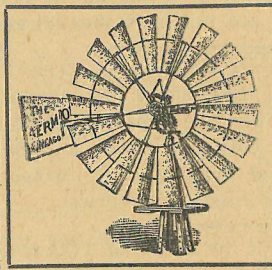
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Oysters Next Week.

T. J. Lowell & Son regret that the oyster schooner has been delayed, but announce that the boat is expected next Thursday. After the boat arrives, they expect to have oysters in stock throughout the season, the boat making frequent stops here. You are invited to call at the new market in the Robac (now Rathje) building; and if you desire, their wagon will call at your house daily—three days with oysters and three days with fresh meat.

Plea for Humane Society.

Editor Courier:

Although Fairhope may at present appear well provided with societies or organizations of various kinds, there seems a very patent need for yet one other—a humane society, with object to create a potent sentiment against, and, if possible, provide some effective preventive of the ill-usage of domestic animals by their owners. Evidence of such misuse—to which candor can apply no milder term than "brutal"—has been quite recently brought to the attention of the writer, upon the streets of this village, much to the latter's regret and surprise, considering the otherwise respectable character of the accused. Other cases have been noted in the past of excessive, inhumane punishment and habitual ill-treatment of draught and other animals by those having them in charge,

Such things are not creditable to a community such as this, nor to be expected of individuals whose minds are professedly influenced by high ideals and superior moral or religious standards. A few such cases among us would tend to greatly offset the otherwise favorable impression upon outsiders produced by the general animus of the Colony and its citizens.

Fred'k Wm. Chapman.

ARE RAIL MYSTERIES

ANTICS OF ROLLING STOCK SOMETIMES UNACCOUNTABLE.

Almost Every Wreck of Importance Shows Peculiarities Which the Camera Alone Is Able to Verify.

When steam transportation was introduced to civilization, it brought with it untold advantages, but also, in its wake, the grim tally of some 50,000 deaths per year as the result of accidents. In spite of block signals, in spite of all that the brain of man has been able to conceive in the line of air-brakes, in spite of constant inspection of roadbed and rolling stock, the death rate has increased year by year almost in proportion to the number of people carried. And yet many of these catastrophies are, as railroad men justly claim, pure "visitations of God." They are beyond human prevention. For instance, when a cloudburst sweeps down upon a bridge, as has often happened in the west, or when a snow slide carries away in some deserted section a portion of track, as occurred a few years ago while a train was crossing.

It is a singular thing, well known to all railroad men, that every wreck of importance shows peculiar behavior of the cars and engines, with a result which sometimes even defies all the known laws of mechanics. Many of these occurrences, if the facts were not there as visible and actual testimony, would be regarded as widely impossible. At times the condition of the wrecked equipment is infinitely worse than the circumstances will account for; and again one is astonished at the trifling amount of damage done.

On one occasion a freight train took the wrong side of a switch point while the train was running at not more than 20 miles an hour, and the whole right of way was, as a result, covered with a conglomerate of broken cars and freight. On the other hand, a limited express train left the track at a speed of 50 miles an hour. By every imaginable law of physics, it should have been smashed to flinders, but quite the contrary resulted; the locomotive and cars drew gradually away from the track, and, coming smoothly to a stop as if approaching a station in the regular order of business, gently reclined against the side of a low bank which ran parallel with the line. Not a coupling was unhooked, not a pane of glass broken, not a passenger or trainman injured by so much as a bruise.

Some of the true stories which are told about the performances of rolling stock under unusual conditions are stranger than fiction.

A pair of locomotives which looked as though in a Graeco-Roman wrestling match; another pair which met in a collision, turned end for end, and then passed each other exactly like a figure in a quadrille; a car which took a run past those in advance and was found uninjured six car-lengths ahead—these are some of the strange things of record.

In a serious wreck which occurred near Chicago two locomotives were left one on top of the other. How in the world the one ever got up there, or how in the world the under one was not crushed in the process, railroad men cannot explain. But the picture taken on the spot proves what otherwise might be considered a roundhouse yarn. The under engine was not badly smashed, and the top engine was repaired, and is in use to-day. But how was it done? Trainmen will shake their heads and vow that such things cannot be accounted for. It is one of the mysteries of the road.

CAR'S LIFE A SHORT ONE.

Modern Trolley Will Not Last Over Twelve Years.

"Under the most favorable circumstances the life of a trolley car is not expected to be more than 12 years, and, unlike babies," remarked a prominent trolley expert, who has been in Philadelphia examining its rapid transit facilities, "the cars require more and more care as they grow older. Not only must each car be swept and the windows kept clean, but its running apparatus must be subject to an inspection once or twice a week, which is supplemented by an occasional thorough overhauling. The manager of a New Jersey company has estimated that on his lines a new car may run an average of about 100 days before it must be overhauled, but cars operated in crowded cities have a shorter term of activity, about 60 days, before they go into a 'doctor's' hand. As the car gets older it has to be overhauled with even greater frequency. These overhaulings require the removal of the trucks from the car body, the examination of the motors, the cleaning of the armatures and a thorough test of the machinery. In addition, the car body must be painted and varnished at least once a year."—Philadelphia Record.

Steel Ties Sure to Come.

Employes of some of the eastern railroas which make use of steel ties state that steel is liable to displace wood as the foundation of the railroad of the future. On lines which handle only freight they are used to a large extent and are found satisfactory. They are less used on passenger lines, but the jolting is not as severe as has been pictured. The time is probably not far off when it will be steel or nothing in railroad construction. The forests of the country are almost exhausted and there is not other likely substitute for wood for this purpose.

Bryant's Fine Memory.

Bryant had a wonderful memory. His familiarity with the English poets was such that when at sea, where he was always too ill to read much, he would beguile the time by reciting page after page from favorite poems. He said that, however long the voyage, he had never exhausted his resources. He was scarcely less familiar with the languages and literatures of Germany, France and Spain, Greece and Rome. He spoke several living languages easily and correctly.

Natural Sun Dial.

In the grounds adjacent to Wentworth castle, England, is to be seen a unique sun dial, which is composed of a fine yew tree for the pin and closely cropped box bushes for the Roman figures and borderings. It was planted over 200 years ago and is still in a good state of preservation. Its timekeeping compares favorably with sun dials of more modern construction.

Spain's Flag the Oldest.

The yellow and red Spanish flag is the oldest of any used by European powers, as it was flown in 1785. The French tricolor was first used in 1795; the red English ensign, with the present Union Jack in the upper corner, in 1801; the present Italian flag in 1848; the present Austro-Hungarian flag in 1867, and the German flag in 1871.

Ohio's French Settlement.

One of the first settlements in Ohio was made by colonists who had no idea of overworking their muscles in the wilderness. The French dupes of an unscrupulous land company who founded Gallipolis, on the Ohio river, came to America expecting impossibilities, and they carried much of the gayety of Paris into the forest.

Youthful Victim of Cupid.

A woman living in Rome recently found in the breast pocket of her 12-year-old son a love letter from a girl of 11. She spanked him appropriately and locked him in his room for the day. On unlocking the door she found the little chap dead, from taking a cup of poison.

Distribution of Population.

Of every 1,000 inhabitants of the globe 558 live in Asia, 242 in Europe, 111 in Africa, 32 in America, five in Oceanica and the Polar regions, and only two in Australia. Asia contains more than one-half of the total population of the earth, and Europe nearly one-fourth.

Trick of Motorists.

A firm of London motor manufacturers supplies its customers with specially colored confetti, which the motorists sprinkle when running through a police trap. Drivers who follow at once read the sign and act accordingly.

Object to Tipping.

The liverymen of Richmond, Va., are making much complaint against the evil of tipping their drivers. They say that whenever a driver receives a tip, he proceeds to spend it for drinks, causing him to fail to do his duty.

London's Open-Air Pulpits.

London has five regularly built open-air pulpits from which there is preaching, and the results have been so good that other churches are considering the question of having such pulpits built upon the outside of their edifices.

Busy New York Post Office.

Receipts of the New York post office are far ahead of those of any other office in the world, for the same extent of territory. At the present rate, for this year, they will be about $17,000,000.

Custom of Shaving Is old.

The origin of the custom of shaving the face is lost in antiquity. The Greeks and Romans had public shaving places in connection with their baths.

Marriage Statistics.

Of every 1,000 females over 15 years old, 497 are unmarried in Ireland, 395 in England, and only 45 in India, where child marriages are still in vogue.

Theaters Use Gramophones.

Gramophones are used in English theaters to give the "stage shouts," thus saving expense and insuring volume of sound.

Forest's Rapid Growth.

London has purchased Hainault Forest for a new park. In 1857 about 100,000 trees were felled here, but there is a new growth of 30,000.

Record for Anchors.

The largest anchor ever made weiged 26,500 pounds, and cost nearly $10,000.

England's One Thatched Church.

The only thatched church in the United Kingdom is at Markby, a little village three miles from Alford, Lincs.

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It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

[illegible] leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, library, telephones, parks, bath-houses, etc., etc.

Absolutely no portion of this rent goes as interest, dividends, or profits, to the founders or members of the Colony, or any other persons.

The constitution forbids the granting of franchises to individuals or corporations for performing any public service, but requires that the Corporation shall, as fast as may be, provide the same and operate them in the common interest.

The Corporation thus owned and operated the wharf, at which land the steamers, by means of which communication is maintained with the outside world, and which yielded annually a very substantial addition to the public revenue, until the same was practically destroyed by the great storm of September 27, 1906. It is now being rebuilt by a company of citizens under contract by which they will manage it until the obligations incurred by them in the rebuilding are satisfied, when it will be turned back to the Corporation.

It owns a water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) with steam pumping plant and mains supplying the principal part of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; and a local telephone system, with automatic switchboard and long distant connection.

The Fairhope policy eliminates the land speculator entirely, and for those who WANT LAND FOR USE, whether for residence, business, manufacturing or farming, it can be readily demonstrated to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores, schools, blacksmith and butcher shops, doctors, churches, fine bathing and fishing, and exceptionally intelligent and sociable people.

Beautiful lots in the town, and farm lands adjacent to it, are open for settlers without purchase price on the Colony's favorable terms.

For fuller particulars, copy of constitution, lease, etc., address

E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

x x x Dec. 14. I cannot tell you, dear Mrs. Curtis, how much I enjoyed your letter from your lovely Rosemount in Canada. I must quote a few words of your enthusiasm after having said so much in a previous issue about your leaving Fairhope—only a few words, for you do not give me permission to use any. You say: "How happy we all are, every one of us! and what a warm welcome we did receive, and how we did enjoy the sleigh ride from the depot with the temperature fourteen degrees below zero! — You were right. We, Hazel and I, had no idea of the grandeur of Rosemount."

Dec. 17. Dear Mrs. W. J. M.—Yours is here, saying you have just expressed me a box of "Oranges and Tangerines." And you add: "Hand Mr. Gaston some, and tell him my sympathies are with him in the much needed cause to which he is giving his life." I send you thanks in advance, dear friend, and want to tell you that I shall never forget how you tended the sick on board the Mallory steamer while most of the rest of us hugged our steamer chairs and felt so thankful that there was one practical Christian on board! Of course I shall report as soon as those much desired "oranges and Tangerines" arrive.

* * * To-day in the large office and mailing room of our COURIER, while waiting to see the chief, I "nosed" around among the attractive things there. One of these was a beautiful card-catalog cabinet of polished wood. I compared it with the one we have in the library (waiting to be used when we get our new library building). This is painted black, with drawers of our beautiful Southern pine. I look at the comparatively rough finish of the little black mouldings and corners, and the thought comes that I would not exchange it for the finest possible specimen of cabinet work; for this was made by the precious, deft hands of one of our own members, made too when distracted by a crowd of ever-increasing duties and responsibilities public and private, yet asking no return for the service.

* * * I have several letters expressing gratitude that my sister is with me. I can't stand it any longer, but must tell them that she staid at the Pines with me but a few days, and then went with Sister Ferguson who keeps the Fairhope House. To be sure her help was greatly needed there. My friends must know that it is all right, and that I am not complaining. I cannot stop to complain when there is so much to be done.

The Knocker.

The "knocker" knocked with all his might,
He knocked at everything in sight;
He sent vibrations filled with wrath,
Alas! they took the circle path,
And such momentum did they gain
That when they reached him—Ah, the pain!—
They knocked him from his lofty perch,
They knocked him until he did lurch;
(He tried to dodge their direful force,
But this he could not do, of course),
They knocked his plans all in the head,
They knocked till every hope fell dead,
Killed by his own vibrations.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL.

Now that Christmas is over and the Steamer Faihope has been christened, let us settle down upon solid facts and remind you that January 1, 1907, will soon be here, and we know you want to start the New Year with a new sheet in our ledger.

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